



Advent
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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THIS LITTLE LIGHT...
the weekly LUMINARY
January 28, 2024

Thank you for being with us for worship today.
Welcome to Advent!

REFLECTIONS ON GENEROSITY

"But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak." – 1 Corinthians 8:9

Christians enjoy great freedom, but we are also responsible to and for one another. Just as new runners start out gently, so new Christ followers may need our careful and loving guidance as we all train in the faith.

HEALING BLESSINGS OFFERED EACH SUNDAY

At the 10:00 AM Sunday worship service, we will be offering Healing Blessings. Please line up for communion on the right side of the altar and after receiving the wine, move down the communion rail and receive a healing blessing. Please be respectful of those ahead of you. See Deacon Debbie if you have any questions.

GIVING AWAY THE PLATE

Again this year, the "plate offering" collected each Sunday will be donated to worthwhile not-for-profit organizations in our community. (Plate offering is cash unidentified by giver). Last week, \$683.00 was collected for the **Advent Veterans Meal Program**. This week, donations will be used for the **Clergy Discretionary Fund**. This special fund provides emergency assistance to Advent parishioners and other individuals in need, as determined by Advent Clergy.

ADVENT ANNUAL MEETING TODAY

Please plan to join us today following the 10:00 AM worship service in Paine Hall for Advent's Annual Meeting. Many important topics will be discussed as well as several elections to various leadership positions within our church. Advent's ministry leaders have created a comprehensive booklet highlighting their achievements in 2023. It is quite impressive!

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

On Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Conference Room Raph Martin continues to lead a scripture study program.



Participants will reflect on the liturgical readings of each of the Sundays.

THE SAHNAS BROTHERS CONCERT NEXT SUNDAY

Join us next Sunday, February 4, at 1:00 PM for The Sahnas Brothers concert. The Sahnas Quartet presents a dynamic concert with Spanish Guitars, Harp, and Violin offering vibrant sounds from Spain to Greece, Chick Corea to Zorba. The group includes Thano Sahnas (guitar), Demitri Sahnas (guitar), Lauren Sahnas (Harp), and Suzanne Lansford (Violin and possibly a French chanson). There is no charge to attend but a free will offering will be accepted.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

Monday, January 29

9:00 AM Happy Hat Hookers
10:00 AM Card Ministry

Tuesday, January 30

10:30 AM Exercise Fitness Class
1:00 PM EfM—Dibbs Hall

Wednesday, January 31

8:30 AM Altar Guild
8:30 AM Choose to Lose
10:00 AM Book of Acts Class—Dibbs Hall
4:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service

Thursday, February 1

11:00 AM Exercise Class
1:30 PM Telecare Ministry
3:00 PM Choir Practice

Saturday, February 3

8:30 AM Altar Guild
9:30 AM Flower Guild

Advent Prayer List

January 28, 2024

Please remember those for whom special prayers have been requested. Names will automatically remain on the prayer list for one month. If you wish an individual's name to return to the list after one month, please call the church office at 623.584.0350. *Names are listed alphabetically by last name.*

**Denotes Advent members. †Denotes deceased individual.*

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| Jake | Richard Raszkievicz* | Katie Watts |
| Clark | David Schaefer | Jerry Wold |
| Barb Abbott* | Nash Simcoe | The Ayan Family* |
| Jim Clark | Sue Ann Simon* | The DeButts Family* |
| Garrett Cooper | Jack Stiehl* | James & Cynthia Haggard |
| Kellie Kapusta | Jeanne Sulley* | Kim & Maureen Haskell & Family* |
| Donna May | Mary Jo Sweeny | The Yingling Family* |
| Bill Navratil* | Susan Syquia* | |

All our servicemen and women, especially those who are deployed in war zones, and their families.

Please take the list home and include these individuals in your private prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| February 11 | Monthly Potluck |
| February 13 | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner |
| February 13 | Brotherhood of St. Andrew |
| February 14 | Ash Wednesday Service |
| February 23-24 | Annual Rummage Sale |

For more information on upcoming events at Advent please check the Events section on our [website](#).

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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| January 28 | February 02 |
| Gary Goings | Donna Claudon |
| Kathleen Quigley | Tom Wolfe |
| | Earl Yingling |

January 30
Howard Mann

January 31
John Pipis
Lisa Widowski

Happy
Birthday

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK



January 28
Chris & Elizabeth Meyer

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Save us, O Lord, as your people, from being inward-looking and backward-looking in the work of the church. Help us to take our eyes off ourselves and turn them on the world around us: to be concerned less with what we have accomplished or where we have failed and more with what remains to be done: that with our vision enlarged and our love rekindled, we may go forward to attempt new and greater things to your glory; in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE FEBRUARY 23-24

This annual event is the largest fund raising effort for our Advent Church Women and the Men's Club. All of the profits benefit Advent Inreach and Outreach programs in the Northwest Valley. Intake begins the week of February 12, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM. (Do not bring items earlier.) Please consider volunteering during the two weeks before the sale!



FAITHSTREET GIVING



Scan the QR code to go directly to Advent's giving page on the Faithstreet website.