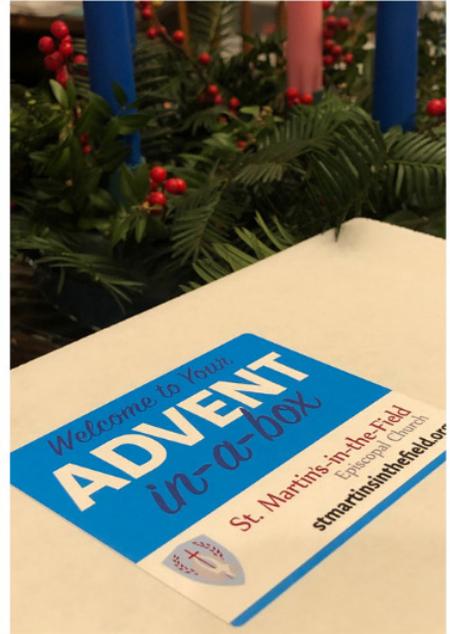




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## **Second Sunday of Advent**

December 6, 2020

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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# ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SHARING ~ DECEMBER 20

Please help us make Christmas special for 20 families and 7 seniors that we are helping this season. We are excited to help and pray for these 88 people. This is



the largest amount of people that we have ever helped! Sign up online for a gift or food item and then bring that item(s) to St. Martin's. Please plan on dropping off at curb on Sunday, December 20 between 9:00-10:00 am. (wear a mask when dropping off).

Click here to sign up for a food item: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054aadae28ab9-food>

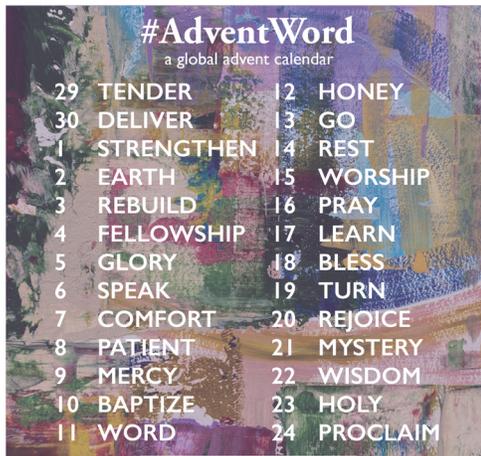
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Contact Cindy Rott, [cmrott@aol.com](mailto:cmrott@aol.com), (443) 336-6062.

## #ADVENTWORD DATES STILL AVAILABLE

#AdventWord is a visual, global, online Advent calendar.

Represent St. Martin's in this global event by signing up to post an image about each day's word. On your 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: **#stmartinsinthefield**, **#adventword** and the **word of the day** (ex: #shine). You can sign up for as many words as you like, but please be sure to post an image on each day and word you take. **SIGN UP here:** [stmartinsinthefield.com/parish-life/events/](http://stmartinsinthefield.com/parish-life/events/)

## HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS TO SUPPORT J2A

Our J2A Youth Group is again selling gift cards for their upcoming pilgrimage this summer. 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 find out how to set up an account and order online please contact Meg Stott, [mcstott65@yahoo.com](mailto:mcstott65@yahoo.com).

## DECEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION

Our December Outreach collection, this **Sunday, December 6**, will go to the Arnold YWCA's Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Residence. This domestic violence safe house provides safe shelter in an undisclosed location to individuals and their children who are victims of abuse. The home can accommodate up to 40 individuals and provides private accommodations for each family. Community rooms include the kitchen, family room, children's play room, counseling offices, computer lab, playground and more. Basic food items, hygiene supplies, bedding, bus tokens and local phone service is available to all residents. Our second collection will help to fund these much needed items for the facility.



## DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US SUNDAY NIGHTS

If you ordered an **Advent-in-a-Box** please remember to join us for our Advent Zoom virtual meetings at 7:00 p.m. on Sundays during Advent.

Zoom Meeting weblink: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85954022934?pwd=TGJkVFRrVWtleW1rWEVhOXZFblAxQT09>

Meeting ID: 859 5402 2934 | Passcode: 952385



**Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.**

Family Style Worship

**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 livestreamed.

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# 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.

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HOLY BAPTISM, RITE II - 10:30 A.M.

### THE WORD OF GOD

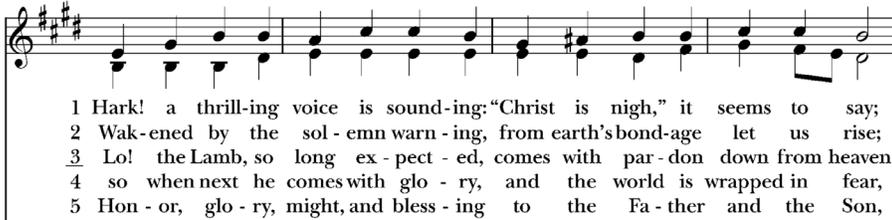
#### WELCOME

PRELUDE: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

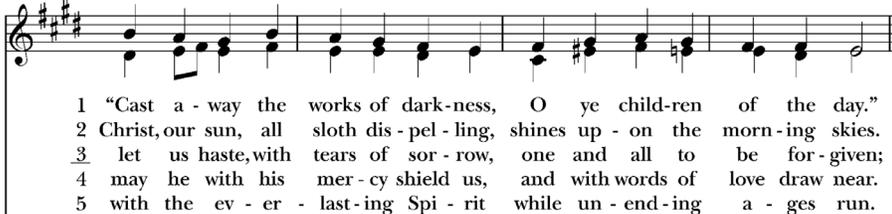
Gregory Hamilton

OPENING HYMN: *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

H 59, v. 1 & 3



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing; "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**  
There is one Body and one Spirit; **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; **One God and Father of all.**

#### 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.**

#### A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

40:1-11

"Comfort, O comfort my people," says your God. "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins." A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

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

<sup>8</sup>*I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.*

<sup>9</sup>*Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.*

<sup>10</sup>*Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

<sup>11</sup>*Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.*

<sup>12</sup>*The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.*

<sup>13</sup>*Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.*

#### A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PETER

3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

1:1-8

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

#### SERMON

Kathleen Schotto

#### PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP p. 301

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*I present Lucy Ann Evans to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life? *I will, with God's help.*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ? *I will, with God's help.*

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? *I renounce them.*

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? *I do.*

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? *I do.*

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? *I do.*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ? **We will.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

#### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP p. 304

Do you believe in God the Father? ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? ***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? ***I will, with God's help.***

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? ***I will, with God's help.***

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? ***I will, with God's help.***

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? ***I will, with God's help.***

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? ***I will, with God's help.***

#### PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

BCP p. 305

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Open her heart to your grace and truth. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Send her into the world in witness to your love. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE BAPTISM OF *Lucy Ann Evans*

BCP p. 307

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

***We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.***

#### THE PEACE

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GIVING

*In thanksgiving for the many blessings God has given you, joyfully giveback to God to enable the mission and ministry of St. Martin's as we continue to serve our neighborhood, community and the world in the name of the risen Christ.*

*Please click the link in the livestream video to give, or visit [smartinsinthefield.com/giving](http://smartinsinthefield.com/giving).*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY: *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*, BWV 600

Johann Sebastian Bach

## 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.**

*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.*

The Post-communion Prayer comes from the prayer book for the Armed Forces and speaks to Spiritual Communion whereby the assembled congregation spiritually partakes of the bread and wine while only the celebrant consumes the elements.

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.

**INVITATION**

*Bishop Sutton has permitted the Celebrant ONLY, on behalf of the congregation, to consume the consecrated elements of the Eucharist.*

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

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

H 76, v. 1 & 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.

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

Lyndell Leatherman

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# St. Martin's-in-the-Field

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

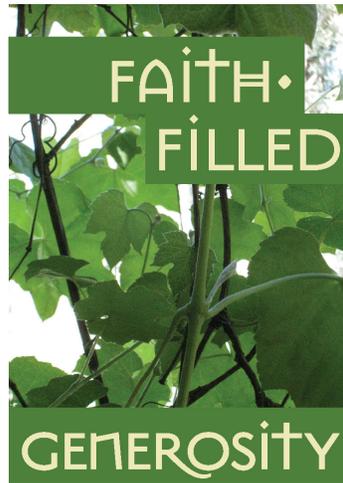
### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

It's the Advent season with Thanksgiving just past and Christmas ahead. I hope you too have reflected on the things that matter most and acknowledged the blessings you have been given. Now is the perfect time, with our hearts and minds in the right place, to give back to God a portion of that with which we have been entrusted.

THANK YOU to all who have made their gift back to God. At this time only 82 households have pledged out of 146 last year, just over half the pledging households. In terms of treasure pledged, we have received pledges totaling \$444K, which puts us about \$350K short of what we need to continue delivering St. Martin's mission and ministry.

It's critical for the Vestry to know what resources we have in order to make responsible judgements about funding for ministries and missions in 2021 and respond to God's call. Now is the time to make your pledge. Before you go to bed tonight. Thank you again to all who have already answered the call.

~ [Tim George](#) and [Jamie Stott](#), 2020 Stewardship co-chairs



### As of November 29:

82 household pledges vs. 146 last year.

\$444,077 pledged vs. \$720,000 last year.

Average increase this year of 6.84% from pledging households.

**8 households are giving LESS** back to God than last year

**22 households are giving the SAME** back to God as last year

**52 households are giving MORE** back to God than last year

**Need additional \$356,000** to meet mission and ministry needs in 2021.

If you have not pledged, please prayerfully consider your gift back to God and make your pledge today. If you are able to give more this year or you would like to adjust your pledge, contact our Treasurer, [treasurer@stmartinsinthefield.org](mailto:treasurer@stmartinsinthefield.org).

**Pledging online or download a printable version of the pledge card at:** <https://stmartinsinthefield.com/giving/pledge/> Send your completed pledge cards to the Parish Office.

### CONSTRUCTION IN THE SANCTUARY

Perhaps there is a small silver lining to the current COVID-19 prohibition on in-person worship: beginning the week of December 6 the sanctuary will be under construction as we make some overdue and much-needed improvements. We will replace the worn parquet flooring which had buckled severely over the past several summers with new flooring. At the same time we will be removing the pews for a complete renovation. They will be taken off-site for repair and will be stained and refinished to match the new flooring. The altar rail will also be taken off site for similar repair and restoration work. While the pews are undergoing their restoration work we will use chairs only in the sanctuary. We hope to have the pews and altar rail back to church in January in time for us to gather again for in-person worship in the new year.

~The Reverend Matthew Hanisian, *Rector*

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. MARTIN'S

Give comfort and joy to patients in need by signing up for the St. Martin's Red Cross Blood Drive on **Tuesday, December 15**, 12:30-5:30 p.m. A blood, platelet or plasma donation is a gift of yourself that can make a lifesaving difference. Want to know if you are eligible to donate, [click here](#). **SIGN UP TODAY:** <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=LSLFerguson>



### DIOCESE OF MARYLAND SUSPENDS IN-PERSON WORSHIP FOR REMAINDER OF 2020

In response to rising COVID-19 positivity rates the diocese has suspended in-person worship service through the end of the 2020 year. We will let you know when the diocese will allow us to resume. Join us for our Sunday 10:30 a.m. livestream services.