

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
Celebration of Holy Eucharist
January 4, 2026
9:00 am



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ASCENSION
Northwoods, MO

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

CHRISTMAS

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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B♭ E♭ B♭ F7 B♭

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing; yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions; you have seen his na - tal star:
 come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King!

Refrain

B♭7 E♭ Cm7 Fsus F7 B♭

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People ***You have come to your people and set them free.***

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider 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 Savior. ***Amen.***

SONG OF PRAISE: *GLORIA (spoken)*

***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

Presider God is with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Presider Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

Presider O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:7-14

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84:1-8 *Quam dilecta!*

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *

***My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.***

2 The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
***by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.***

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

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Epiphany

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bearing
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I:
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and

1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -

1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

O _____ star of won - der, star of night,
 star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,
 still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Interlude

The stanzas may be sung by three soloists: 1 and 5 by the ensemble; 2-4 by individuals; and the refrain by all

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People ***Glory to you, O Christ.***

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
 who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Renee L. Fenner

THE NICENE CREED

Deacon Together, let us profess what we believe.

***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 was made man.***

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 and the Son.***

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.***

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Let us offer our prayers to God who first loved us.

(The Worship Leader and People pray responsively)

You who fashioned this holy day with the radiance of the Word made flesh and filled the air with the song of angels; fashion us, like Mary the God bearer, in to a people who seek the Christ-Child in the face of the outcast, the outsider and the other. Fill our hearts with the song of the angels that we may be makers and pursuers of peace. Christ be our light.

Shine in our hearts.

You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation; dispel the arrogance, animosity and anger that shatters the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth, that we may be made one in faith, hope and love. Christ be our light.

Shine in our hearts.

You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise; set us free us from enslavement to division, disunity and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision, that they may lead the peoples of the nations to greater unity and concord. Christ be our light.

Shine in our hearts.

You who patterned the stars and called the sun in to being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos. Pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender and ethnicity may dissolve into one common humanity. Christ be our light.

Shine in our hearts.

You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost and the least; shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful and the suffering especially:

John Anthony	Delphine Booker	Harold Briggs
Linette Cayetano	Chris Crittenden	Bessie Clemonns
Keyanna Dorsey & Family	Rick Earley	Ronald Hawkins
Renee Griffin	Stella Hughes	Marvelle Johnson
Erika Jones	Greg Kelley	Winifred Lemmie
Regina Lewis	Carol Mecagni	Johnetta Martin
Alex Okumu	Diana Oliver	Helen Owens
Betty Patton	Michelle Pendleton	Marion Robinson
Rick Rollins	Florence Ross	Lisseth Salgado
Phillistene Tefend	Patricia Thomas	David Westfall
Annie White	Antoinette Williams	James Williams, Sr.

We continue to pray for all those who are still affected by the tornado in May. We pray especially for our adopted family and many others.

We pray for all veterans and those who are currently serving in the military, especially:

Sgt. Omar Fernandes (Brantley)-United States Air Force
Captain Jovonny Carrion-United States Army
Staff Sgt. Ashley Cole-United States Air Force
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Keshar Miller-United States Army Reserve
Captain Steven C. Roberts, II – United States Air Force Reserve
The Rev. Jamal Scarlett-Lieutenant Commander and Navy Chaplain
Major Christopher Westfall-United States Air Force

People may name others silently or aloud. Silence is kept for a time.

Christ be our light.

Shine in our hearts.

You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity the souls of those who have died; welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare and strife. Shine the light of hope on our faithful dead, especially Carolyn Cleveland,

cousin of Allen Dukes who passed away on December 25, and those we now name silently or aloud. *(Pause)* Christ be our light.

Shine in our hearts.

You who delight in the complexity of creation and the splendor of each creature; help us to delight in the diversity of the earth our island home. Inspire your people to care for the earth and its creatures and repent and return when we abuse, misuse and neglect our fellow creatures. Christ be our light.

Shine in our hearts.

Presider May Christ, the Morning-Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth and the wellspring of hope; that following the way of Jesus and filled with the flame of the Holy Spirit, we may be a holy people whose lives and living inspire, incite and inflame your world with compassion and care. Through Jesus the Christ the light of the world. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ our Light be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. ***Ephesians 5:2***

OFFERTORY HYMN

100 *blind* Jesus, the Light of the World *blind*

E^b Gm/B^b E^b Cm B^{b7}
 1 Hark, the her - ald an - gels sing.
 2 Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise.
 3 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored.
 4 Hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace.

E^b B^b F B^{b7}
 Je - sus, the light of the world.

E^b E^b aug/G F^o Cm F^o
 Glo - ry to the new - born King.
 Join the tri - umph of the skies.
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 Hail, the Sun of right - eous - ness!

E^b/B^b B^{b7} E^b Je - sus, the light of the world.

Je - sus, the light of the world.

Refrain E♭

We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light. Come where the dew - drops of mer - cy shine bright. Oh, shine all a - round us by day and by night. Jesus, the light of the world.

Optional acclamation

By the power of your Spirit, **we'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**
 In times of joy and gladness, **we'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**
 In times of sorrow and despair, **we'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**
 Grateful for the light of your Word, **we'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**
 Grateful for the gift of your church, **we'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**
 Called to witness to your love, **we'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Eucharistic Prayer "Enriching our Worship"

Presider God is with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give thanks and praise.***

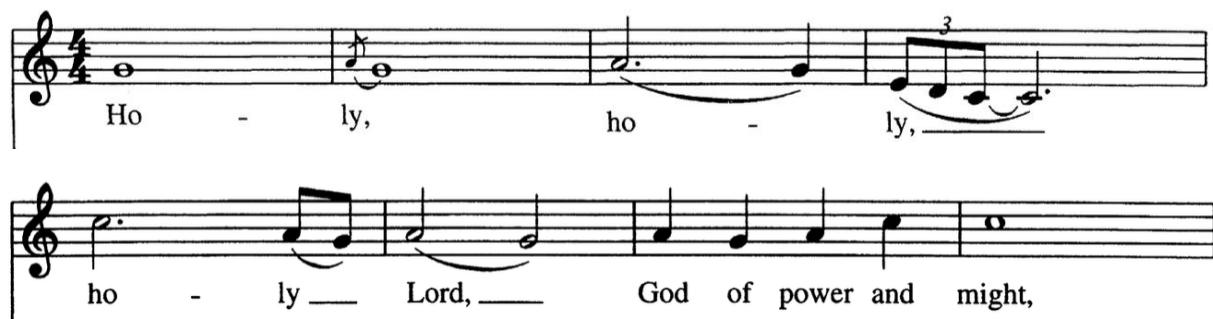
Presider

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so, this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Presider and People ***"Holy, Holy"***

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Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly,
ho - ly,
ho - ly,
ho - ly,
ly, Lord, God of power and might,

he a - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - - san - na in the high - - est.

Presider

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick,
and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ
given for the world you have made.
In the fullness of time bring us, with [_____ and] all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

THE GREAT AMEN (sung)

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

*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

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM (*spoken*)

Presider and People

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider 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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(All are invited to God's Table. You may come forward to receive the Body of Christ or to receive a blessing. Some may wish to remain in your seats. Please use this time to quietly sit and pray or join in the singing of the hymn(s)).

(Those at home may, if they wish, say this prayer:)

A Prayer for those wishing Communion

In union, O God, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

CHRIST'S LIFE

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What Child Is This

Em G D Em Am B

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?
 3 So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.

Em G D Em B Esus Em

Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si-lent Word is plead-ing.
 The King of kings sal-va-tion brings; let lov-ing hearts en-throne him.

Bm G D Em Am B

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir-gin sings her lul-la-by;

Bm G D Em B Esus Em

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar-y!
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar-y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar-y.

Words: William C. Dix (1837-1898), P.D.
 Music (GREENSLEEVES & 7876867). English ballad. 16th c. P.D.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider God is with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Presider Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, who sent God's Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. ***Amen.***

May God, who sent God's angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. ***Amen.***

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you God's peace and favor. ***Amen.***

And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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Jesus Christ our Lord

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to follow Je sus.
 I want to look at Je sus.
 I want to be with Je sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa-tience the race,
 and we

star of my life is Je sus.
 show me the way to the Fa ther.
 shall know the joy of Je sus.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

TODAY'S LITURGICAL LEADERS

Presider

The Rev. Renee L. Fenner, Rector

Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Deacon Valerie E. Patton

Worship Leader

Gaylard Williams

Reader

Adrienne Dillon

Acolyte

Laura Mabry

Minister of Music

Terrell Thompson

OUR MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement: *To be the Light of Christ that builds relationships in our congregation, our community, and with our God.*

Vision Statement: *Finding Christ in Relationships*

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ASCENSION VESTRY – 2025

Class of 2025

Senior Warden-Joyce Crittenden (2026)
Junior Warden-Gaylard Williams (2027)

Class of 2027

Adrienne Dillon
Sondra Harrell

Class of 2028

Michael Griffin
Stanley Merridith

Treasurer

Rickey Mabry

Convention Delegates

Adrienne Dillon (2027)
Caroline Moore (2027)

Alternate Delegate

Donna Black (2027)



LIFTING UP OUR VOICES

“Each of you, as an individual, must pick your own goals. Listen to others, but do not become a blind follower.”

-Thurgood Marshall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are always ready to pray for family members, friends, neighbors and all those in need of our prayers. As promised, we are returning to the practice of keeping names on our prayer list for six weeks. If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please fill out a 'Prayer Request Form' located at the Ushers' station. Thank you!

REMEMBER OUR ADOPTED FAMILY

Please remember our adopted family during this holiday season and help brighten their spirits! Our family consists of a single mother and her two daughters, ages 18 and 21. We can continue our monetary fund to help pay for repairs to their home. We can provide food and personal items, and gift cards to stores such as Schnuck's, Target, Walmart, Walgreens, Kohl's, and Aldi's. "Whatever you do to the least of them; you do unto me (Matthew 25:40)."

ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026. There will be one service of Holy Eucharist at 9:00am. The meeting will be incorporated into the liturgy with the business portion of our meeting occurring after Communion. There will be elections of new Vestry members at that time. We will not need to vote on new delegates to Diocesan Convention this year. Annual reports (Word documents via email) are due ***no later*** than January 14, 2026.

VESTRY CANDIDATES NEEDED

We are still looking for a few good men and women to run for Vestry! There will be a couple of vacancies that we need to fill at our Annual Meeting on January 25, 2026. If you are over 18 and a member in good standing, please pray and consider running for these important positions.

ASA'S 2026 CHURCH CALENDAR---

We are currently planning the 2026 calendar. We are asking that all committees and chairpersons to please submit dates for your events for next year. We are looking for dates ONLY-no reports yet. Please turn in your dates by January 4, 2026.

ASA FOOD MINISTRY – FEED THE NEED

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ! Thank you for your generosity in feeding our brothers and sisters in the beloved community who are food-insecure! The need is becoming increasingly significant as we continue to partner with the Urban League and as decisions are made in our national government. We want the following items to restock our food pantry:

Paper Products

Paper Towels

Toiletries

Toothpaste, Bar Soap, Deodorant

Canned Vegetables or Meal

Chili, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Vegetables, Corn, Carrots, Peas, Baked Beans, Great Northern Beans, Chicken Noodle Soup, Vegetable Soup

Canned or Packet Meat or Protein

Peanut Butter, Tuna, Chicken Breast, Vienna Sausage, Spam, Luncheon Loaf

Starches

Mac and Cheese, Rice, Spaghetti

Breakfast

Packaged cereal (oatmeal, grits, Cream of Wheat)

When purchasing canned items, please consider getting pull-tops, as many do not have can openers.

ASA FOOD MINISTRY – FEED THE NEED - INDOOR FOOD PANTRY and GARDEN

We want to reopen our indoor Food Pantry in January 2026. We are looking to begin on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10 am to 12 pm. Volunteers need to be available from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. We are seeking two volunteers to serve as liaisons to our potential clients.

In spring 2026 (probably late March or early April, depending on the weather), we will plant our vegetable garden. We will need 2-4 volunteers. The volunteers would clean, plant, and maintain the garden. The estimated time commitment is 2 hours per session.

For more details, please get in touch with Deacon Valerie.

SIBLING SUPPORT NETWORK

Do not forget that help is there for those dealing with the loss of a sibling due to violent crime. For more info and survey, please go to: sibling support network.org or contact Cheeraz Gormon for more information – cgormon@gmail.com.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider sponsoring the altar flowers for a Sunday Eucharist. Your sponsorship will allow us to make our worship space beautiful. You can make a dedication to your deceased loved ones or give recognition to living loved ones or in thanksgiving for God's blessings. Check out our website for a form or see an usher!

COFFEE HOUR/FELLOWSHIP SIGN UP

Coffee Hour allows us time to fellowship with each other after Eucharist. Thank you to those who have sponsored a Coffee Hour thus far. Please think about signing up with another parishioner to provide treats for this fun event. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Refreshments may consist of fruits, pastries/Danish, juice, coffee, tea. **Please note that hosts are also responsible for cleanup.**

COMPLETING OFFERING ENVELOPES

PLEASE HELP make the Tellers' job a lot easier by doing the following:

- Write your name on each envelope.
- Write your number on the envelope if you are not using the one assigned to you.
- See Deborah Dukes or Betty Brown if you do not remember your number.
- If you are writing a check, include the check number in the top right corner.
- If you are paying with cash, please write "Cash" in the top right corner instead of a check number.
- Use one envelope for one donation.
- If your donation is for anything other than your pledge, PLEASE, include on the envelope what it is for, i.e., ECW Dues, Men's Club, etc.

PAYPAL

Did you forget to bring your pledge with you to a Eucharist? Or perhaps you cannot attend one of the Eucharists on Sunday morning. Then you should consider using Pay Pal to send in your pledge/contribution. It's fast, easy, and a guaranteed safe way to contribute. Some of our parishioners are already taking advantage of this service. For more information, go to our Website and click on the "Connect Tab" and then click on "Online Contributions.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

ASA EVENING PRAYER – EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM

<contact parish office for Zoom logon info>

ASA BIBLE STUDY

Please join our weekly Bible Study group every Thursday at 10:00 am. We will be discussing Women of the Bible, so come ready to learn and share your insights. I believe that studying God's Word as a group will strengthen our Faith and will help us relate His Words to our lives in today's world. Joyce Crittenden, Leader.

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