



SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# ALION'S SHARE

DECEMBER 9, 2023



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# AdventWord

DECEMBER 3-25

**2023**

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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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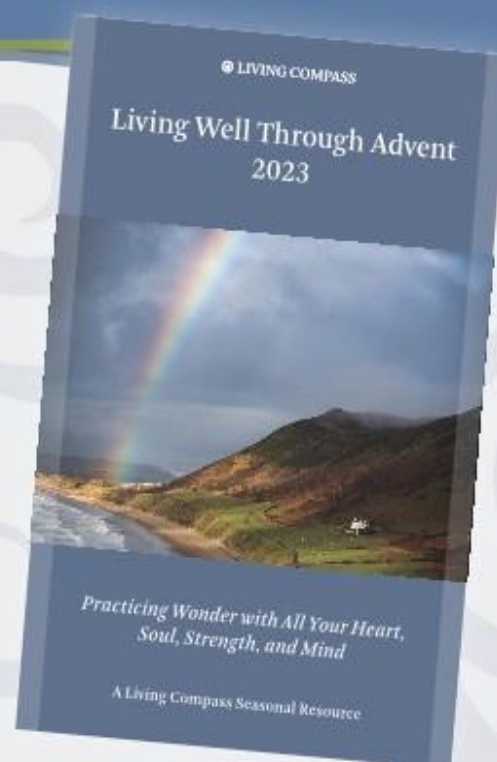
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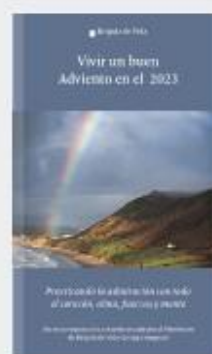
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## Christmas Remembrances 2023

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**

**Dedicated to:**

**From:**

**Donation Amount:**

# Annual Food Drive for WHBES

Many thanks to everyone from the Parish and from Bright Beginnings who very generously contributed food to our annual collection to help the Westhampton Beach Elementary School provide food to their local families who are struggling. Special thanks to Ki Nobiletti for her help packing and to Steve DeCaro for his help transporting all of the boxes and bags! The WHBES was grateful!—  
*Carol Fitton*





CHRISTMAS

**TOY  
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# THE LITURGICAL GUIDE & MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## DECEMBER 2023

Liturgical Day & Color	December 10, 2023 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Advent	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
Lectionary Readings (Revised Common Lectionary)	<a href="#">Isaiah 40:1-11</a> <a href="#">Psalm 85:8-13</a> <a href="#">Mark 1:1-8</a>	<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>
	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	One Service for the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun. of Advent	5:00 p.m.
LEM	Virginia Gilmore	Sundy Schermeyer		Rob Perdock
Lector	Carol Jubinski	Tom Simson		Tom Hadlock
Usher	Tom Hadlock	Pete Williams		T. Horan, K. Tunney, L. Andria
	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 p.m.
LEM	Madeline Glover	Carol Fitton	TBD	Virginia Gilmore
Lector	Bill Glover	Helen Horton	TBD	Dick Gardner
Greeter/Ushers	Steve DeCaro Kevin Tunney	Eric Christensen Larry Andria	Pete Williams Sandy Wyman	Steve DeCaro Paul Okula Bill Glover
Altar Guild	Catharine Nobiletti Karen Love	Catharine Nobiletti Norma-Jeanne Okula	Fr. Chris Jubinski	TBD

### 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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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 Tree/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.750 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>[Nino of Georgia, Missionary, c.332]</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00am Winter Farmers Market</p>
<p>17</p> <p>3 Advent 4:00am Blue Christmas Music Starts 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour 4:30pm 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 Syncletica of Egypt, Desert Mothers, fourth-fifth century]</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>EPIPHANY The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ 9:00am Winter Farmers Market</p>

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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

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**The WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Monday, 12/11</b>	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday, 12/12</b>	12:00 p.m. Westhampton Women's Group (Parish Hall)
<b>Wednesday, 12/13</b>	5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Bright Beginnings Night with Santa 7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting (Atwater Room)
<b>Thursday, 12/14</b>	10:00 a.m. Advent Study – An Unlikely Advent Session 3 (Atwater Room) 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing (Fr. Chris' Office) 12:30 p.m. Threshold Singers (Atwater Room)
<b>Saturday, 12/16</b>	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Winter Farmer's Market (Parish Hall)
<b>Sunday, 12/17</b>	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Church) 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Parish Hall) 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Church) 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Church) 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (Atwater Room) 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)

<b>Participating in Today's Service</b>	
<b>Sunday at 8:00 a.m.</b>	
<b>LEM</b>	Virginia Gilmore
<b>Lector</b>	Carol Jubinski
<b>Usher</b>	Tom Hadlock
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Diane Stewart, Virginia Gilmore
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Diane Stewart
<b>Sunday at 10:00 a.m.</b>	
<b>LEM</b>	Madeline Glover
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<b>Altar Guild</b>	Catharine Nobiletti, Karen Love
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Jason & Alicia Andria
<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 12/3	8:00 am	<b>22</b>
Sunday 12/3	10:00 am	<b>43</b>
	Total:	<b>65</b>

(63 Households prayed with us online)

12/7 Hospice Service	<b>350</b>
12/7 Advent Study	<b>9</b>
12/7 Healing Service	<b>6</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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next Sunday is "Rose" Sunday**—You are invited to wear something rose or pink in color to church.

**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 +

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

**Bright Beginnings Toy Drive** – New unwrapped toys by **December 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**Coffee Hour:** There is a sign-up sheet outside of the parish hall. Host/hostesses are needed for the 10 a.m. service on December 17 and to assist on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Your help will be very much appreciated.

**Altar Flowers** - If you would like to dedicate Rosemary plants for the Altar during Advent, contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at [Laura.bott17@gmail.com](mailto:Laura.bott17@gmail.com). One plant is available for Dec 17 & one for the 31<sup>st</sup>. The plants are \$40.00 each.

**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 the deadline is December 17<sup>th</sup>**.

### Mark Your Calendar:

**December 17** – 4:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service

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

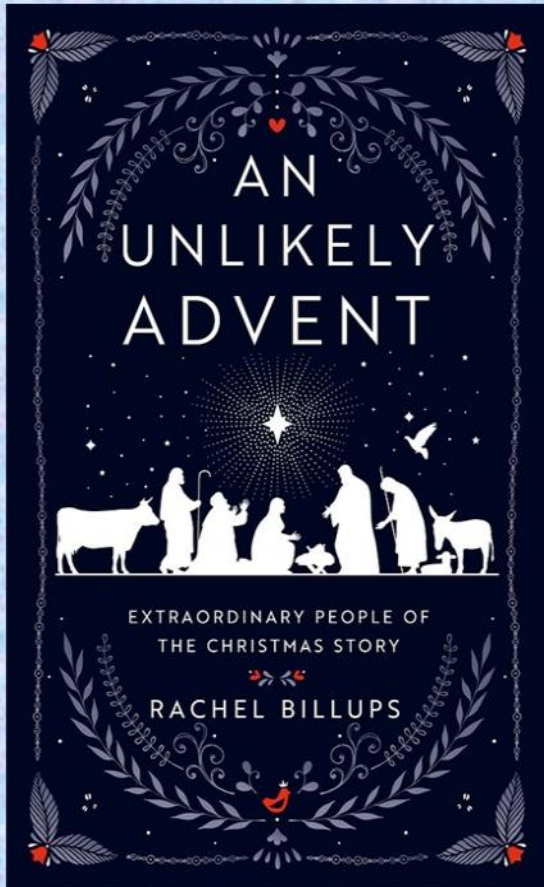
**December 31** – 9:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols Service with Pot-Luck Brunch following.

**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), *Wilfred Funk* (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), *Rebekah Lessard* (req. by Jinny Gilmore) *John Saladino* (Req. by Victoria Garcia) and *Fran Graham*.

**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 Jason and Alicia Andria in thanksgiving of their family and church, for all of their love and support, and by Louise Reeves in thanks to God for his many blessings.*



# Advent Study

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.  
November 30, December 7, 14, 21

## Expect the unexpected this Christmas.

This four-week Advent study focuses on the experiences of four sets of often overlooked characters in the Nativity story. During this Advent season, Rachel Billups guides readers through the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace by sharing the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds. Each set of unexpected characters has something to teach about living faithfully on the journey to Christmas.

*Books can be ordered through Amazon or Cokesbury. Scholarships are available.*

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

*2 Peter 3:8-15a*

*Mark 1:1-8*

*Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13*



Today is the first of the Advent Sundays centered on the ministry of John the Baptist as the forerunner of the Messiah. We hear Mark's account of the beginning of John's ministry and message. John is presented as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the one who embodied the role foreseen by Isaiah as the messenger to prepare the way for the coming of the Christ. He used the traditional Jewish ceremony of renewal and repentance – baptism – but promises that the one who is coming will immerse people in the Spirit of God.

Our first reading is the passage from Isaiah quoted by Mark concerning John the Baptist. This comes from the time of the end of the Jewish people's exile in Babylon and was an exhortation to them to return to the land of promise now that they had been freed by the Persian king, Cyrus. This second Exodus is filled with the promise of God's love and care for the people.

The second reading from 2 Peter looks toward the end of time. The writer is concerned with how we live in this time in anticipation for the time to come when the Day of the Lord will be revealed.

We live in the time in between Christ's first Advent and his second Coming and we gather in the Eucharist as people immersed by Baptism into God's Spirit. We are called not only to celebrate God's presence as our shepherd but also to be messengers who, like John, announce the coming of God's Kingdom. We do this by proclaiming the Word, by celebration of God's sacramental presence, and by lives of peace and growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

## Readings for Sunday, December 10, 2023 The Second Sunday of Advent, Year B

### The Collect

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### Old Testament—Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

### Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

### The Epistle—2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

### The Gospel—Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."





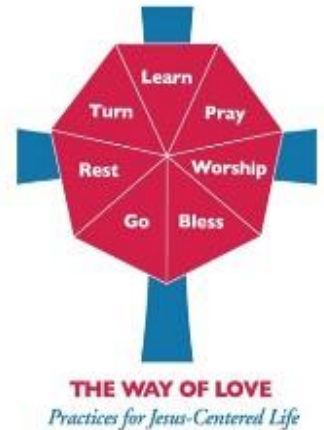
## BULLETIN INSERTS

December 10, 2023 – Advent 2 (B)

### Second Week of Advent: Journeying with Family and Friends

As we continue our Advent walk, we invite you to see the Way of Love as a journey that can expand to include family and friends. Mary said “yes” to the call to birth Jesus, God’s Word, into the world and immediately went in haste to share her good news with her cousin, Elizabeth—a four-day journey into the Judean hills. Isn’t that what happens when we hear good news? We are driven to go and tell others. The Way of Love is good news that demands to be shared.

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 10**

#### **WORSHIP**

Read Luke 3:1-6. How does the story of John the Baptist fill your heart with hope?

**Monday, December 11**

#### **TURN**

Turn away from the busyness of the world right now. Turn your heart and mind toward giving thanks for this time of reflection, refreshment, and renewal.

**Tuesday, December 12**

#### **LEARN**

Read Luke 1:45. Share your faith story with one new person this week. It can be someone you have known for a while who has not heard the faith part of your story.

**Wednesday, December 13**

#### **PRAY**

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 2, found on page 211 of *The Book of Common Prayer*. As you are out and about for the rest of this week, notice the people you pass. Ask God to bless them in their lives and work. See how this changes the way you go about your week.

**Thursday, December 14**

#### **BLESS**

Spend a significant amount of time today discerning if there is a special blessing or gift you can share with your church, a local ministry, or with your community. Ask God to inspire and equip you with the fortitude and tools to make this gift something truly memorable and heartfelt.

**Friday, December 15**

#### **GO**

Go out of your way to have a conversation with someone you might not normally visit with today. Ask God to open your heart to hear this person as God does.

**Saturday, December 16**

#### **REST**

Put your phone on airplane mode and leave it in a dresser drawer for an hour or two. Whatever happens in that time, you can handle later. Give this time to yourself and Jesus, to rest and recharge for the week ahead.

# 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.



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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.

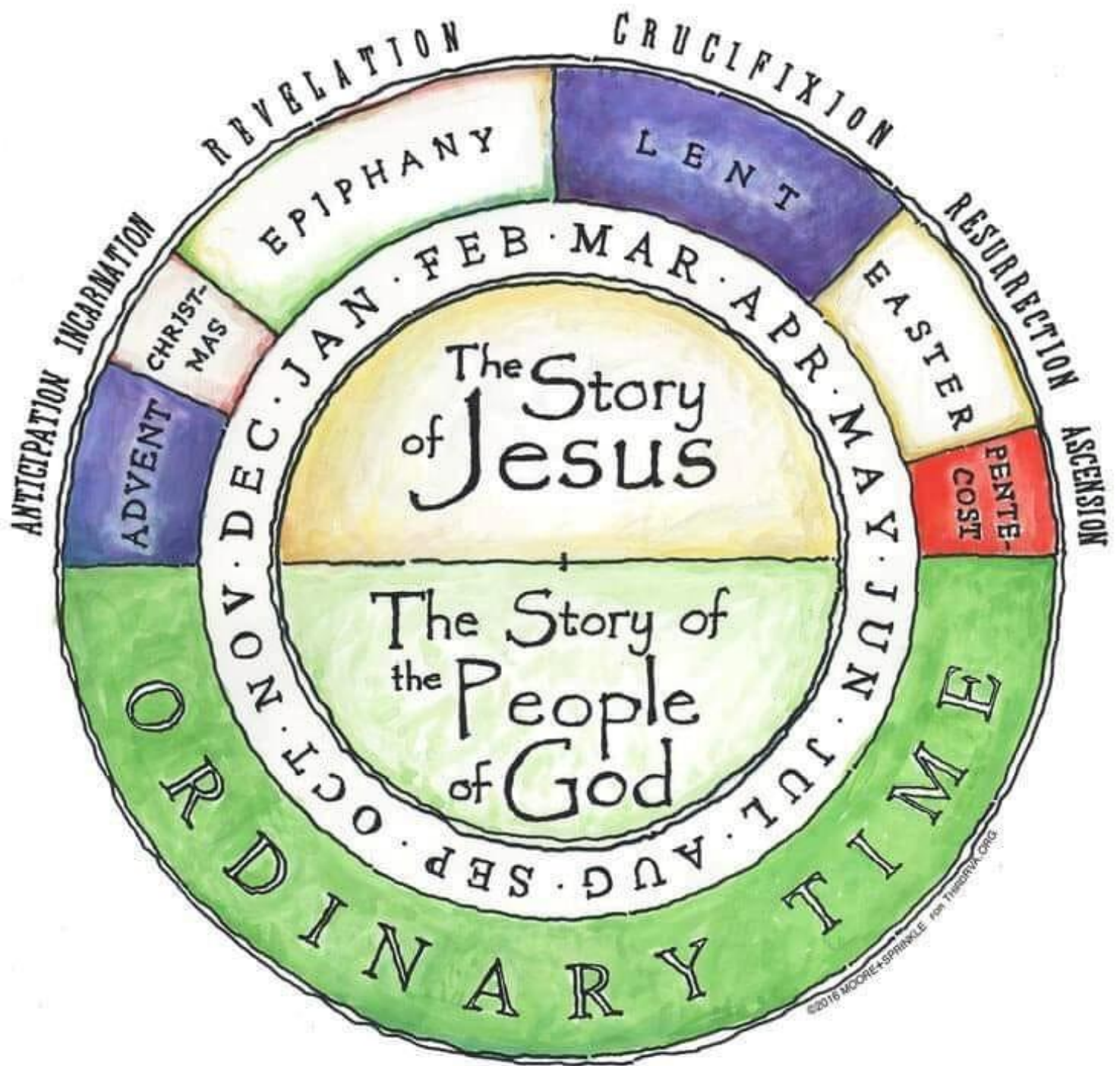
## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

*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



## On the Lighter Side...



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