

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II • 6 PM

OPENING WELCOME

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN - *Hymn #83 O come, all ye faithful (v1, 2, & 3)*

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light eternal,
3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

1 come ye, O come ye to Bethel hem;
2 lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
3 sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;

1 come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Father;
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the highest;

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others
 Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *BCP p. 355*
 People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

THE GLORIA - *Hymn #96 Angels we have heard on high (v1 only)*

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this holy night of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

A Reading from Isaiah (9:2-7)

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
 on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96 (IN UNISON)

BCP p. 725

CANTATE DOMINO

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

A Reading from Titus (2:11-14)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN - *Hymn #109 The first Nowell the angel did say (vv. 1-3 only)*

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
2 They look - ed up and saw a star
3 And by the light of that same star

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
2 and to the earth it gave great light,
3 to seek for a king was their in tent,

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is in soprano C major, the middle staff is in alto G major, and the bottom staff is in bass F major. The music is in common time. The lyrics for the first section are:

1 on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.

The middle section, labeled "Refrain", has the lyrics:

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

The bottom section has the lyrics:

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

THE GOSPEL

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2: (1-20)
 People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SEQUENCE HYMN (cont.) - Hymn #109 *The first Nowell the angel did say* (vv. 4-6 only)

4 This star drew nigh to the north west,
5 Then sterner wise men three.

4 o'er Beth hem it took its rest,
5 full reverent ly up on their knee.

4 and there it did both stop and stay
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

Words: English carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1840-1901)

CHILDREN'S SERMON - The Reverend Celal Kamran, Assistant to the Rector
 All children are invited to gather under the pulpit.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358

All

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE OF THE PEOPLE FORM III

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Reader Oh Lord our Heavenly Father, we thank you and praise you for the gift of your son Jesus Christ on this holiest of nights, and for your boundless love and compassion for all your children.

People *That we may live as your beloved children, offering one another mutual respect, love and forgiveness.*

Reader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People *That we all may be one.*

Reader	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
<i>People</i>	<i>That your Name may be glorified by all people.</i>
Reader	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
<i>People</i>	<i>That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.</i>
Reader	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
<i>People</i>	<i>That there may be justice and peace on the earth.</i>
Reader	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
<i>People</i>	<i>That our works may find favor in your sight.</i>
Reader	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
<i>People</i>	<i>That they may be delivered from their distress</i>
Reader	Give to the departed eternal rest.
<i>People</i>	<i>Let light perpetual shine upon them.</i>
Reader	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
<i>People</i>	<i>May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.</i>
Reader	Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The people may add their own thanksgivings.

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 for ever. <i>Amen.</i>
Celebrant	We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
<i>All</i>	<i>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 your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.</i>
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. <i>Amen.</i>

THE PEACE

Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God - *Ephesians 5:2*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY - *Hymn #79 O little town of Bethlehem*

1 O lit - tle town of Beth-le-hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath-ered all a - bove,
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won-drous gift is given!
*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless-ed Child,
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth-le-hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
2 while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-dering love.
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
4 where char - i - ty stands watch-ing and faith holds wide the door,
5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893) Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

THE DOXOLOGY - Tune of Hymn #115 What child is this

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

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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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (sung in unison) - S-130

The people stand or kneel.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you,

from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All ***We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

Celebrant Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.
And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

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

All ***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, for ever and ever.
Amen.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated 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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve and keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

In the Episcopal tradition, all are welcomed to the Table; simply come to the altar rail and kneel to receive if you are able, or you may stand. If you are unable to come to the rail, please indicate to an usher that you would like communion brought to you.

All baptized Christians may receive communion, or you may cross your arms over your chest and simply receive a blessing.

Tonight, we return to partaking in Communion in Both Kinds (both bread and wine). Because of ongoing health concerns, the Celebrant will instinct (dip) the edge of the bread in the Common Cup for you, then drop the bread gently into your outstretched hands.

COMMUNION HYMN - Hymn #89 It came upon the midnight clear



1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
2. Still through the clov - en skies they come with
3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife the
4. For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by
glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing
peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly
world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly
pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,
 "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its
 heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give
 still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: *Carol*, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900)

COMMUNION HYMN - Hymn #101 *Away in a manger*

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 *3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Words: Traditional carol Music: *Cradle Song*, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Copyright © by permission of Oxford University Press. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

POST COMMUNION HYMN - Hymn #111 *Silent night, holy night*

(*Lights are dimmed as two candles in each pew are lit. Please extinguish after hymn.*)

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)
 Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSATIONAL HYMN - *Hymn #87 Hark! The herald angels sing*

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant (*Sentence of dismissal*)
People **Thanks be to God.**

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THOSE WHO SERVE

CELEBRANT	The Reverend Dr. Lynn P. Ronaldi, <i>Rector</i>
ASSISTING AND PREACHING	The Reverend Celal Kamran, <i>Assistant to the Rector</i>
MINISTRY OF MUSIC	David Leahy
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Angela Edgemon, Beth Cooke
SHEPHERD	Jennifer Strawderman
ACOLYTES	Rose and Rhett Strawderman, Anderson Bontrager, Caroline Billingsley
USHERS	Dave Billingsley, Sandra Caesar, Don Cooke
ALTAR GUILD	Wells Team
DIGITAL MINISTRY	John Wooten, Marc Abrams, John Sessums, Tom Ronaldi, Chris Brown

For your home prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings:

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Kristy Girten, Joan Parsons, Lynn Anderholm, Nancy Bireley, Davis Sessums, Suzanne Froman, Anne Cannon, Craig Floyd, Roy Baumann, Jack Oats, Andy, Chrissy, Judy Schmid, D'Andrea Wooten, Carney McCullough, Bill Hosp, Greg Scott, Andrea Nutter, Darryl Sebastian, Lisa Ruf, Alice Jean Scott, Nelson Whittaker, Chuck MacDonald, Janet Hinson, Joan Egan, Jehl Palvado, Carl Steuernagel, Mike Morgan, Charlotte Knipling, Sarah, Terrence Dolan, Buck Gastrell, Skip Schultz, Ken Knight, Tony Marsico, Neil Sunderland, Jill Johnson, John Hishta, Greg Rose, and Larry Rose, Michael Bartholomew, Tom Ronaldi, and Edwardene Pitcock.

We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Kathy Kirkland, Esther Goeller, Janet Hodges, Victoria Phillips, and Pat Kelley.

We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Arch Wilson, Ryan Moatta, Rick Church, Katie Weber, Jesse Grimm, and Kyle Gibson.

We pray for peace in the Middle East, especially in Afghanistan, and for the Church in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Israel.

We pray for the Afghan refugees and for those left behind. We pray for victims of natural disasters. We pray for all suffering from COVID-19, and for the protection and strength for all health care workers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be regular Sunday worship service Sun., December 26, at 8:00AM & 10:30AM.

Welcome newcomers! Our services are open to an unlimited number of worshippers. Following the Diocesan guidelines, masks will be worn during church services and in the Parish House. Tonight, please introduce yourselves to us, leave the ushers a pew card with your contact information so you can receive our updates, and receive a Newcomer Bag from our greeters! We hope to connect with you again soon!

Worship Services are at **8:00AM & 10:30AM, with Sunday School and fellowship at 9:15AM.** 10:30 am service is live-streamed on Facebook. **Compline continues** Wednesday nights via Zoom. Link is emailed. Compline will resume December 29.

Christian Education Classes (online at www.pohick.org).

- **Adult Inquirers' class** for newcomers, seekers, and those seeking a refresher, **begins Sunday, February 6.**
- **Children's Christian Education**, in-person, and virtual components. Please contact Frances Sessums for information and registration. There will be no **Sunday School** or **Children's Chapel** December 26 and January 2. Sunday School and Children's Chapel will resume on January 9.
- **Building Community.** Sunday evening Bible Study on Romans led by Amy Bontrager. Contact Amy at Amy.L.Bontrager@gmail.com.
- **Education for Ministry (EFM)** will continue with weekly Monday classes, 7-9 pm. Students will meet in person, with virtual component as needed. Please contact Denise McHugh at 410-300-9867 or dmchugh@umd.edu, or John Egan, for information or to register.

This year, through the Samaritan Purse Ministry, Pohick Church made, packed and sent **sixty-six shoeboxes as Christmas presents for children around the world**. Together, we also donated over \$500 to the ministry for shipping costs. Thank you to those who participated in this ministry of blessing others!

EYC is on a break until after the New Year. We look forward to starting up again after Christmas Break!

Playdate for young ones! Pohick Parents with babies and young children interested in forming a playdate/parent group contact Rev. Celal.

The **Parish office will be closed Monday Dec. 27**, for Christmas Day holiday, and **Monday January 3**, for New Year's Day holiday. There will be limited staff in the office the week of the 27th.

Docents are available for group tours after Sunday services, or by appointment through the Church Office: 703-339-6572. Docents offer tours on the **First Saturday of the month at 1:00PM**. Pohick Church is **open daily at 9:00AM to 4:30PM** for self-guided tours.



Christmas Flowers Dedicated by the Following:

George Washington, Please, stay safe. Love Martha – given by Martha Washington.
In loving memory for my loving husband **Robert Turner**, and in Thanksgiving for my grandchildren **Sterling and Dana** – given by Cathy Turner.
In loving memory of our parents, **Lawrence & Ruth Myers**, and **Marcel & Ethel Pfalzgraf**. For the love, joy, and happiness **of our family** – given by Dennis & Connie Myers.
In loving memory of **Richard L. Heintze, Sr.**, and my parents **Jack and Jackie Cavanagh**. You are missed – given by Carol Heintze.
In loving memory of **Christopher G. MacDonald** – given by Chuck & June MacDonald.
In loving memory of **Mavis, Wills, Doris Caesar, & Natalie Bibbs** – given by Sandra Caesar.
In Thanksgiving for our **Bland and Foulger Families** – given by Tom & Diana Bland.
In loving memory of **George Crump** and in Thanksgiving for my daughters **Jennifer & Shannon**, their husbands **Rod & Phil**, & my grands **Rosie, Rhett, Liam & Tessa** – given by Ellie Crump.
In loving memory of **Patricia Billingsley** and **Douglas MacMillan** – given by the Billingsley Family.
In Thanksgiving for **our family** – given by Bruce & Beth Baird.
In Thanksgiving for **friends, family and our many blessings** – given by the Elston Family.
In memory of **Arwyn "Bud" Arnhart**. We miss you, your family – given by Emelia Ann Arnhart.
In loving memory of our parents, **Marion & Phyllis Crawford, Robert & Lillian Foxwell**, our daughter **Desiree** and Donna's brother **Bruce Burkitt** – given by Fred & Donna Crawford.
In Thanksgiving for our children **Steven, Michael, Dawn** and our daughter-in-law **Maureen** and our grandchildren **McKenna & Max**, and our **Pohick family** – given by Fred & Donna Crawford.
In memory of our parents, **Chuck & Fran Tonkin, Bill & Olive Bennett**, and brother **Bruce Bennett** – given by Chuck & Marsha Tonkin.
In memory of our grand dad **Roy Strawderman** and our Poppy, **George Crump** – given by Rose & Rhett Strawderman.

In Thanksgiving for our **Grammy and Grandma** – given by Rose & Rhett Strawderman.

In Thanksgiving for our children, **Rose and Rhett** and for our godchildren, **Rebecca Booth and Maggie Calio** – given by Rod & Jen Strawderman.

In Thanksgiving for our children **Jeb & Caroline** – given by Joe & Brenna Berger.

In Thanksgiving for our **Pohick Family** – given by Jud and Nancy Bireley.

In memory of **Owen and Margaret Wilberger, J. J. Egan, and Eleanor Tudo** – given by Linda, John & Ben Egan.

In Thanksgiving for the loving welcome and community to **a newcomer** – given by Patricia Franke.

In loving memory of **Grant Hodges** – given by Jane Grant, Dotty & John Godley, and Pam & Rick Nelson.

In loving memory of my parents, **Anne H. Adams** and **R. Haskins Hawthorne** – given by Jane H. Grant.

In loving memory of **Ann & Sam Spragins**, and **Virginia & Edgar Harding**, our parents – given by Mari and Stephen Harding.

In Thanksgiving for our children and their spouses: **Sarah, Ian & Sophia, Erika & Scott, and Aren & Rachel** – given by Mari and Stephen Harding.

In Thanksgiving to **God for all our blessings**, especially for our grandchildren **Nygel, Laila, Yasmine, Zahraa & Sherine** – given by Vera & Rodger Jones.

In loving memory of our mothers **Helen & Ann**, and our grandmother **Naomi** – given by Vera & Rodger Jones.

A blessed Christmas **to All – Family & Friends** – given by Paul & Susanne Leon

In Thanksgiving for **Gineura, Sarah and Sheila** – given by Kathy Kirkland.

In memory of **Jennie, Barbara, Wade and Joey** – given by Jeff and Helen Parker.

In loving memory of our departed parents; **Janet Rose, Pehr and Gerry Pehrsson** – given by Susan & Pehr Pehrsson.

In Thanksgiving for our wonderful family: **Larry Rose, Erica, Alex Russo, Kelsey, Mike LaCroix, Emily and Rachel** – given by Susan & Pehr Pehrsson.

In loving memory of **Paul Peterson** – given by Beverly Peterson and children.

In loving memory of **John Pitcock, Ed, Pola, Daria & Ed Jr. Bienecki** – given by Edwardene Pitcock.

In Thanksgiving for **my Pohick Family** – given by Edwardene Pitcock.

In memory of **Bill Poad** – given by Anne Poad.

In Thanksgiving for our children & their spouses: **Katelyn & John, Jacob & Marlee** – given by Stew & Wendy Remaly.

In loving memory of **Harold McCullough, Dot and Evans McCreery, Frank and Frances McCullough and Francis X. and Demetra Riley** – given by Patrick Riley and Carney and Brad McCullough.

In Thanksgiving for **family and friends, and for Pohick Church** – given by Judy & Neil Sunderland.

In memory of our parents **John & Jennie Lyle and Edmund and Elizabeth Thurston** – given by Fuzzy and Jane Thurston.

In loving memory of **Iris and Tom Ronaldi**, and **Jan Alley Petrie**. In thanksgiving for our family: **Alley Ronaldi and Mea Daniel, Tori and Ben Jackson, and Carly Ronaldi and Jarod Wright** – given by Rev. Lynn and Tom Ronaldi.

*We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors
and hope you'll introduce yourselves,
and receive a gift from our Invite Welcome Connect ministry.*

Merry Christmas

Pohick Episcopal Church

The Reverend Dr. Lynn P. Ronaldi, Rector

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