



The Preaching of The Baptist by Domenico Ghirlandaio. Fresco, 1486-1490; Santa Maria Novella. Florence, Italy.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

10:30 a.m.

St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church

The Reverend Matthew Hanisian, *Rector*

The Reverend Nathan Erdman, *Associate Rector and Chaplain*

The Reverend Dr. John Price, *Priest Associate*

Dr. HyeSung Hwang, *Director of Music Ministries*

Ms. Kathleen Schotto, *Seminarian*

**Our mission is to gather as a welcoming community of Christ called to love and serve God,
our neighbors and each other in joyful presence in the world.**

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**St. Martin's
in-the-Field**
Episcopal Church

What at St. Martin's facilitates and grows your relationship with God?

I visited St. Martin's for the first time just over two years ago. I came on a fact-finding mission to determine if this was the place God was calling me to for my Contextual Ministry. I had already talked with Rev. Matthew and was impressed with what I heard. I wanted and needed to see what worship was like in person.

I can tell you that on that Sunday morning visit I was very impressed. The worship was beautiful and powerful. The music was uplifting. The people were friendly and welcoming. I came in a few minutes late to the 8am service and walked right past the table with the bulletins. At the peace a parishioner noticed I didn't have one — and gave me hers. I had wonderful conversations with folks at coffee hour and additional folks chatted with me after the second service. That experience, along with additional conversations with Rev. Matthew, pretty much sealed the deal for me that THIS is where I was meant to be.

Now...none of those things are “stewardship” in the sense of making a monetary pledge to St. Martin's...or are they? Would worship be what it is without pledges? What about the music? Would we have coffee hour without the pledging of time, talents, AND treasure?

Let me tell you what I have experienced in the last 18 months:

- A community that welcomes newcomers and could do it even better.
- A community with a strong commitment to helping the surrounding community.
- A church that places a priority on educating children and youth through the school and the Christian formation.
- Music that draws people in and builds them up.
- Clergy who care and pastor and preach with an awareness of the people in the community and what they need.
- A community that desires to be a part of the education and formation of new clergy.
- A love for worship that is done well and is meaningful every week.
- A community that isn't afraid to try new things; one that adapted and held its own during the pandemic.

I have spoken with great pride and joy about being the seminarian at St. Martin's. I am grateful beyond measure to have found this place and all of you to be a part of my education and formation. I want to be able to continue to speak with pride about my time here when I leave you all. The points above — those are places where I have found God here. They are the things that can bring people in and encourage them to stay. Consider how you might be called to make that happen.

~ Ms. Kathleen Schotto, Seminarian

Welcome to St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church

Our worship services are taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and The Hymnal 1982 (H).
All are invited to participate fully in our worship of God today, congregational responses are in **bold italics**.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

PRELUDE: *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*, BWV 600

Johann Sebastian Bach

OPENING HYMN: *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

H 76 v. 1, 2, & 5



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Our **Hymns** today feature majestic words and music that focus on the world's response to the coming of Jesus, the Christ into our midst. Note the use of the word "Alleluia," the triumphant shout of all creation.

The Collect of the Day "collects" our individual thoughts into unified prayer that we might respond to the lessons we are about to hear.

The Collects during the season of Advent have themes of repentance and preparation for our lives and souls as we await the coming of Jesus at Christmas

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF BARUCH

5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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

CANTICLE 16: THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

BCP p. 92

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Reverend Matthew Hanisian

One minute of silence.

*At the sound of the bell please pray for an additional minute answering the following question:
"What at St. Martin's facilitates and grows your relationship with God?"*

NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358

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 Nicene Creed is the most ancient and important corporate confession of our faith. We are joining ourselves to the great heritage of the holy (of God) catholic (universal) and apostolic (witnessing to the resurrection) church down through the centuries.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—FORM I

BCP p. 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "**Lord, have mercy.**"

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for The Church of Burundi; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Grace, Elkridge; Holy Apostles and St. Stephen's, Arbutus; St. Andrew's, Glenwood; for the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our bishops; for Matthew, Nathan, and John our clergy; Kathleen our seminarian; and for all bishops and other ministers, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Joseph, our President; the Congress and Supreme Court of the United States; for Larry, our governor; Steuart, our county executive; and for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal School and Charlie, our Interim Head of School; for this city, Severna Park, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Prayers of the People remind us that in our worship we are connected to a larger fellowship - the Church - the Body of Christ, on whose heart lies the cares and concerns of the world.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering especially: Joseph, Mamsook, Lori, Alison, Adele, Jasper, Brett, Jeanie, Donald, Kenny, Amanda, Cliff, and George as well as those in our parish family in need of our continued, long-term prayers as listed in our bulletin; let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Patty and all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the blessings of this life; for all in our parish family who celebrate birthdays this week: Henry, Charley, Toni, Greg, Riley and Skylar

In the communion of blessed Martin and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GIVING

Give your offering electronically or using the plates at the back of the church, as we are unable to pass collection plates. You may text **Give2STM to 73256 to give via text messaging, or you may choose to give online via our secure online system by clicking here:**

<https://stmartinsinthefield.com/giving/give/>

*In our parish family long term prayers are requested for:
Matt, Tina, Eileen, Chris, Lois, Kyle, Stephen, Alison, Dwayne and Katherine.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *The King Shall come*

arr. Cathy Moglebust

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

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.

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,

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

FRACTION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION

The Sanctus, which begins, "Holy, holy, holy..." is a hymn of remembrance, consecration and praise where our voices echo the voices of the angels who eternally praise God with these words. Our worship also includes the Benedictus, "Blessed is he..." a Christological acclamation of the coming of Christ into the world, taken from Matthew's gospel.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

ALL are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St. Martin's. Please come forward to the standing station in the middle of the center aisle, following the instructions of the ushers. Tape marks on the main aisle indicate 6' of social distance.

In the Anglican Tradition, consuming either the Bread or Wine is the same as consuming both elements.

Families may come forward together as a group.

Gluten-Free wafers are available, please let your need be known to the Celebrant.

THE CONGREGATION JOINS IN THE SINGING OF THE COMMUNION HYMNS

COMMUNION HYMN: *For the bread which you have broken*

H 341

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your
3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing
hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Humbly I adore thee, verity unseen*

H 314

1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,

who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:

lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,

tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

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.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *The King shall come when morning dawns*

H 73 v. 1, 2, & 5



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Paeon on "Wachet auf"*

David Lasky

*The congregation is invited to sit and listen to the postlude,
 remaining in the sanctuary until the online broadcast concludes.*

*The members of our Choir are fully vaccinated and per the diocesan guidelines can sing
 while maintaining social distancing guidelines.*

The Dismissal
 asserts the
 relationship
 between
 worship
 and living.
 It is a call to
 mission, a
 call to live the
 baptismal and
 Eucharistic life
 in the world.

St. Martin's-in-the-Field

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to all who have given back to God this year to support the ministry and mission of St. Martin's in 2022. **So far we have received pledges from 69 households totaling \$514,000.** Last year we had 154 households pledge \$656,000. The average increase per household this year is over 22% year on year. This is wonderful news. If you have not yet made your gift back to God, please do so now—every gift is vital as we come through the pandemic. **Pledge cards are in the Narthex or pledge online at stmartinsinthe-field.com/giving/pledge/** Send your completed pledge cards to the Parish Office.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS AND MEMORIALS

While worship is going to be different this Christmas season our altar flower dedications remain the same. To make a dedication or memorial for a loved one for Christmas please [complete this form \(https://forms.gle/gPQRbELB1imZEfF28\)](https://forms.gle/gPQRbELB1imZEfF28) \$35 minimum donation requested. Should you wish to be more generous please feel free to do so. **DEADLINE is Sunday, December 19.**



*Christmas
Worship
Services*

Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.

Service of Holy Eucharist & Pageant

Christmas Eve 8:00 p.m.

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Christmas Day 12:00 noon

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

All services will be in-person and livestream.

EYC: THE GREAT GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILD-OFF

Sunday, December 19, 5:30 p.m.
(Parish Hall)

Lots of great creations, but only one can be the 2021 winner! Join us for creative, tasty friendly competition.

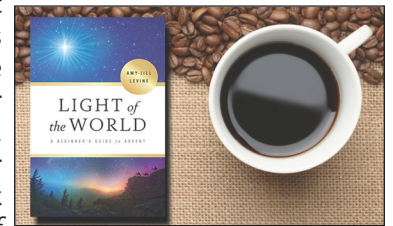


EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) is an opportunity for our young people, in grades 6-12, to come together. Friends are most welcome and invited to attend.

ADVENT ADULT FORMATION

Tuesdays, through December 21, 7:30-8:15 p.m. (Zoom)

We know all about Christmas, but what about Advent? So often we get excited about the coming of Christmas that we forget the preparation required for such an incredible event. Join Kathleen Schotto, our seminarian, as we talk through the book "Light of the World" by Amy-Jill Levine. Our 4-week series begins Tuesday, November 30 via Zoom from 7:30 - 8:15 p.m. Please RSVP by emailing Kathleen at seminarian@stmartinsinthe-field.org.



ADVENT-IN-A-BOX

Sundays, through December 19, 4:00-5:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Share the wonder of Advent with your St. Martin's family with our Advent-in-a-Box. **We still have boxes available. Cost \$10 per box. Contact the church office to get yours just email parishadmin@stmartinsinthe-field.org.**



Connect with us via Zoom Sundays at 4:00 p.m. each Sunday in Advent as we gather together virtually to discover the surprises within our box. (Zoom information provided with your box).

#ADVENTWORD

#AdventWord is a visual, global, online Advent calendar. During the 24 days of Advent, deepen your understanding of the coming of Jesus into the world through the practices of meditation and prayer using the #AdventWord of the day. Simply share a photo of what the daily word means to you on social media, such as Instagram or Facebook. **Be sure to tag your post with: #stmartinsinthe-field, #adventword2021 and the word of the day** (ex: #shine). For details and to sign up to receive the 2021 word list visit <https://adventword.org/en/home/>

St. Martin's-in-the-Field MINISTRY AND REMINDERS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SHARING

Join your St. Martin's family in helping to provide Christmas gifts and food to 23 families and 5 seniors citizens this year. **We welcome ALL parishioners to join us Sunday, December 19 from 9:00-10:00 a.m.** as we wrap presents and prepare food baskets.



Sign up for a food item: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054aadae28ab9-christmas>

Please have food in Kitchen before December 19 or drop off in back parking lot at 9:00 a.m. on December 19.

Sign up for a gift: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054aadae28ab9-gifts>

Please bring your gift (wrapped or unwrapped) with the Family # and Gift # clearly labeled to St. Martins on or before Sunday, December 19 between 9:00-10:00 a.m. Drive through drop off will be available on the playground parking lot behind the Parish Hall.

Contact Cindy Rott, cmrott@aol.com, (443) 336-6062.

PARENTS' GROUP CLOTHING DRIVE

Sunday, December 12 (Final day of Collection)

Our Parents' Group is collecting new and gently used clothing: jackets, hats, gloves, scarves to be given to those in need in our community through our local partners in ministry. New and gently used children's books are also being collected. Drop off all items in the box located in the Narthex by Sunday, December 12. Thank you for your generosity in helping to keep our neighbors in need warm this Christmas season.



GIFT CARDS TO SUPPORT J2A

Our J2A Youth Group is selling gift cards for their pilgrimage. Even though we are not selling at church, you can still buy gift cards, which make wonderful gifts for the holidays. To place an order or to set up an account and order online contact Meg Stott, mcestott65@yahoo.com.

MILES4MIGRANTS

Thousands of Afghan evacuees are temporarily living in military bases, while awaiting reunions with family members and transportation to their final destinations — but they need our help to get there. Your extra airline miles can fill this urgent need. Learn how to pledge your miles to the Billion Mile Challenge at welcome.us/miles.



WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

PARENTS' GROUP

Sundays, 9:15 a.m. (Parish Hall)

We meet every Sunday for fellowship, conversation, education, and hands-on projects that benefit St. Martin's and our community. Contact Rev. Matthew at rector@stmartinsinthefield.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Mondays, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Thomas Merton-Mystic and Messenger will be a five-part series where we will explore the writings of this 20th century Trappist monk who, although he lived most of his life in a monastery in Kentucky was a prolific and influential writer. We will explore his words on Mysticism and Spirituality, Prayer and Contemplation, Love and Life's Purpose, and "Christ Consciousness." No prior familiarity with Merton's work is necessary. To sign up contact Bill Thomas, willyumsp@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE WORKBENCH

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. (via Zoom)

Explore the Scripture readings from our Sunday Eucharists and discuss how these spiritual themes shape our lives as Christians. Sign up at <https://stmartinsinthefield.com/events/>.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

Sundays, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School (K-Grade 5): The back picnic tables, with the church or parish hall being utilized as a rain location.

Rite-13 (Grade 6-7): SMES Middle School Classrooms

J2A (Grade 8-9): Lower Heck Hall

Confirmation Class/YAC (Grade 10-11): SMES Middle School Classrooms

Senior YAC (Grade 12): SMES Teacher Workroom.

If you haven't already, be sure to register online at: <https://stmartinsinthefield.com/ministries/>.

SHEPHERD GROUP **Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. (via Zoom)**

Group discussion of the readings for the upcoming Sunday. All adults welcome. For zoom link and details contact Susan Griesmyer at sgriesmyer@verizon.net.

THE BOOK OF DANIEL - BIBLE CHALLENGE

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. (St. Martin's House)

A 12 week study on the Book of Daniel. To order the Book of Daniel study guide online visit <http://lamplightersusa.org>. Contact Cindy Neseth at cincysue1@aol.com.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Reverend Matthew Hanisian, Rector, rector@stmartinsinthefield.org

Lead pastor of our congregation, point of contact for baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Works with Vestry on budget, stewardship, property, and overall parish vision. Oversees our worship and parish events.

The Reverend Nathan Erdman, Associate Rector and School Chaplain, associate@stmartinsinthefield.org

Primarily responsible for supporting the continued growth of our vibrant Children's and Youth ministries within the church, and serves as the Chaplain for our St. Martin's Episcopal School.

The Reverend Dr. John Price, Priest Associate

Assists with parish pastoral care, preaching and leading the *Bible Workbench*, a weekly adult bible study on Sunday mornings.

Dr. HyeSung Hwang, Director of Music Ministries, music@stmartinsinthefield.org

Directs the adult and children's choirs, the hand bell ensemble, as well as organizes the music programs for all weekly and special services.

Anne Stewart, Administrative Assistant, parishadmin@stmartinsinthefield.org

Responsible for the running of the church office, the office volunteers, our parish calendar, outside group and space scheduling, and keeping our parish database of contact information updated and humming.

Amber Kaltz, Communications Coordinator, communications@stmartinsinthefield.org

Manages parish communications including, weekly E-Pistle, website, social media and local advertising. Produces worship bulletins, reports and booklets, and maintains office computers.

Jory Bender, Finance Manager, treasurer@stmartinsinthefield.org

Contact for questions about pledging and contributing to St. Martin's. Works with the treasurer to manage church finances.

Chris Mitzel, Facilities Manager, facilities@stmartinsinthefield.org

Responsible for keeping St. Martin's buildings and grounds clean and orderly in addition to performing routine maintenance and repairs as needed.

Reita Turro, Nursery Director

Provides planning, and smooth and safe operation of the St. Martin's nursery.

Sign Up to Receive the E-Pistle

The weekly E-Pistle parish newsletter is the primary method of communication to our parish family. We need you to keep informed about all of the wonderful ways we are an active and joyful congregation serving Christ in the world.

If you are not getting the *E-Pistle* then you are missing out on all the things you need to know here at St. Martin's.

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