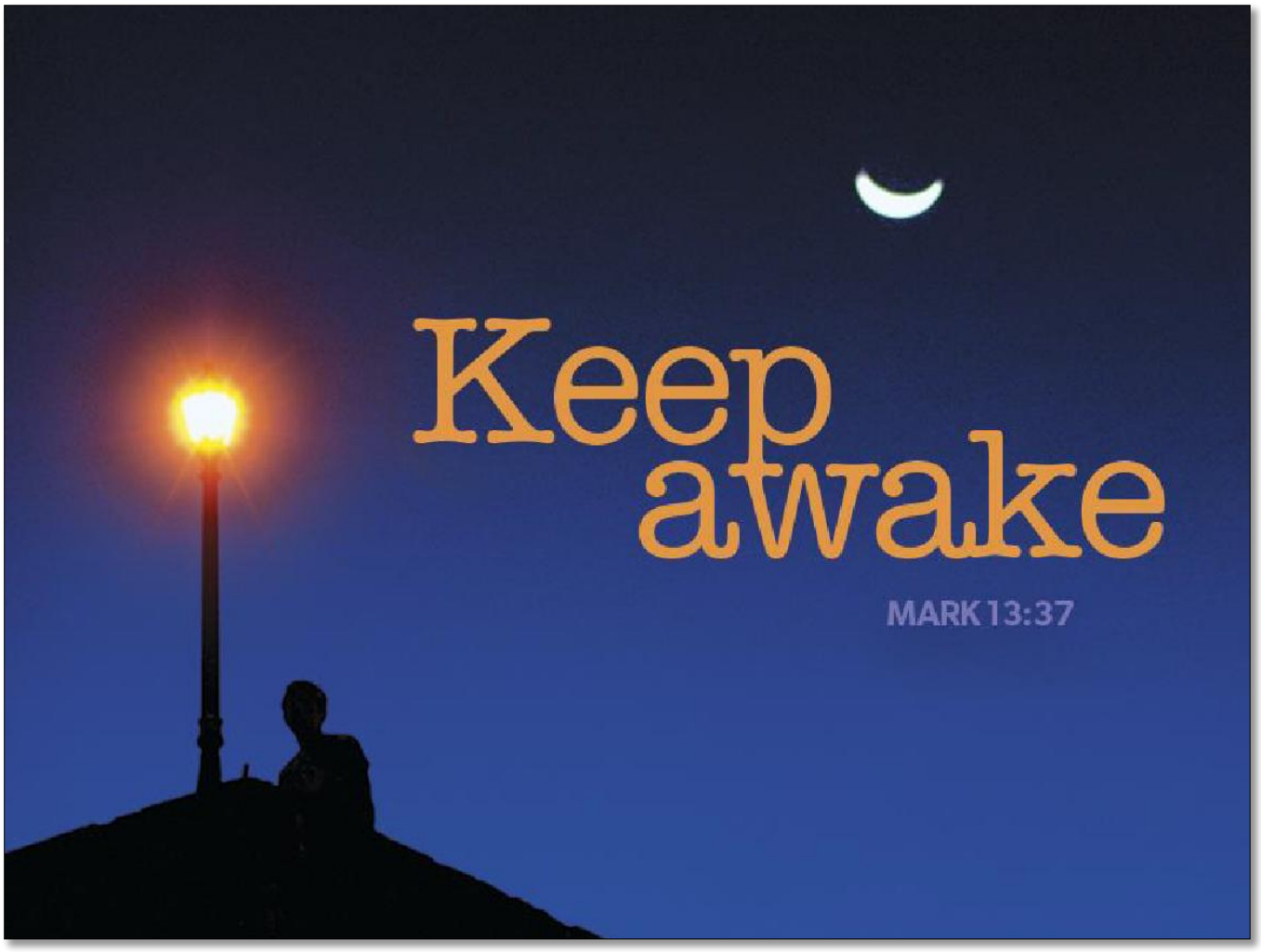

All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church

8 am Sunday, November 29, 2026

The 1st Sunday of Advent

St. Alban's seeks to be an open and welcoming, Christ-centered community committed to sharing Christ's love, empowering all people to grow spiritually, deepening our relationship with Christ, and living out our faith in our community and the world.

Scripture Summaries
The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026

The First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

The Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

Silence		
The Great Litany		BCP 148
The Collect of the Day		Scripture Insert
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The First Reading	*Isaiah 64:1-9*	Scripture Insert
Psalm	*Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18*	Scripture Insert
The Second Reading	*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*	Scripture Insert
The Gospel	*Mark 13:24-37*	Scripture Insert
Sermon		Father Greg Peters
The Baptism		BCP 299
The Peace		
Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayers		
Offertory (seated)	***Before the Lord's Eternal Throne***	Hymn 391
Doxology (stand)		Hymn 380, vs 3
Eucharistic Prayer I		BCP 333
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 337
Fraction Anthem		BCP 337
Invitation to Communion		
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 339
The Blessing		
Closing Hymn	***How Firm a Foundation***	Hymn 636
Dismissal		

Advent Candle Lighting: First Sunday of Advent

Come and save us, * O Lord God of hosts.

Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved: O Lord God of hosts.

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. (Matthew 24:42–44)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord:

R. And grant us your salvation.

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Celebrant & Preacher	Fr. Greg Peters
Eucharistic Minister	Jim Gilman
Pianist/Organist	Peter Nelson-King
Crucifers	Raina Kille
	Hailey Lanum
Lector	Shannon Duggan
Altar Guild	Sharon Joy
	Judy Kistner

Flowers are given to the glory of God by the people of St. Alban's in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

Weekly Sunday Outreach Basket Offerings

1st week—Food Bank
2nd week—Discretionary Fund
3rd week—Quarterly Outreach Offering
4th week—International Relief Offering
5th Week—Indigenous Women's Offering

For Online donations: go to www.StAlbansEdmonds.org and click on "Donate Now" or use QR code above.

Scripture Readings for December 6th

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Announcements

Adult Bible Study Sundays at 9:30am: Join us for Adult Christian Education class (Bible Study) led by Robin McClelland on Sundays at 9:30am in the Annex and also on Zoom:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83625063228?pwd=bcgNjSKTjQaV8OTcwoeaNgIbbx30Er.1

Flower Donations for Christmas: Your generous contributions to St. Monica's Altar Guild will help us beautify our Sanctuary for Christmas services. Flower envelopes are in the pews, and your donation may be dedicated in memory, in thanksgiving or for another special occasion. Please mark you cash or check "Christmas Flowers," include your dedication and place the envelope in the collection plate, mail to church or drop off. Dedications after December 16th will not be in time for bulletins but gladly accepted.

Chase Lake Christmas Monetary Donations LAST DAY: This is the last day for Chase Lake Christmas giving at St. Alban's. With our monetary donations, the PTSA will use purchase food or gifts. Designate your donation as "Chase Lake" on the memo line of your check or cash in an envelope (with your name on it) labeled "Chase Lake." Thank you for your generosity!

Baby Shower for the Sharpe Family on Sunday, December 6th: Join us for a Baby Shower for Anna & Nick Sharpe on Sunday, December 6th in between services (beginning around 9:15am). Their precious little bundle of joy is on the way soon; please help us celebrate this very special occasion with Anna and Nick! Some items they still need are:

--baby clothes in the 9 month and older range
--take out food gift cards (DoorDash, UberEats)
--money towards a "Diaper Fund"

If you would like to contribute money via St. Alban's, please indicate "Sharpe Diaper Fund" on your donation or give your donation directly to Anna and Nick.

A Very Merry Christmas Party on Wednesday December 9th: St. Alban's is sponsoring a Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 9th 2:30 - 4:30 in honor of our food bank friends. There are many ways that you can help! Contribute snacks, purchase toys for kids, welcoming and celebrating the joy of the season with our friends to name a few. (Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall.)

Announcements

ECW Christmas Party December 12th 10:30am: It's time for holiday cheer and fellowship! Join us December 12th at 10:30 - 12:00. Please come join us for light snacks and refreshments and coffee and tea! Lots of fun! Please bring a wrapped $10 gift for our exchange. We will have fun with the annual Christmas Quiz. It is open to everybody so bring a friend! You do not want to miss this!

Nativity Play December 13th after 10:30 service: Come enjoy the gift of the nativity on Sunday, December 13th! A nativity play and Christmas carols will be presented to us in our sanctuary immediately following our 10:30 service (around noon). This event is being brought to the congregants of St. Alban's by the children of the Edmonds/Lynnwood ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a way of expressing their appreciation for the costumes donated to them that were made years ago by our St. Alban's parishioners. Come enjoy the joy, music and Holy Spirit! Cookies and hot chocolate to follow.

Christmas Carols You May Not Know December 16th & December 23rd: Join us for a little fun during the holiday season! Eric Hanson will present a two-part series called "Christmas Carols You May Not Know." We'll begin at 12pm for Midday Prayer followed by a soup and salad luncheon. Please bring something to share if you are able and come join the fellowship, learning and fun!

St. Alban's Christmas Cooking Sharing Party: Mark your calendars for St. Alban's Cookie Sharing Party on December 20th (4th Sunday of Advent) at both Coffee Hours. Bring some cookies to share with others and take some varieties home if you wish. This will be a festive day of fresh baked cookies, warm drinks to soothe your soul! Leftover cookies will be offered at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Blue Christmas Service December 20th at 6pm: Please join us for a special holiday service designed for those for whom the holidays might be difficult. If you have undergone a difficult loss, transition, or life change we invite you to a special time of music and worship.