



# Advent

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**THIS LITTLE LIGHT...**  
*the weekly LUMINARY*  
 December 17, 2023

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

## REFLECTIONS ON GENEROSITY

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit."* —1 Thessalonians 5:16-19 Ever notice how some people are always complaining, even when their lives seem (to us, anyway) to be pretty blessed? They aren't living right and being good stewards of their gifts. By contrast, these short verses from 1 Thessalonians give sage advice – Rejoice! Pray! Give thanks! That IS the will of God for you!

## GIVING AWAY THE PLATE—LOVE FOR THY NEIGHBOR

Last week \$593.00 in funds were collected to support Circle Tail which trains service dogs for individuals, and facility dogs for prisons and public schools. This week funds collected will support "[My Neighbor's Voice](#)," which actively brings people together to provide a safe and hospitable space in which everyone is invited to share their personal stories, thoughts, and opinions about how to best live together. It's through deeply listening that we deeply connect, and when we are connected, we are resilient.

## ADVENT SOCIAL BREAKFAST DECEMBER 19

This breakfast is open to everyone—men and women! We will be discussing upcoming December events and a potential new location for this monthly gathering. Join us at 9:00 AM in Paine Hall.

## BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE DECEMBER 20



The Order of the Daughters of the King have purchased a Loved Ones Christmas Tree for the Blue Christmas Service of hope and comfort for those experiencing grief which can be difficult during the Christmas season. The memory tree has ornaments naming the loved ones who now live in Heaven,

with new ornaments placed for all church members who have died this year. Please plan to attend even if you are not experiencing grief. Your presence will support those who need comfort.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24



9:00 AM  
*Holy Eucharist (one service)*

4:00 PM  
*Christmas Eve Eucharist  
 with Carols*

6:30 PM  
*Christmas Carols & Music*

7:00 PM  
*Christmas Eve Eucharist with Choir*

## RETIREMENT RECEPTION DECEMBER 31

The Hospitality, Events, and Publicity (HEP) team members are planning the retirement reception luncheon for Timothy on Sunday, December 31. The entree and salads will be provided. Those parishioners attending are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert: *A - L Appetizer and M - Z Dessert*. Thank you for helping make this a special day for Timothy."

## THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

### Monday, December 18

9:00 AM Helping Hands  
 1:00 PM Walking the Mourner's Path  
 (Women's Group)

### Tuesday, December 19

9:00 AM Advent Social Breakfast  
 10:30 AM Exercise Fitness Class  
 1:00 PM EfM

### Wednesday, December 20

8:30 AM Altar Guild  
 8:30 AM Choose to Lose  
 9:00 AM Finance Committee  
 10:30 AM Vestry Executive Committee  
 2:30 PM Book of Common Prayer Class  
 4:00 PM Blue Christmas Service

### Thursday, December 21

10:00 AM DOK Training  
 11:00 AM Exercise Class  
 3:00 PM Choir Practice

### Saturday, December 23

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

## Advent Prayer List

December 17, 2023

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.*

Jason	Arlene Janis*	Ron Steel*
Jose Antonio	Robin Ladd	Jesse Tavares*
Salvatore & Marie Baressi	Laurie Lewis	Michael Thurstlic*
Bob Carroll	Millie Mallett*	Katie Watts
Donna Claudon*	David McLaughlin	Jerry Wold
Sam Conley*	Evelyn Meyer*	The Doyle Family*
Mary Ellen Fleeger	Bill Navratil*	The Yingling Family*
Harv Haskell	Richard Raszkievicz*	The Family of Margaret Clemett*†
Karin Hessellund	Sue Ann Simon*	The Family of Chuck Cwieka†
	Christina Smith	

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES



Please consider using the envelope to offer a memorial or thanksgiving to God and donate toward the altar flowers for Christmas and throughout the year. Be sure to

include your name and phone number in case we have a question and return it to the church office by **December 19** to be included in the Christmas bulletins. If you miss the deadline, the information will be listed in the bulletin the following week.

### DOORS, DOORS, DOORS!

Advent has lots of doors! We are lucky enough to have a large sanctuary, office area and parish hall with many doors. Last week our sexton notified me that doors were found unlocked on three different occasions when he arrived in the morning. Please assure that all doors are locked when you have completed your gathering. We do not want to lose any of our property to thieves, as has happened in the past.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

December 17  
Shirley Mellum  
Christy Necaize



December 20  
Corena VanRanken

December 21  
Carol Dockter

December 22  
Daniel Contonis  
Lynn Long  
Elizabeth Meyer  
Steven Smock

December 23  
Stephanie Gilmore  
Mary Mathews  
Gaye Wooldridge

### COME CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH ADVENT!

#### **Sunday, December 24**

9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist (one service)

4:00 PM

Christmas Eve Eucharist with Carols

6:30 PM

Christmas Carols & Music

7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Eucharist with Choir



#### **Monday, December 25**

10:00 AM

Christmas Day Worship Service

#### **Sunday, December 31**

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist with Christmas Lessons & Carols  
(one service)

*Followed by a retirement reception for  
the Rev. Canon Timothy Dombek.*