



SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# A LION'S SHARE

DECEMBER 16, 2023

## Winter Market 2023



Some of the vendors from this year's Winter Market which meets at Saint Mark's every Saturday until the end of April from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

# BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023**

**4:00 p.m.—Music Begins**

**4:30 p.m.—Service**

Join us for a peaceful worship service for those who struggle with finding the joy of the Christmas season because of a loss due to death, divorce, sickness, or unfortunate and tragic circumstances.

If you are suffering this holiday season, join us for beautiful music, comforting prayer, and inspiring words of Hope.



**Saint Mark's Episcopal Church**

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## Christmas Remembrances 2023

We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of ladies who serve faithfully in preparing the Sanctuary for worship under the direction of Ki Nobiletti.

The Altar Guild welcomes your gifts toward the beautification of the church for the festival celebration of the birth of our Lord. Donations marked Christmas Remembrances may be mailed to the church office P.O. Box 887, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978 or placed in the mailbox marked **Laura Bott in the Production Room** along with the names to be remembered.

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**PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submitting requests is**

**December 17, 2023**

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# THE LITURGICAL GUIDE & MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## DECEMBER 2023

Liturgical Day & Color	December 17, 2023 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun. of Advent	December 24, 2023 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun. of Advent	December 24, 2023 Christmas Eve	December 25, 2023 Christmas Day
Lectionary Readings (Revised Common Lectionary)	<a href="#">Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11</a> <a href="#">Psalm 126</a> <a href="#">John 1:6-8,19-28</a>	<a href="#">2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16</a> <a href="#">Canticle 15</a> <a href="#">Luke 1:26-38</a>	<a href="#">Isaiah 9:2-7</a> <a href="#">Psalm 97</a> <a href="#">Titus 2:11-14</a> <a href="#">Luke 2:1-20</a>	<a href="#">Isaiah 52:7-10</a> <a href="#">Psalm 98</a> <a href="#">Hebrews 1:1-4</a> <a href="#">Luke 2:1-20</a>
	8:00 a.m.	One Service for the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun. of Advent	5:00 p.m.	One Service Today
LEM	Sundy Schermeyer		Rob Perdock	
Lector	Tom Simson		Tom Hadlock	
Usher	Pete Williams Sandy Wyman		T. Horan, K. Tunney, L. Andria	
	10:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
LEM	Carol Fitton	TBD	Virginia Gilmore	Scott Wesley
Lector	Helen Horton	TBD	Dick Gardner	Scott Wesley
Greeter/Ushers	Eric Christensen Larry Andria	Pete Williams Sandy Wyman	Steve DeCaro Paul Okula Bill Glover	TBD
Altar Guild	Catharine Nobiletti Norma-Jeanne Okula	Fr. Chris Jubinski	TBD	Fr. Chris Jubinski

### SERVICES AT SAINT MARK'S

#### WEEKENDS (REGULAR SCHEDULE)

*Sundays at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.*

#### THURSDAYS

*11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing*

*Baptisms, Weddings, and the Sacrament  
of Reconciliation by Appointment*



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#### EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LONG ISLAND

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To see the readings for the next two Sundays,  
click on the links at the top of the schedule on this  
page

or visit [lectionarypage.net](http://lectionarypage.net)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p>  <p>Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Kamehameha and Emma of Hawaii, King and Queen, 1863 and 1885</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>30</p> <p>St. Andrew the Apostle 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637 or [Charles de Foucauld, Monastic and Martyr, 1916]</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Channing Moore Williams, Bishop and Missionary, 1910 9:00am Winter Farmers Market 11:00am Women's Bruch 5:00pm Christmas Trees/Menorah Lighting</p>
<p>3</p> <p>1 Advent 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>4</p> <p>John of Damascus, Priest and Theologian, c.760 Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Clement of Alexandria, Priest and Theologian, c.210 12:30pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, c.342 7:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Ambrose of Milan, Bishop and Theologian, 397 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Winter Farmers Market</p>
<p>10</p> <p>2 Advent 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>11</p> <p>[Frederick Howden, Jr., Priest and Chaplain of the Armed Forces, 1941] Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Francis de Sales, Bishop, and Jane de Chantal, Vowed Religious, 1622 and 1641 12:00pm WH Women's Group</p>	<p>13</p> <p>[Lucy of Syracuse, Martyr, 304] 5:30pm BB Night with Santa 7:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>14</p> <p>[John of the Cross, Mystic and Monastic Reformer, 1591] 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>15</p> <p>[Nine of Georgia, Missionary, c.332]</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00am Winter Farmers Market</p>
<p>17</p> <p>3 Advent 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour 4:00pm Blue Christmas Music Starts 4:30pm Blue Christmas Service</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Parish Office Closed 2:15pm Pre-K Sing-a-long</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:00am Preschool Sing-a-long 12:30pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Vestry Meeting at the Rectory</p>	<p>20</p> <p>[Katharina von Bora, Church Reformer, 1552] 7:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>First Day of Winter Saint Thomas the Apostle 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>9:00am Greening of the Church</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00am Winter Farmers Market</p>
<p>24</p>  <p>4 Advent Christmas Eve No Sunday School 9:00am Holy Eucharist (4 Advent) 5:00pm Christmas Eve Service 9:00pm Christmas Eve Service</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>BB Closed Parish Office Closed The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ 9:00am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>26</p> <p>BB Closed Parish Office Closed Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr</p>	<p>27</p> <p>BB Closed Parish Office Closed Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 7:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>28</p> <p>BB Closed Holy Innocents Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>29</p> <p>BB Closed Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>30</p> <p>BB Closed Frances Joseph Gaudet, Educator and Prison Reformer, 1934 9:00am Winter Farmers Market</p>
<p>31</p>  <p>1 Christmas New Year's Eve 8:15am Choir Practice 9:00am Christmas Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist 10:00am 5th Sunday Brunch</p>	<p>1</p>  <p>BB Closed Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus New Year's Day Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:30pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>[Elizabeth Seton, Vowed Religious and Educator, 1821] 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>5</p> <p>[Sarah, Theodora, and Synclitica of Egypt, Desert Mothers, fourth-fifth century]</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ 9:00am Winter Farmers Market</p>

**A Q U I O N ' S S H A R E**

The Weekly Newsletter of  
Saint Mark's Church  
A Parish in the Episcopal  
Diocese of Long Island

**OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday to Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**WEEKEND SERVICES**

(SAT.) 500 p.m.—Holy Eucharist  
(SUN.) 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist  
(Livestreamed)

**THURSDAY SERVICES**

11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with  
Prayers for Healing



The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano  
Bishop of Long Island

The Rt. Rev. GERALYN WOLF  
Assisting Bishop of Long Island  
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# Pipe Organ Update-12/16/2023



As many of you know, we have purchased a pipe organ from Saint Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo, NY. The Cathedral is in the process of replacing two pipe organs (one in the Chancel and one in the loft at the rear of the church). They are having some technical issues with one new organ causing a delay in delivery to us. The anticipated delivery date is now January 15th. In the meantime, Stephen and crew are busy on our end getting ready. Pictured above is the first of two organ chambers being constructed. We hope to be far enough along to be able to start installing organ pipes as soon as they arrive.

Stephen still needs volunteers to help out and we welcome any monetary donations to help us complete this project.

5TH

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Christmas Lessons & Carols  
with Holy Eucharist

One Service at 9:00 a.m.  
followed by Brunch

*5th Sundays take place four times per year. This allows us to combine services so that we can pray together and enjoy food and fellowship as on parish family.*

SUNDAY

**The WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Monday, 12/18</b>	<b>Parish Office Closed</b> 1:30 -3:00 p.m. Bright Beginnings Sing Along
<b>Tuesday, 12/19</b>	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Bright Beginnings Sing Along 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting with Christmas Party 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting with Dinner at the Rectory
<b>Wednesday, 12/20</b>	7:00 p.m. Alanon Board Meeting in Parish Hall 7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting (Atwater Room)
<b>Thursday, 12/21</b>	10:00 a.m. Advent Study – An Unlikely Advent Session 4 (Atwater Room) 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing (Fr. Chris' Office) 12:30 p.m. Threshold Singers (Atwater Room)
<b>Friday, 12/22</b>	9:00 a.m. Greening of the Church
<b>Saturday, 12/23</b>	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Winter Farmer's Market (Parish Hall)
<b>Sunday, 12/24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	9:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent (Parish Hall) 5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Service with Brass Quintet 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
<b>Monday, 12/25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service

<b>Participating in Today's Service</b>	
<b>Sunday at 8:00 a.m.</b>	
<b>LEM</b>	Sundy Schermeyer
<b>Lector</b>	Tom Simson
<b>Usher</b>	Pete Williams
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Diane Stewart, Virginia Gilmore
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Atwater Room</b> - Diane Stewart
<b>Sunday at 10:00 a.m.</b>	
<b>LEM</b>	Carol Fitton
<b>Lector</b>	Helen Horton
<b>Ushers</b>	Eric Christianson, Larry Andria
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Catharine Nobiletti Norma-Jeanne Okula
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Atwater Room</b> - Diane Stewart
<b>December Birthdays</b>	
6	Carol Smith
8	Rob Perdock
11	Ashley Lueck
12	Pamela Kern
13	Spencer Moyle
13	Trevor Moyle
18	Richard Caccavano
18	Michael Warner
23	Elizabeth Horan
24	Jennifer Marwood
<b>December Anniversaries</b>	
7	Larry & Candace Andria
19	Bill & Madeline Glover
30	Steve & Donna Turner

Please Pray for Your Parish Every Day at 12:00 Noon. And remember the People of Israel, Palestine, Sudan, Armenia, Ukraine and the United States of America too!

**Last Week's Attendance**

Sunday 12/10	8:00 am	23
Sunday 12/10	10:00 am	40
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>63</b>

(80 Households prayed with us online)

12/14 Advent Study	<b>9</b>
12/14 Healing Service	<b>7</b>

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

<b>12/24</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Fourth Sunday of Advent (Service in the Parish Hall)
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b> Family Christmas Service with Brass Quintet
	<b>9:00 p.m.</b> Christmas Eve Service
<b>12/25</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Christmas Day Service
<b>12/31</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist followed by Brunch

The Church Office will be closed from Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> thru Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Staff will return to the office Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

At 4:00 p.m. today, there will be a special "Blue Sunday" service in the church.

**Christmas Remembrances** – Forms are available on the table outside of the parish hall for names to be submitted for the Christmas Remembrance list. All donations will be used for the beautification of the church for Christmas. **Please note today is the deadline.**

**Christmas Nativity Scenes or Creches**—We would like to adorn the church again with family nativity scenes/creches. My goal is to have one from every family in the parish to display around the church. Please label your sets and drop them off in the Parish Office. Thanks!—Chris +

**Year End Donations**—All donations must be postmarked by 12/31 in order to count for your 2023 taxes. Thank you for your generous support of Saint Mark's throughout this past year!

**Covenant Class** for those who wish to be Confirmed, Received or to learn more about the Episcopal Church will start in the new year.

**Coffee Hour**: There is a sign-up sheet outside of the parish hall. Host/hostesses are needed to assist Diane Stewart on December 31<sup>st</sup> and for the 10 a.m. services in January. Your help will be very much appreciated.

**Altar Flowers** - If you would like to dedicate flowers for the Altar contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at [Laura.bott17@gmail.com](mailto:Laura.bott17@gmail.com). In January there are two vases available on the 14 & 28 and one vase available on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The vases are \$40.00 each.

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

**December 22** – 9:00 a.m. Greening of the Church

**December 31** – 9:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols Service with Pot-Luck Brunch following.

**February 11** – 6:00 p.m. Chili Cookoff and Superbowl Party

### **We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested:**

**Noah Berger** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Stan Billie** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Deana Chiusano** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **David Fridae**, **Nancy Fraser** (Req. by Ki Nobiletti), **Roberta Good** (Diane Stewart's Sister), **Jason Gordon** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Elaine Hanes** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Barbara Ireton** (Req. by Carol Smith), **Gretchen & Jim Jubinski** (Fr. Chris' Parents), **Cole LoRusso** (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), **Fred Meyer** (Parishioner), **Jock McLean** (Parishioner), **Sean McLean** (Req. by Jock McLean), **Sudie Nostrand** (Carol John's Sister), **Paul Oele** (Parishioner), **Cassie Panzarino** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Joan Petrella** (Parishioner), **Jean Scopinich** (Parishioner), **John Stewart** (Parishioner), **Sarah Witters** (Req. by Victoria Garcia), **Owen Foster** (Diane & John Stewart's grandson), **John Martinelli** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Marilyn Dorsa** (Req. by Drew Clark), **Michele Parks** (Req. by Marjorie Kulesa), **Fred Rees Garcia** (son of Victoria Garcia), **Christina Kouris** (Req. by Sandy Wyman), **John Saladino** (Req. by Victoria Garcia) and **Fran Graham** (Parishioner).

**If there are any names that can be removed, kindly contact Kate in the church office 631-288-2111.**

**We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:** Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner and James Mercready.

***The Rosemary of Remembrance on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Kate Gabrielsen in loving memory of her sister Diane; and by Catharine Nobiletti in memory of all the loved ones passed.***

Notes on this Sunday's Readings – December 17<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year B)

*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

*Psalm 126*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

*John 1:6-8,19-28*



On this Third Sunday of Advent we again are focused on John the Baptist. Today we hear more about John's ministry and his response to questions raised by his message. An important issue for many in the days of the early Church was the relationship between Jesus and John. In response to those who believed that John the Baptist was the Messiah, the early Christians remembered John's own words: "I am not the Messiah...I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'"

The first reading is Isaiah's poem of the anointed one and his ministry of peace, healing, and redemption. In his first sermon Jesus applied this passage to himself. In this Advent time we anticipate our celebration of the birth of the anointed one who comes to save.

The second reading is the conclusion of Paul's first letter to the Church in Thessalonica. He wrote this letter to encourage them to persevere in the Way as they waited for the return of Jesus. Paul assures them that the Lord will return but that their lives now are to reflect the nature of God's Kingdom rather than to be spent in sitting back and awaiting the End.

The Church's Eucharist is a foretaste of that coming of Christ which is still ahead. In word and sacrament, song and story, we encounter the Reign of God in our midst and we reveal that future joy to the world. Like John the Baptist we are sent ahead of the One who is coming and our joy is to see God's presence in the world increase.

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## Readings for Sunday, December 17, 2023 The Third Sunday of Advent, Year B

### The Collect

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### Old Testament—Isaiah 40:1-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. 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.

### Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

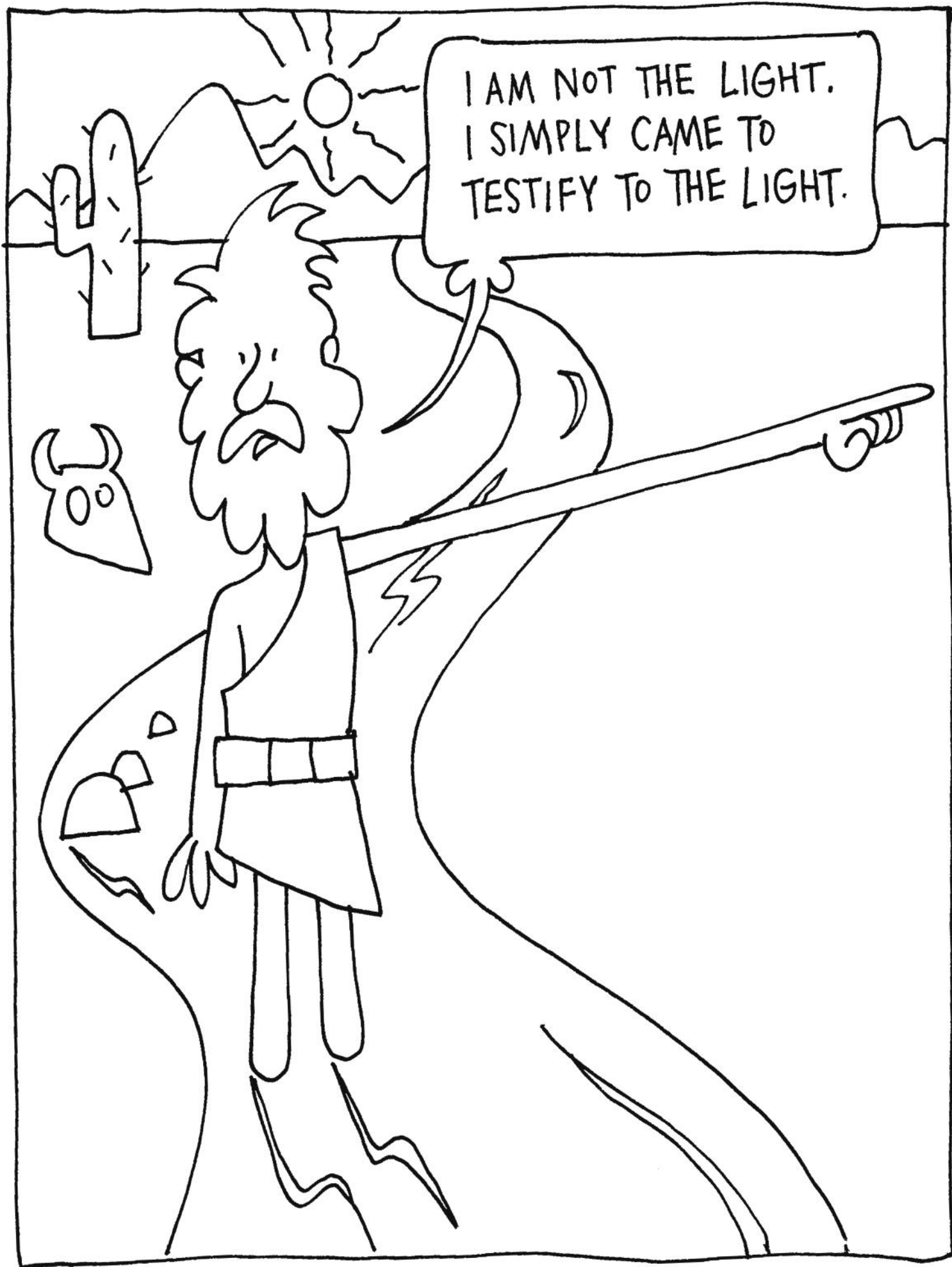
- <sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- <sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- <sup>3</sup> Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- <sup>4</sup> The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.
- <sup>5</sup> Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- <sup>6</sup> Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.
- <sup>7</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

### The Epistle—1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

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. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

### The Gospel—John 1:6-8,19-28

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. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.





## BULLETIN INSERTS

December 17, 2022 – Advent 3 (B)

Third Week of Advent: Journeying with Community

As we continue our Advent walk, we invite you to see the Way of Love as a journey that includes the community. The witness of Zechariah and Elizabeth who bring infant John to the Temple to be circumcised reminds us of the importance of our faith community to sustaining the Way of Love. Just as the community did for John's family, communities provide a place for discernment, sometimes challenging us and other times affirming us. Communities celebrate and mark important moments along the journey. For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit [episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove](http://episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove). There, you'll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.



**Sunday, December 17**

### WORSHIP

Imagine the faces you'd like to see at church — an all-star list of folks you want to worship with. This could be people you know from summer camp when you were a kid, people who might have already died, people you work with — all your favorites. Commit to pray for those folks this week. And make a commitment to ask one of your all-stars to come to church with you in the next month.

**Monday, December 18**

### TURN

Do you have amends or apologies or adjustments you need to make? Ask God to open your heart and mind to those opportunities for reconciliation and growth. Thank God for the gifts of mercy and love, and the courage to make the changes necessary. And then do your best, with God's help, to make those changes.

**Tuesday, December 19**

### LEARN

Read Luke 1:59-80. When Zechariah's speech returns, he praises God. If you lost the power to speak for nine months like Zechariah did, what would be your first word of praise? Share this with your family, friends, and on social media.

**Wednesday, December 20**

### PRAY

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 3, found on page 212 in *The Book of Common Prayer*. How will prayer guide you through the rest of the week? Set aside special

time today to focus your intentions on stirring up peace and spreading joy.

**Thursday, December 21**

### BLESS

We know that angels are God's special messengers to us, and that Gabriel spent intentional time with Mary, helping her to understand her part in God's story. Who has shared an important lesson or their presence with you this week? Thank them today with a call or note.

**Friday, December 22**

### GO

Go out into your neighborhood today. Where is God at work? Ask God to show you how you can celebrate that good work and name God's presence in your community.

**Saturday, December 23**

### REST

Set aside 30 minutes to spend in silence with your best friend today. Sure, it may feel a little weird to be silent on the phone or while sitting next to each other on the couch or across the table. Just give it a try. Make sure to set aside time after your silence to pray for each other and to say thanks for the time of rest.

**Sunday, December 24**

### REST

The conventional wisdom is that new parents should rest when the baby is resting. Make sure you take some time out to rest with Baby Jesus — and marvel in the wonder of a fresh, new, clean, shiny, tiny, precious start. Take a nap and thank God for the gift of Jesus and for peace at Christmas.

# AdventWord

DECEMBER 3-25

## 2023

AdventWord is a free inspirational online Advent calendar featuring a daily prompt word selected from the Sunday Lectionary readings. Followers receive a daily meditation and image inspired by the day's word, and are invited to share their own personal reflections, art, poetry, or other creative expression.

As we await the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we invite you to find daily moments of reflection to help you stay connected to your faith, to others, and to God.

3 WIND	4 HIDDEN	5 PRESENCE	6 PEACE	7 GRACE	8 WATCH	9 AWAKE
10 GLORY	11 HERALD	12 VALLEY	13 TRUTH	14 PATIENCE	15 HASTEN	16 BEGIN
17 SPIRIT	18 REPAIR	19 GIVE	20 DREAM	21 LAUGHTER	22 QUENCH	23 PONDER
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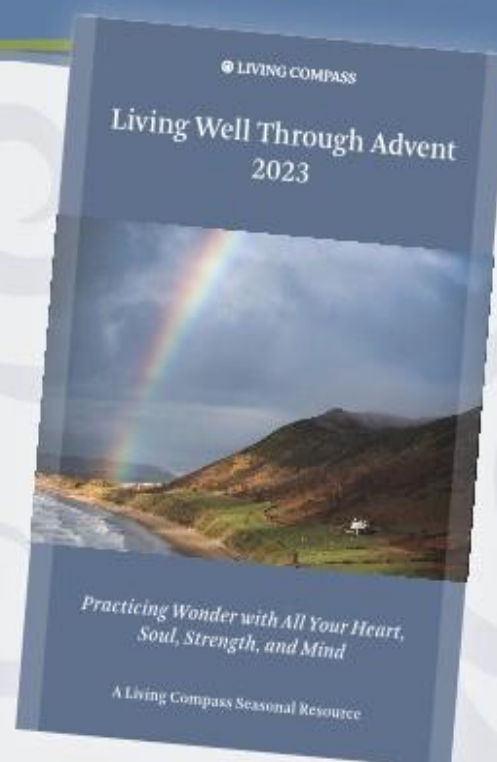
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Regan Schutz  
Scott Stoner



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# 2023 Advent & Christmas Services

## **ROSE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

*(You are welcome to wear something pink or rose in color)*

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

*Blue Christmas Service*

4:00 9.m. — Meditative Music

5:00 p.m. — Blue Christmas Service

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. — Advent Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

*Christmas Eve*

Holy Eucharist with Brass Quintet at 5:00 p.m.

Candlelight Holy Eucharist at 9:00 p.m.

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

*Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ*

Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m.

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

*The First Sunday after Christmas*

Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m.

Followed by Brunch ("*Fifth*" Sunday)



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## Rites of Passage

### December Birthdays

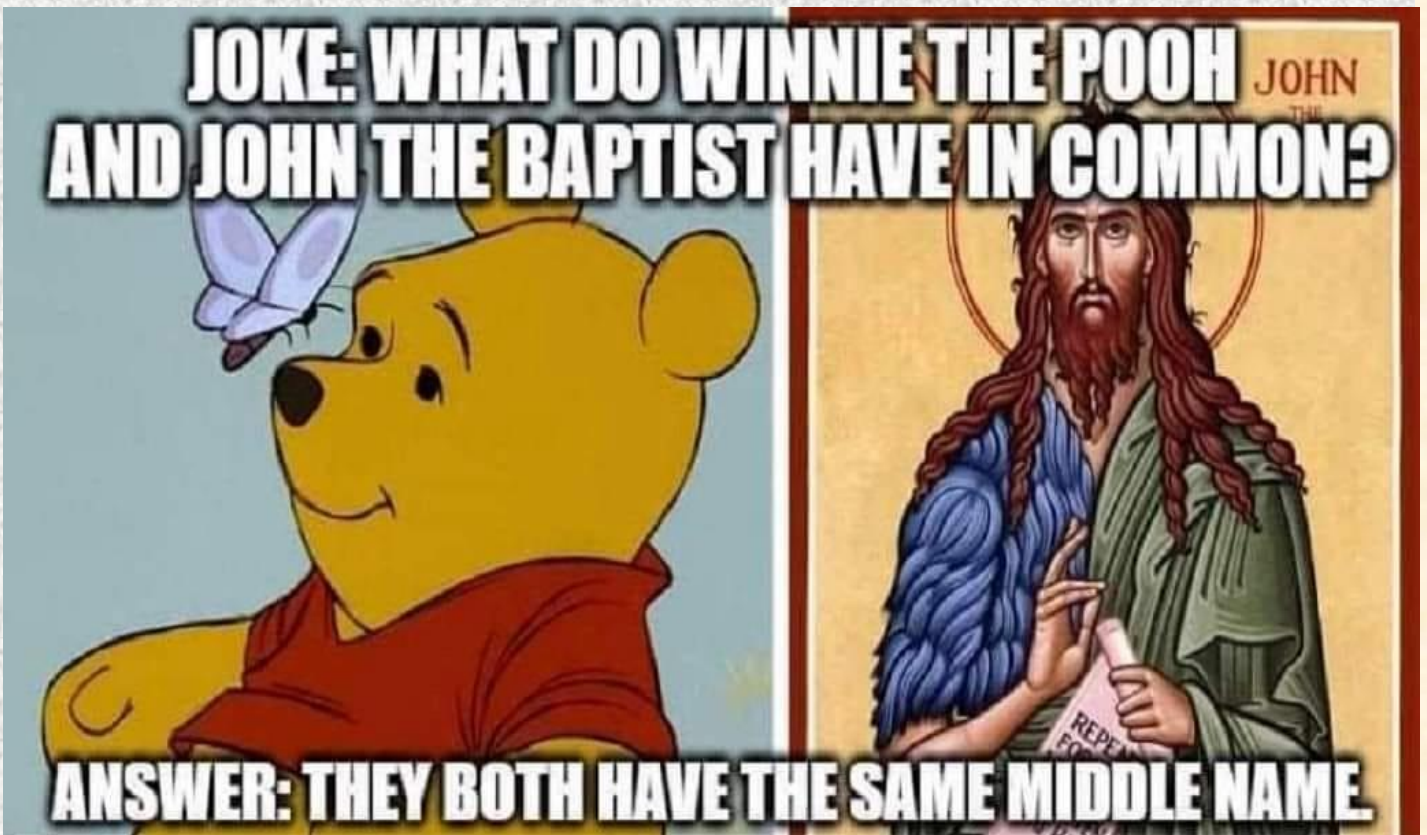
- 6 Carol Smith
- 8 Rob Perdock
- 11 Ashley Lueck
- 12 Pamela Kern
- 13 Spencer Moyle
- 13 Trevor Moyle
- 18 Richard Caccavano
- 18 Michael Warner
- 23 Elizabeth Horan
- 24 Jennifer Marwood

### December Anniversaries

- 7 Larry & Candace Andria
- 19 Bill & Madeline Glover
- 30 Steve & Donna Turner



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