



The Episcopal Church of the Advent

July 8, 2025 Newsletter

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



Father David B. Powell

The Lesson: Sent with Purpose: Reflections on Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

This week, Church of the Advent welcomed The Reverend David B. Powell, who preached on Luke 10:1-11, 16-20, where Jesus sends seventy disciples in pairs to share his message. Father Powell reminded us that this isn't just an ancient story—it's a call to live out our faith today. To illustrate the power of teamwork, he drew a vivid comparison to the Ryder Cup, where golfers unite every two years, showing that we, too, are stronger together.

Jesus says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." People are ready to receive the Gospel, even if they don't yet recognize their need for it. This invites us as Christians to step forward and share the gospel message of peace and understanding. Father Powell emphasized that the seventy disciples were ordinary people, not set apart by education or special skills. Like us, they were everyday believers called to spread the Gospel with Jesus' authority. Their mission reminds us to represent Christ right where we are—here and now—in our own time and place.

Jesus tells them to travel light—no money, no extra belongings. This means relying on God and the kindness of others, not just ourselves. It's a lesson in letting go of control and building connections with those we meet. The disciples are to offer peace to every home: "Peace to this house!" This isn't just a greeting—it's sharing God's grace. If people accept it, wonderful; if not, move on without resentment. Jesus also says to "eat what's offered," showing humility and respect for others' generosity, no matter how simple.

In welcoming towns, the disciples heal the sick and proclaim, "The kingdom of God is near." Their actions and words show that God's presence is real and active now, not just a future promise. In places that reject them, they shake the dust off their feet and move on, trusting that God's kingdom is still at work.

After carrying out their mission, the disciples returned with stories of success, saying, "Even demons obey us!" Jesus celebrates their achievements but refocuses them: "Don't rejoice in your power, but in knowing your names are written in heaven." This reminds us to stay humble and grateful for God's grace, not our accomplishments.

For our Episcopal community, this Gospel calls us to act with courage—sharing peace, building relationships, and showing God's love through kindness and listening. We trust God to guide us, knowing our true joy comes from belonging to His kingdom, not from our achievements. How will you carry Christ's peace into your world this week?

Question of the week: Where in your life can you offer peace to others, even in challenging settings?

Yours in Christ, Kim

Livy Scholly – Take Them A Meal

As some of you may know, Livy Scholly has taken a turn for the worse. She's dealing with symptoms similar to those she had after her stroke last summer. She's having trouble with her vision and balance. She's unable to prepare meals for herself. It would be very helpful if we could help her by providing a healthy meal for her each day along with some healthy snacks and easy to prepare foods. She loves salads, fish, chicken, and pasta. She does not do well with processed foods, spicy food or red meat. Below is a link to sign up to take her a meal. Feel free to contact Elizabeth Branch if you have any questions.

Thank you!
Elizabeth

<https://takethemameal.com/UNVL6248>

Recipient's Last Name: Scholly

Password: 5813

News from the Vestry

Supply priest update – Reverend David Powell (Gainesville) celebrated the 10:30 service Sunday with us and will be with us again for the 10:30 AM service on on July 13th and 20th. **Father Powell will not be with us at 8:00 AM, rather Tim Pridgen will officiate Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM on July 13th and 20th.** Father Lockett has confirmed that he will provide services on July 27th and August 17th.

Priest recruitment – Last week we received two applications and met with the Reverend Scott Kidd to be trained in the Diocesan interview and selection process. On Monday, the Vestry and Recruitment Committee met with the first candidate on Zoom. The interview went very well. The next Zoom interview is this

Wednesday. After the online interviews, both candidates will be invited to Madison for the final interview. The Vestry will make the choice, while working with The Rev. Canon Alicia Schuster-Weltner, Canon to the Ordinary and will request the Bishop's approval. Announcement of the new Advent Priest-In-Charge will happen then. We hope this whole process will not take more than a few weeks. We will need help from the parish in planning a welcoming celebration for our new priest!

Parish House renovation – the architect has started with the last (we hope) revision to conceptual drawings. **We will share these drawings with the parish soon.** After Vestry approval, construction drawings will be produced, then construction starts. Construction will take 6-9 months. Accommodations will be made to allow use of the Parish House during construction. The major elements of the project:

1. Replace parish house roof.
2. Create two new handicapped restrooms on first floor from existing restrooms, chapel and storage area.
3. Create new storage for tables and chairs from remainder of chapel.
4. Create new expanded back-of-building porches and stairs with roof.
5. Replace and enlarge existing handicapped ramp.
6. New restroom second floor which opens out into the hallway.
7. Renovate or modify kitchen to improve usability and functionality, including replacing flooring.
8. Improve handicapped parking and access.
9. Improve landscaping (plan to be developed).

Father Dann Brown

Father Dann is doing well and in recovery at "The Oaks", a rehabilitation facility on 490 Kathwood Drive in Athens (706-355-7400). He will be there approximately three weeks. He is receiving visitors. Please keep Dann in your prayers!

Rota for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 13, 2025

LEM: 8:00 A.M. N/A - 10:30 A.M. Crown
Altar Guild: Abbott-Yost-Strickland
Flower Guild: Branch
1st Reading: T Pridgen
2nd Reading: B Pridgen
Vestry of the Day: Booker
Organ Tech: Simpson

Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 13, 2025

[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: Amos 7:7-17
The Psalm: Psalm 82
Second Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14
The Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Parish Prayer List

Dann Brown, Flossie Dodge, Jeanne Dufort, Kate Jackson, Kathy Lehman, Brian Lehman, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Lynne Roach, Dick Schmidt, Livy Scholly, Betty Thomas, Charles Hunt Brown, Lynn Cupples, Bob

Cupples, Mary Ann Edelman, John Elliott, Anita Hunt, Julie Hancock Jones, Jan Kozel, Jerry Maddoz, Dennis Reeder, Iliana Arias, Beth Tamplin Jones, Bill Kurtz

July Birthdays: 8 Carol Winslow, 10 Kjesti Easton, 13 Daisy Jane Buck, Bob McCauley, 14 O. J. Booker, 17 Sarah Harrell Klein, 21 Dianne Yost, 22 Eliza Hilliard, Anna Marrett, 27 Flossie Dodge
Anniversaries: 12 Kate and O.J. Booker, 14 Flossie and David Dodge

Recurring weekly calendar

Rite I Eucharist: Sunday, 8:00 AM
Sunday school (adult): Sunday, 9:15 AM
Rite II Eucharist: Sunday, 10:30 AM
Morning Prayer service: Wednesday, 9:00 AM
Off the Rails AA group: M, Tu, Th @ noon
Madison AA group: Th, Su @7:30 PM, F @ 7:00 PM

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