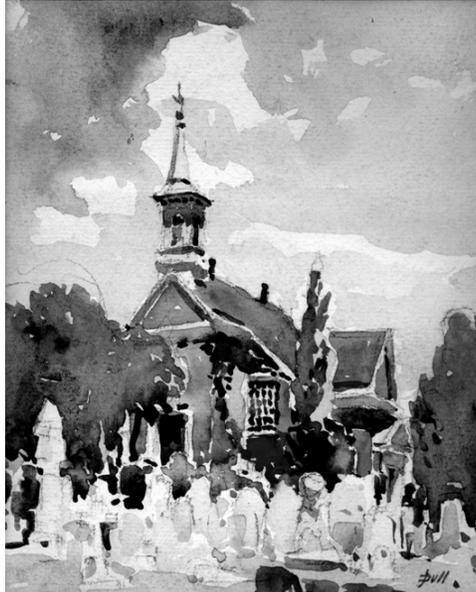


# Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church



Christian Street and Columbus Boulevard  
Philadelphia, PA 19147  
215-389-1513 [www.old-swedes.org](http://www.old-swedes.org)  
The Rev. Dr. Koshy Mathews

We, the congregation of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes), existing by and for the glory of God, knowing that God, through this congregation, helps us find our way and to use our gifts, gather together, to honor and celebrate the acceptance of our differences and uniqueness, to be an inviting, welcoming, sustaining and loving community, to respond to the needs of others, to preserve and build upon the beauty, tradition and heritage of this sacred place.

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

**Ministry Assistants Today:**

Altar Guild: *Cathy Ufheil*

Lector: *Carol Jenkins*

Intercessor: *Candace Roberts*

Usher: *Mark Roberts*

Advent Candle: *Susan Mathews*

*(The CDC has updated its guidelines to recommend that people should wear masks indoors, and continue with social distancing regardless of whether they are vaccinated or not, as vaccination breakthroughs are happening. The state, city, and Diocese are asking us to follow the CDC guidelines.*

*Let us not do it grudgingly but do it with love, as following these guidelines may show our love for each other and our neighbor.*

*We continue to share peace with each other by waving at each other, or by showing peace signs or Namaste. Singing is allowed.)*

**We Gather In God's Presence**

*[Silence for prayer and preparation]*

*(+As you are able standing; ++ sitting; +++ As you are able sitting or kneeling)*

**Opening Hymn # 66**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Hymnal 1982

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW 240

Traditional Yiddish Folk Tune  
Lyrics by Wayne L. Wold

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four systems of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are arranged in four columns corresponding to the four candles being lit.

**System 1:** Chords: Am, Em/G, F, Dm. Lyrics: 1. Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah: 2. Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: 3. Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: 4. Light four can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:

**System 2:** Chords: E, Am/E, E, Am, E/B. Lyrics: let the light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall bring sal - let the light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall feed the let the light ban - ish dark - ness. Lift your heads and let the light ban - ish dark - ness. He is com - ing,

**System 3:** Chords: Am/C, Dm, Dm/F, Dm. Lyrics: va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them lift high the gate - way for the King of tell the glad tid - ings, Let your lights be

**System 4:** Chords: E(sus4), E, E(sus4), E, Am. Lyrics: prom - ise. home - ward. glo - ry. shin - ing!

+Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People **And Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
People **Amen.**

**Gloria**            **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant        The Lord be with you  
**People**           **And also with you.**  
Celebrant        Let us pray

**People**           **Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor  
of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us  
in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**++First Reading**   **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

*Carol Jenkins*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**People**            **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 25:1-9**

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

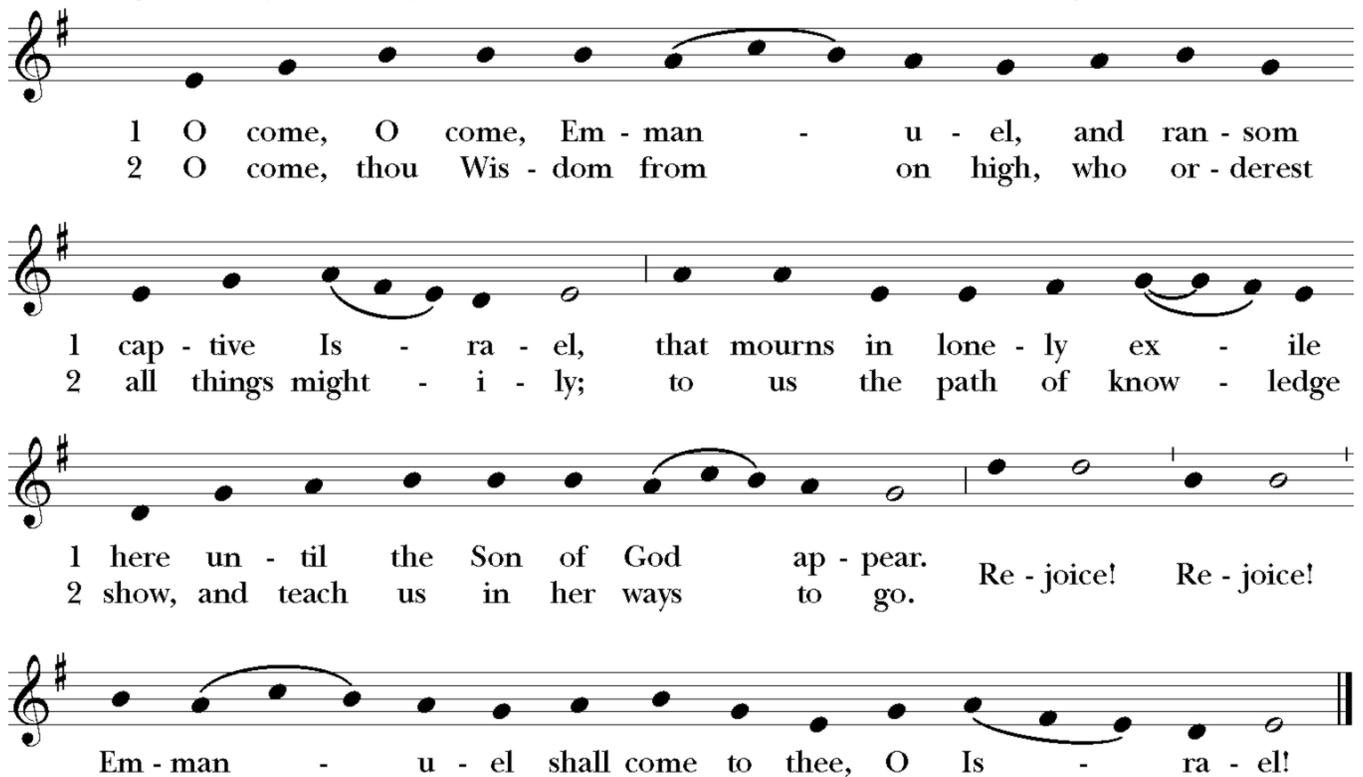
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
 People **Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn # 56 (Verses 1-2) Come, O Come Emmanuel Hymnal 1982**



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

+Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke (21:25-36)**  
 People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Celebrant      The Gospel of the Lord  
People          Praise to you, Lord Christ

**++Sermon**                      *Waiting in Hope During Times of Terror*                      *The Rev. Koshy Mathews*

**+An Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius**

**Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the  
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son. With the Father and the Son he  
is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**We Ask God To Listen To Our Prayers** *(sitting or kneeling as able)*

**+++Prayers of the People - Form III**

*Candace Roberts*

Celebrant      Sisters and brothers in Christ, for the sake of the world that God so loves, let us pray.  
Intercessor      Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**People**              **That we all may be one.**  
Intercessor      Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**People**              **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**  
Intercessor      We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**People**              **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**  
Intercessor      We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**People**              **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**  
Intercessor      Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People** God's compassion does not fail, and his mercy is new every morning.  
Intercessor Let us pray for guidance and wisdom as we begin the work of seeking our next rector.  
**People** Raise up for us a priest who will be faithful in the ministry of your word and Sacraments, and will serve our people with love and compassion.  
Intercessor Let us pray for healing for: **George, Wayne, Jim, David, Marylou, Beth, Retta, Anastasia, Aiden, Frances, Jim, Margie, Bonnie, Jack, and Barb**  
Also, for our own needs, and those of others. *(Silence)*  
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.  
**People** That they may be delivered from their distress.  
Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest. We pray for the souls of all who have died.  
**People** Let light perpetual shine upon them.  
Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy  
**People** May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.  
*(silence)*  
Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.  
**People** Amen.

### +++The Confession

#### Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in you will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**People** Amen.

+The Peace *(Worshippers turn to each other and acknowledge their presence by a peace sign or Namaste)*

++Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

## Offertory

## Doxology

Flowingly, in 1 Unknown

Praise God\_\_\_ from\_\_\_ whom all Ble\_\_\_ - ssings flow, praise Him\_\_\_ all

6  
crea\_\_\_ - tures here\_\_\_ be - low. Praise Him\_\_\_ a - bove all hea - ven - ly

12  
hosts, praise Fa\_\_\_ - ther, Son,\_\_\_ and Ho - ly Ghost.

## We Share Holy Communion

### The Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer B

(Facing the congregation and standing behind the altar table)

+Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**People Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are filled with Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**++Celebrant** We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**People** **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.**

**Celebrant** And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**People** **Amen.**

**Celebrant** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**People** **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done;  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily  
bread. And forgive us our  
trespasses,**

**As we forgive those who  
trespass against us.  
And lead us not into  
temptation;  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
And the power and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant      The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*(All persons are invited to the Lord's supper one by one, keeping a distance of six feet from the person ahead of you and wearing a mask. Remove the mask only to ingest the bread.)*

### +The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant      Let us pray

**People      Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## God Sends Us Out To Love and Serve Each Other

### The Blessing

Closing Hymn # 65

*Prepare the Way O Zion*

Hymnal 1982



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

#### *Refrain*



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

## +Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*(Worshippers exit the church one by one keeping the social distancing of six feet and wearing mask)*

## Postlude



## **Announcements**

### **Evensong on Zoom**

Every Tuesday at 6:30pm. To participate, you can email Jaime at [jaimelkonowal@gmail.com](mailto:jaimelkonowal@gmail.com) for a Zoom link. Use Meeting ID: 834 5987 6076 and Passcode: 988017

Sign up on our website [www.old-swedes.org](http://www.old-swedes.org), and a link will be automatically emailed to you every week.

### **Book Club on Zoom**

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Please join us to read and discuss *Love is the Way* by Bishop Curry.

We look forward to some wonderful insights from our Bishop, and from each other. A weekly discussion guide will be available in the back of the church, and on [www.old-swedes.org](http://www.old-swedes.org)

December 1 we will discuss Chapter 12 and the Appendix. This will be the final meeting.

Meeting ID: 829 0417 0207 Passcode: 994339

### **Lucia Festival 2021**

There will be no Lucia performance with an audience this year. Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 to watch an online special on Facebook live.

### **Gift Shop**

After the Lucia online presentation, be sure to go to our website ([www.old-swedes.org](http://www.old-swedes.org)) and browse our Swedish gift shop. Click on "Shop", then "Gift Shop", open all day, everyday. We have everything you need for a God Jul!

*Gloria Dei Staff*

Paul Fejko – Music Director - fej@fejko.com • Jim and Paula Minacci – Sextons  
Christine McBride – Parish Administrator

*Gloria Dei Vestry*

Megan Bartlett – (c) 267-581-9357 megan77777@yahoo.com

Barb Chilcott - (c) 267-348-8177 barbchilcott@yahoo.com

Julie Daye - Secretary - (c) 215-520-7097 jultag22@yahoo.com

Amy Grant – amy@southwarkhistory.org

Bob Jenkins - (c) 215-779-5751 tazjenkins13@gmail.com

Jaime Konowal – Rector's Warden - (c) 215-847-7665 jaimelkonowal@gmail.com

Candace Roberts – Accounting Warden - (w) 215-592-6590 croberts@quantum-think.com

James Ufheil - (c) 609-351-1819 jimufheil@msn.com

Nils van Ammers - c) 610-216-4431 vanammersnils@gmail.com

Jerry Walker - c) 856-905-1861 letgmanadjusts4you@gmail.com

Rev. Koshy Mathews – Rector – (c) 484-557-4559 koshy.mathews@gmail.com



***Gloria Dei (Old Swedes' Church)***

Columbus Blvd and Christian Street - Philadelphia, PA 19147

215-389-1513 - [www.old-swedes.org](http://www.old-swedes.org)

Find us on Facebook *Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Episcopal Church*