

Stepping Stones Gathering – December 28, 2025
Please join Stepping Stones Gathering,
Sundays each week at 8:00 a.m. (Pacific time) on Zoom.
A Ministry of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church and School. All are Welcome!

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Thanks to our volunteers this week:

- Katy and John will be the Stepping Stones Hosts
- Bertram, Shereen, and Naveen will be Call Managers

The readings for this Sunday follow.

- Consider, ***"How does this reading speak to you in your life?"***
- This week's readings are online:
 - [Isaiah 61:10-62:3](#)
 - [Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7](#)
 - [John 1:1-18](#)
 - [Psalm 147 or 147:13-21](#)
- Next week's readings are:
 - [Jeremiah 31:7-14](#)
 - [Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a](#)
 - [Matthew 2:13-15,19-23 or Luke 2:41-52 or Matthew 2:1-12](#)
 - [Psalm 84 or 84:1-8](#)
- Stepping Stones usually uses the weekly readings posted on Lectionarypage.net. We usually read only the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel during the Stepping Stones weekly call.

The Collect

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Epistle: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Gospel: John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Keep Coming Back, It Works!