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The First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025 • 10 AM Rite II

St. Michael's Welcomes You!

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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Whether you are visiting with us for the first time today or if St. Michael's is your home, we welcome you and are glad you are joining us for worship. Wherever you might be in your spiritual journey, we invite you to continue to explore a deeper relationship with God and a stronger spiritual life.

Sunday Worship and Education Schedule

8:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

9:00 a.m. **St. Michael's Jr. (LIFT) | Sturtz House** (*summer hours vary*)

10:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

10:00 a.m. **Sunday School | Visit** stmichaelsbarrington.org

6:30 p.m. **St. Michael's Sr. High (LIFT) | Sturtz House** (*as scheduled*)

Things to Remember

- When it is time for Holy Communion, walk up to the altar and stand or kneel at the altar rail.
- A digital version of this bulletin is available by visiting our website at www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/blog.

We also live-stream all services to Facebook and the parish website. This provides a way for everyone to worship with us, even if they are not comfortable returning in person. If you come up for communion, you will likely be seen in our online video by those worshipping at home.

Please visit our website at www.stmichaelsbarrington.org for more information and announcements.

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The Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 30, 2025 | 10:00 AM | Rite II

PRELUDE | Jerry Egger, organ

The bell will ring three times, inviting the congregation to stand.

The Word of God

Please stand as able.

OPENING HYMN | 62 Sleepers Wake, *Wachet auf*

Celebrant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

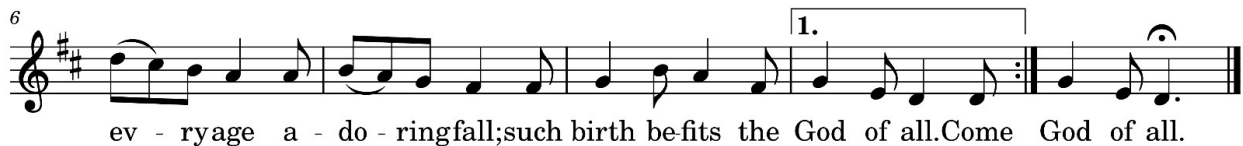
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Advent Candle Blessing

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:5-6)

Anthem at Lighting of the Advent Wreath: A Processional for Advent, Rachel Arons

Sung in Unison 3 times



OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

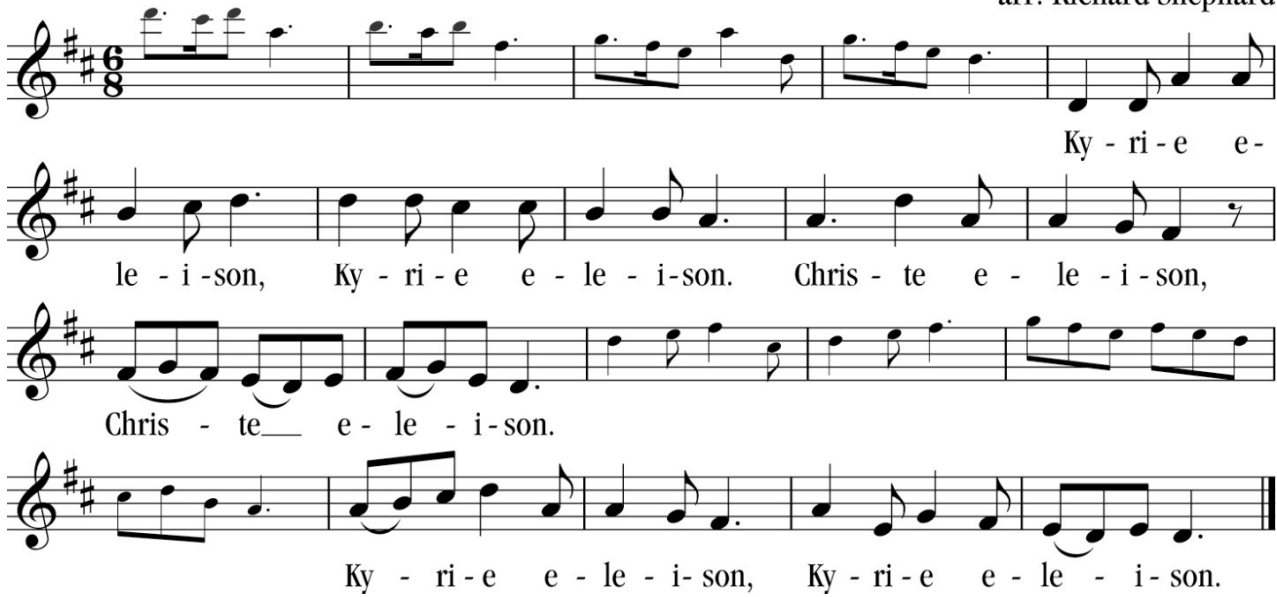
People: **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT OF PURITY | BCP 355

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.**

Kyrie Eleison

St. James Advent Service
arr. Richard Shephard



Musical score for Kyrie Eleison, arranged by Richard Shephard. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING | Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 | *Laetatus sum*



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¹I was glad when they said to me, *

“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

²Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself; **Antiphon**

⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David. **Antiphon**

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.

⁷Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers. **Antiphon**

⁸For my brethren and companions’ sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

⁹Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good.” **Antiphon**


THE SECOND READING | Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.


Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**


GRADUAL HYMN | Stay awake! Be ready (print) Verses 1, 2 only



Stay a - wake (clap, clap) be read - y. You
Change your lives, he's com - ing. The
Go _____ back, tell John
By the pow'r of the Spi - rit



do not know the hour when the Lord is com - ing. Stay a -
one who is the light of the world is com - ing. Change your
all that you have heard and have seen me do - ing. Go _____
Mar - y will give birth to a son called Je - sus. By the



wake, be read - y. The Lord is com - ing soon!
lives, he's com - ing. The reign of God is near!
back, tell John the wond - ers that you see.
pow'r of the Spi - rit Em - man - u - el is near.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! The Lord is com - ing soon!
The reign of God is near!
The won - ders that you see.
Em - man - u - el is near.

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THE GOSPEL | Matthew 24:36-44

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON | Deacon Tim Murray

Please stand and say together in unison.

THE NICENE CREED | Expanded Language

**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 became truly human.
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.
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**

Prayers of the People, Form IV

Deacon or other Leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Sarah, Archbishop-elect of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Bishop; Joseph, Archbishop of Upper Nile Province and Simon, Bishop of the Diocese of Renk, South Sudan; our clergy: Ralph, Jim, Betsy, Tim and Judy.

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Michaels. Be with us and lead us as we seek the next rector for our church. We ask your direction and guidance for those in discernment for our new spiritual leader, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Grant us perception, faithfulness and joy, so that we may hear your voice in all our deliberations. Grant us also the desire and the ability to truly hear each other and those who have entrusted us with this process. Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. Come Holy Spirit.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good, especially Donald our president, J.B. our governor, and all those in authority around the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: Mike Ward, Richard Curran, Claudia Swarthout, and Ann and Wes Kimes.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them to the joy of your salvation, especially Carol, Helena, Brooke, Kara and Oliver, Sara, Steve, the Higgins family, Kristen, Bill, Phil, Bob, Jesophine, Kathy, Braelyn, Denise, Doug, Sally, Mary, Ben, John, Teresa, Dolores and family, Mark, Kitty, Olivia and family, Liam and family, Nancy, Caden, Dave, Brian, Barb and Steve, and Patty, and for all whom you alone know.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Remembering especially Glenice Higgins, James Knaak, Karen Duffy, James Bullion, Caterina Pignone, Beth Lipsteur, Steve John Factor, and Bobbie Kane.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION | BCP 360

Deacon or Celebrant

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..**

The priest stands and says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All may greet one another with the Peace of Christ.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated.*

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY | In the stillness, Arlen Clarke

DOXOLOGY | Advent Doxology, *Irby*, arr. R.G. Huff

Praise to God, the One who made us. Praise to Christ, God's on - ly Son.
the new* - born

Praise the Spir - it, ev - er with us. Praise the God - head, Three in One.

Clear a path! Pre - pare the way! Ad - vent leads to Christ - mas Day!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Prayer A | Expansive Language

Please stand as able.

Celebrant: God 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 our thanks and praise.**

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

Here a proper preface is said.

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:

SANCTUS | Holy Holy, St. James Service, Richard Shephard

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus) St. James Advent Service
arr. Richard Shephard

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r, of
pow'r_ and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in_ the high - est. Blessed is he, is he who comes
in the name_ of_ the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

The People Stand or Kneel:

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had give 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**

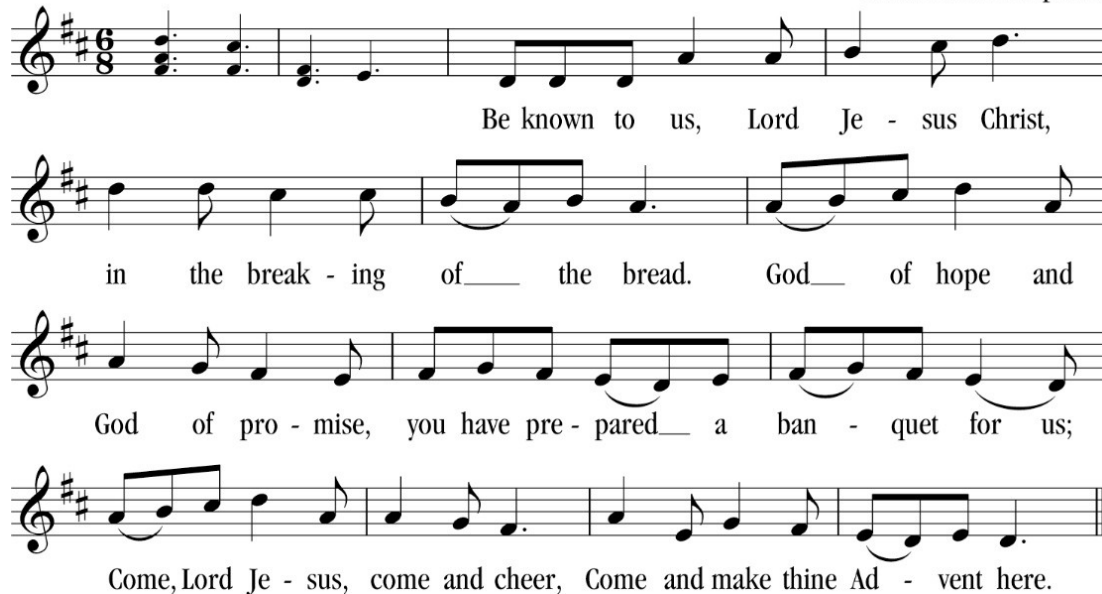
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Be Known To Us (Fraction Anthem) St. James Advent Service
arr. Richard Shephard



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus Christ,
in the break - ing of the bread. God of hope and
God of pro - mise, you have pre - pared a ban - quet for us;
Come, Lord Je - sus, come and cheer, Come and make thine Ad - vent here.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome to come forward to the altar rail for Communion or a Blessing.

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.

Please come forward to receive Communion, receiving the Bread while standing or kneeling at the altar rail. While receiving both the Bread and the Wine is tradition, receiving the Bread alone constitutes full participation in this Holy Communion, and includes all benefits of the Sacrament. (Gluten free Bread available upon request).

To also receive the Wine, you may remain at the altar rail to drink from the chalice; please do not dip or intinct the Bread into the Wine as fingers will contaminate the cup.

If you would like a blessing instead, cross your arms and the priest will bless you. If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability [or pandemic], is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. (BCP 457)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION | 55 Redeemer of the Nations, Come, *Veni Redemptor gentium*

COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (as needed)

Celebrant: In Christ's name and on behalf of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.**

Please kneel or stand as able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Said by the Celebrant & People

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 Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN | 66 Come thou long expected Jesus, *Stuttgart*

DISMISSAL

Deacon or Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE | Jerry Egger, organ

What's in *The Sword* this week?

(scan to sign up for the newsletter)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR AND EVENTS

- **Sunday, Dec 14** | 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room. A fun and interactive Sunday Brew on how to invite, welcome and integrate new people into our church.
- **Sunday, Dec 21** | St. Nicholas Celebration: A festive gathering with food and brass.
- **Christmas Sale at the "And All The Angels" Gift & Book Shop:** Fri 11/21 (5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. sip & shop); Sat 11/22 (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.); Sun 11/23 (9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.)
- **Christmas Eve Services** | 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Celebrate the birth of Christ with beautiful liturgies and music.
- **Christmas Day Eucharist** | 10:00 a.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

- **Sundays 10:00 a.m.** | Children's Sunday School
- **Tuesdays 9:30-11:00 a.m.** | Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study at the Sturtz House
- **Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 p.m.** | Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study via Zoom
- **Fridays at 6:00 a.m.** | Men's Fellowship meets in the Community Room

MONTHLY EVENTS

- **The second Friday of every month** | Prayer Shawl meets in the Library at 1:00 p.m.
- **Last Tuesday of every month** | Prayer Shawl meets in the Library at 6:30 p.m.
- **Third Wednesday of every month** | Book Club meets in the Library at 7:00 p.m.

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Carol, Helena, Brooke, Kara and Oliver, Sara, Steve, the Higgens family, Kristen, Bill, Phil, Bob, Jesophine, Kathy, Braelyn, Denise, Doug, Sally, Mary, Ben, John, Teresa, Sarah, Dolores and family, Mark, Kitty, Olivia and family, Liam and family, Nancy, Caden, Dave, Brian, Barb and Steve, and Patty.

Birthdays

11/30 Mike Ward
12/2 Richard Curran
12/2 Claudia Swarthout

Anniversaries

12/5 Ann and Wes Kimes

Remembrances

11/30 James Knaak
11/30 Karen Duffy
12/2 James Bullion
12/3 Caterina Pignone
12/3 Beth Lipsteur
12/3 Steve John Factor
12/6 Bobbie Kane
Glenice Higgens

AT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Preaching: Deacon Tim Murray
Presiding: Father Ralph Osborne

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