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## **First Sunday after Christmas**

December 28, 2025 • 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org) for more information and announcements.

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# The Holy Eucharist

## The First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 28, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. | 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** | 93 Angels from the realms of glory, *Regent Square*

### 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, p. 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.**

**GLORIA** | 96 Angels we have heard on high *Gloria*, verses 1 and 2

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant continues:*

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE FIRST READING** | Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 147 | *Laudate Dominum*

*Said in unison*

[1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.]

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

## THE SECOND READING | Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN | 633 Word of God come down to earth, *Mt. St. Alban NCA*

## THE GOSPEL | John 1:1-18

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON | The Rev. Deacon Tim Murray

## **THE NICENE CREED | Expanded Language**

*Please stand and say together in unison.*

**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 III | BCP, p. 387

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

**Leader:** Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

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, our clergy; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Donald, our President, J.B. our Governor and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: Anne Tolle, Lori Pepper, Cindy Milford, Martie Roehm, Craig Anderson, Jane Dawson, Carol Berman, Betsy Wintringer, Lilia Weibel, Ann and Rick Ryba, and Vickie and Al Johnson.  
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

We pray for those who have requested our prayers:  
Ann, Braelyn, Lisa, Dave, Elizabeth, Alexandra, and Victoria, Kimberlie, Matt and family, Heather, Helena, Kara and Oliver, Sara, Steve, Kristen, Bob, Jesophine, Kathy, 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.  
We give thanks for the blessings of prayers answered, especially in the name of Ellery.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We remember today:  
Nancy Waring, Katherine McIntosh, David Pepper, Barbara Papamarcos, Iris Hartman, Carol Brink, Barbara Kane, Claire Koener, Edith Luke, and Menter Terrill.  
Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*  
*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION | BCP, p. 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

*Thank you for your gifts in support of the church's mission and ministries.  
Offerings may also be made online by scanning the QR code.*



**MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY** | 104 A Stable lamp is lighted, *Andújar*

**DOXOLOGY** | Hymn 380, Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow, Old 100th, Verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## 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.

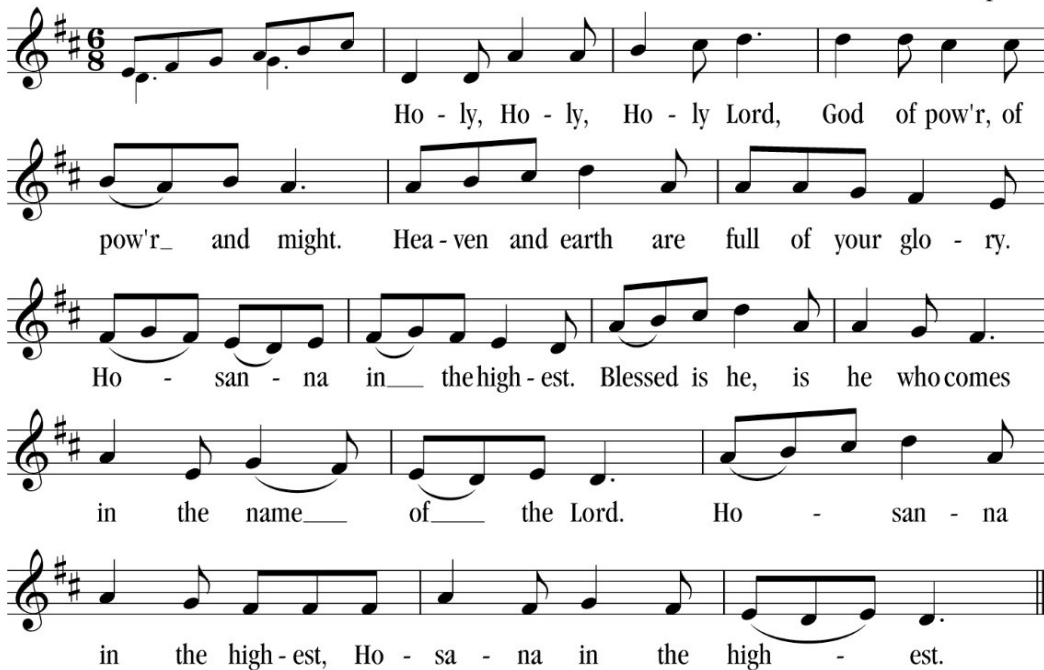
*Here a proper preface is said.*

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

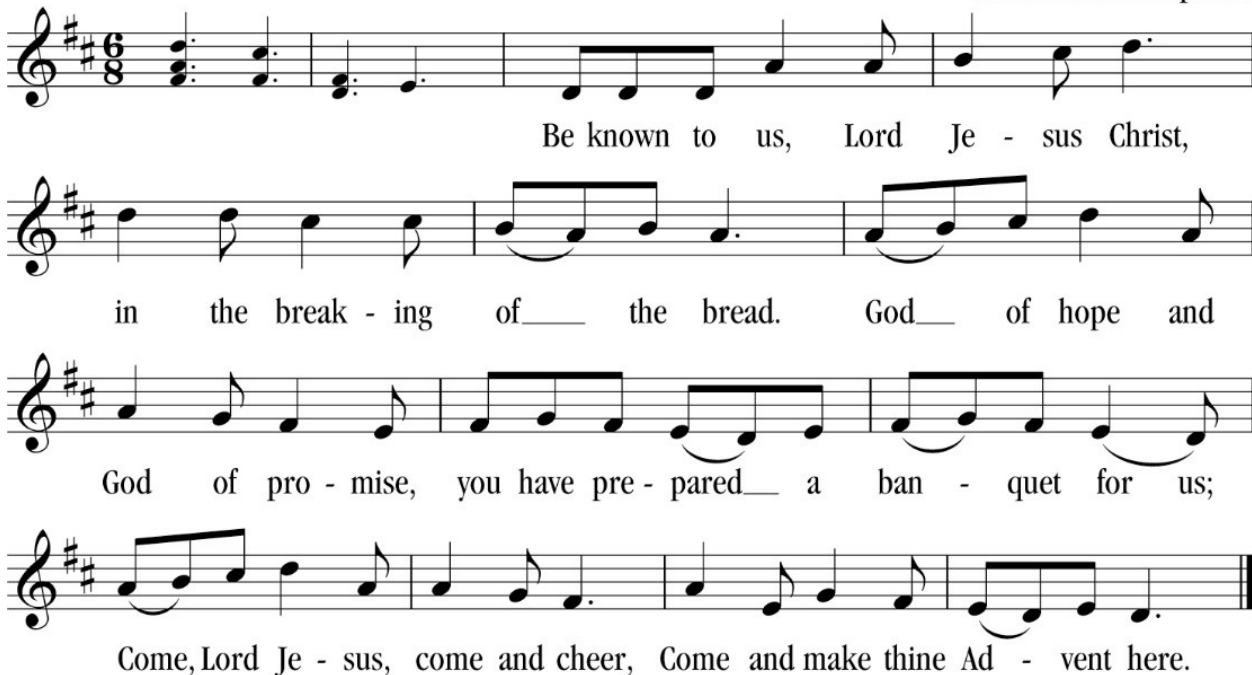
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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

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

**FRACTION ANTHEM** | Be known to us, St. James Service, Richard Shephard

### 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** | 90 It came upon the midnight clear, Noel

## 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

**CLOSING HYMN** | 82 Of the Father's Love Begotten, *Divinum Mysterium*

## 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

- **Christmas Sale at the "And All The Angels" Gift & Book Shop:** Please note that we will be CLOSED on Wednesday, Dec. 31st; and Saturday, Dec. 27th. Thank you for your support in 2025! We enjoyed another successful year, and will be donating all profits to women's and children's charities after our volunteers meet in January.
- The Annual Meeting will be held in the Community Room on February 1st after the 10:00 a.m. service.

### 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:

Ann, Braelyn, Lisa, Dave, Elizabeth, Alexandra, and Victoria, Kimberlie, Matt and family, Heather, Helena, Kara and Oliver, Sara, Steve, Kristen, Bob, Jesophine, Kathy, 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.

Birthdays		Anniversaries		Remembrances	
12/28	Anne Tolle	1/2	Ann and Rick Ryba	12/28	Katherine McIntosh
12/29	Lori Pepper	1/3	Vickie and Al Johnson	12/28	David Pepper
12/30	Cindy Milford			12/28	Barbara Papamarcos
12/30	Martie Roehm			12/30	Iris Hartman
12/31	Craig Anderson			12/30	Carol Brink
1 / 2	Jane Dawson			12/30	Barbara Kane
1 / 2	Carol Berman			1/1	Claire Koener
1/3	Betsy Wintringer			1/1	Edith Luke
1/3	Lilia Weibel			1/2	Menter Terrill
					Nancy Waring

### AT TODAY'S WORSHIP

*Preaching:* The Rev. Deacon Tim Murray  
*Presiding:* The Rev Jim Swarhout

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