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First Sunday After Christmas • Holy Eucharist Rite II

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## Opening Welcome

## Prelude

## The Word of God

### Processional Hymn #87 *Hark the herald angels sing*

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the staves. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Hark! the herald 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 - ell!  
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)

Celebrant      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*            *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

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**Gloria** *Hymn #96 Angels we have heard on high (v. 1 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 - - - - -



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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Lessons

Reader A Reading from Isaiah (61:10-62:3)

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

Psalm 147

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*Laudate Dominum (responsively, by whole verse)*

1 Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.

13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

Reader      A Reading from 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.

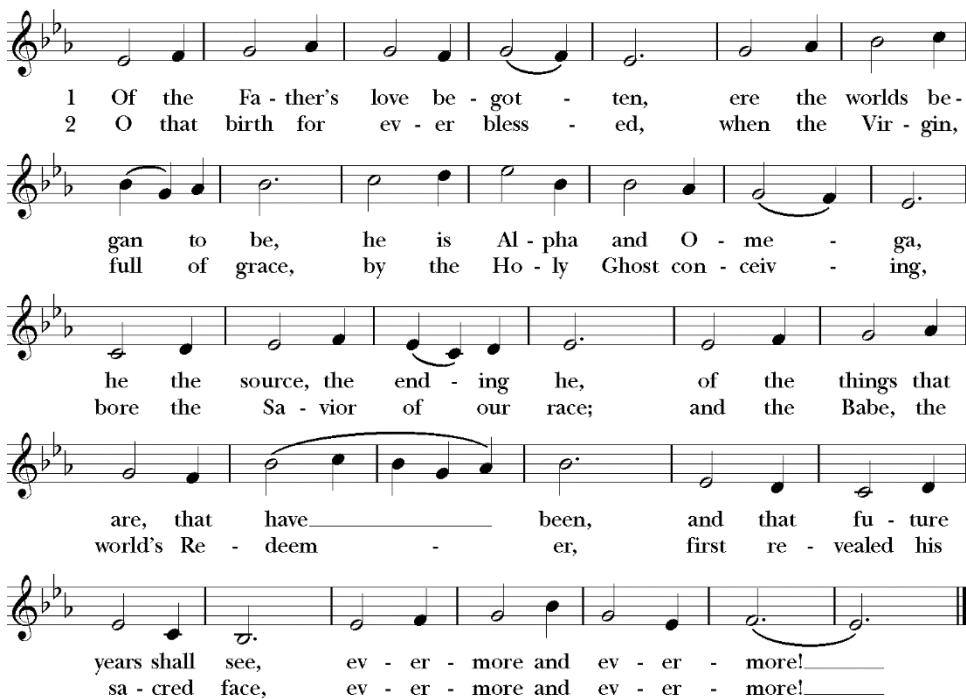
But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are

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.

Reader      The Word of the Lord.

People      *Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence Hymn #82      *Of the Father's love begotten (vv. 1-2 only)***



Celebrant      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1:1-18)

People      *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Sequence Hymn #82** *Of the Father's love begotten (vv. 3-4 only)*

*This hymn may be performed in equal note values: ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩*

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.

Music: *Divinum mysterium*, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956), harm. Copyright ©1984, Bruce Neswick. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

**Sermon** The Reverend Celal Kamran, *Assistant to the Rector*

**The Nicene Creed**

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*Celebrant and People*

*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;  
*People      That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Reader      We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People      That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Reader      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.*

Reader      Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People      That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Reader      Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People      That they may be delivered from their distress, especially those listed on our prayer list on pg. 16.*

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*People Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Reader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

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. *Amen.*

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Celebrant and People*

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*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.*

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. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People And also with you.*

## **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 #89* *It came upon the midnight clear*

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)

### 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 B

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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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### The Sanctus & Benedictus (*sung in unison*)

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*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 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,

*Celebrant and 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 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. AMEN.

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

## Celebrant and 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, 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 of Christ, the bread of heaven. *Amen.*

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*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. We have returned to 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. If you prefer to receive only bread, simply cross one arm across your chest as you hold out your hand for bread.*

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## Communion Hymn #112 *In the bleak mid-winter*



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor - earth sus - tain;  
3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,  
4 What can I give him, poor - as I am?

earth stood hard as iron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:  
 cher - u - bim and se - ra-phim throng - ed the air;  
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed  
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,  
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

the in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.  
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
 yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) Music: Cranham, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

Celebrant      Let us pray.  
 (in unison)

*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.*

### Blessing

Recessional Hymn #100 Joy to the world

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

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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>
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Shepherd	Neil Hogg
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Ushers	Dennis Myers and Fuzzy Thurston
Altar Guild	Wells Team
Docent	Fred Crawford
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, 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 Hedges, 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.

In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for all choristers and choir directors.

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**Announcements**

*The Altar Flowers are given by the Altman family with gratitude and thanksgiving for our dear church, family, and friends, with hope of a safe, peaceful new year.*

- **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.
- **Worship Services** are at **8 am and 10:30 am, with Sunday School and fellowship at 9:15 am.** 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](http://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** today and January 2. Sunday School and Children's Chapel will resume on January 9.
  - **Building Community.** Sunday evening Zoom Bible Study on Romans led by Amy Bontrager. Contact Amy at [Amy.L.Bontrager@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:dmchugh@umd.edu), or John Egan, for information or to register.
- **Playdate for young ones!** Pohick Parents with babies and young children interested in forming a playdate/parent group contact Rev. Celal.
- **Wear your name tags to welcome newcomers!** If you need a name tag, contact Jane Thurston: [fuzzyandjane@gmail.com](mailto:fuzzyandjane@gmail.com) or 703-339-1301.
- **The Parish office will be closed Monday Dec. 27**, for Christmas, and **Monday January 3**, for New Year's Day. There will be limited staff in the office the week of the 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Please turn in **Annual Reports** into the parish office by Jan. 7. **Annual Meeting is Sunday Jan. 23.** Please turn in **2022 pledges** if you have not already done so!

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

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