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to grow as a Church
in the spiritual strength
of community, and
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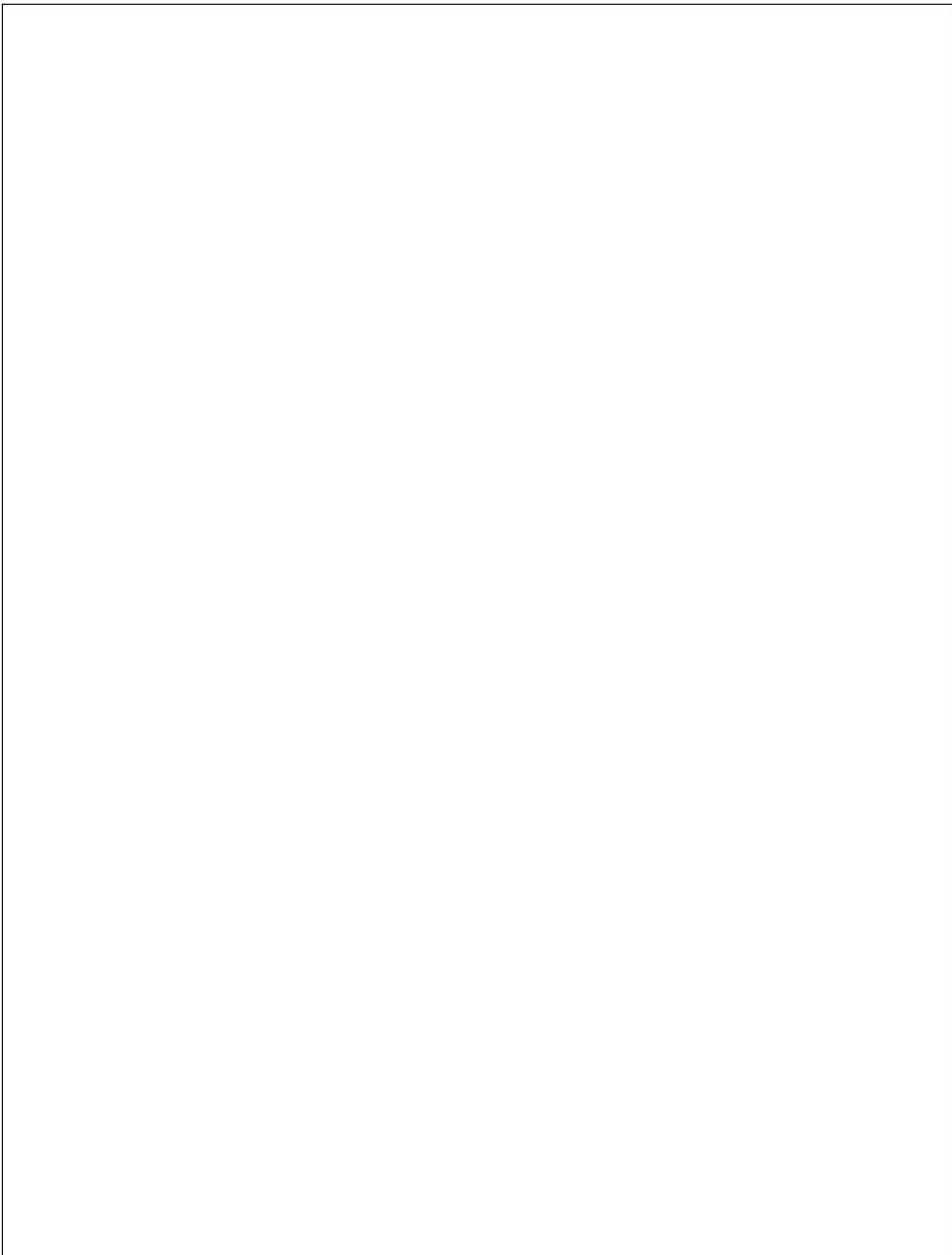
The First Sunday in Advent



Holy Eucharist Hybrid Worship

November 28, 2021

10:00 AM



THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome and Gathering

Prelude

Saviour of the nations, come (hymn 54)

J.S. Bach

Advent Wreath Lighting Liturgy

The Regan Family

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promises I have made.

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls: In you, O God, we trust.

The one who is coming will show us the path of steadfast love and faithfulness.

Teach us your ways, O God of our salvation. We light this candle in the sure hope that God's promises endure.

[Here light the first Purple Advent candle]

We will live in the light of hope as we await the coming of the Lord.

Gathering Hymn

"Lo! He comes with clouds descending"

From Hymnal 1982, # 58

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant : Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: **You come to your people and set them free. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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.**

The Trisagion, S-102

from Hymnal 1982

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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

The Lessons

The First Reading is from the Prophet Jeremiah (33:14-16):

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness." The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

The Psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 25. We will read it responsively by half verse.

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Gospel Acclamation *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

From Hymnal 1982, # 56, v v 1 & 2

The Holy Gospel **Luke 21:25-36**

Gospeller The Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Gospeller The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Ms. Stacy Carlson Kelly

The Nicene Creed

**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

The prayers of the people is a time for us to share our prayers with one another as we lift them together to God. In the silence after each prayer, you are invited to offer your own prayers of intercession or thanksgiving, either silently or aloud. *Silence*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

Lord, have mercy

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Susan, Jennifer, and Porter, our own Bishops, for Fran, Natalie, Mollie, Walter, Joy, Mary and Nicole our staff; for Stacy our seminarian; for the teachers at the Early Learning Center, for all bishops and other ministers, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Bartholomew's—Richmond, St. Peter's—Richmond, for Ascension Church in Beraud, Haiti, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our President and Glenn, our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; especially Susan, Andrei, Ethan, Emma, Johnny, Julie, David, Anne, Martha, Lucy, Kadri, Jim, Michelle, Sam, Anna, Madeleine, Eliana, Phyllis, Hilary, Frankie, Suzanne, Jorin, Megan, Michael, Jack, Bonnie, Greet, Peter, Melissa and Walter; for those with COVID-19; for our families, friends, and neighbors, and those whom you would name [*pause*], that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, including Ray Raymond, Paul Lamanna, Joe Jacob, Clark Shannon, Audrey Adair, Walt Lazear, and Sylvia Ghorbani celebrating their birthdays this week, and those blessings you would name [*pause*], we offer thanks to you, O Lord.

We offer our thanks with hearts full of gratitude.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, for those killed in the Christmas parade in Wisconsin, those whom you would name [*pause*] and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Almighty God, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, who calls, guides and empowers us as your Church: Create in us discerning minds as we seek to elect a bishop in this diocese. So many issues are open before us; so many wounds that need healing; so many gifts that need celebrating. Bless and continue the good work begun in your name, and open our ears to the hurts and hopes around us; broaden our vision to see what we do not want to see; and enliven our hearts with honesty and compassion to do the hard work that lies before us. Guide us as we seek an inspirational leader and willing advocate to help us meet the challenges, and lead us to become the people you have equipped us to be in your service. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen**

Presider Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially St Thomas, whom we remember today. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Together let us pray for St. Thomas Church.

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified, hear our prayer for St. Thomas, build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one that together we may grow as a church in the spiritual strength of community and reach out to include all people in Christ's love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Confession

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you/us, forgive you/us all your/our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you/us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you/us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence

Let us bring to God our offerings, with thanksgiving that God provides more than enough for all. Let us give, as each is able, for the benefit of Christ's church and God's world.

It's Easy to Give Electronically to St. Thomas



Text "givetostthomas" to (888) 554-8664 (and follow the directions), scan the QR code, or visit the GIVING page on the St. Thomas website: www.stthomasmcleanva.org

Offertory Anthem "The Last Words of David"

Randall Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.
And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth,
even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining
after rain. (2 Samuel 22:3-4, KJV)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

The Sanctus #S-124

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 Lord 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 he took the cup of wine; and when he had given 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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider 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.

Fraction Anthem *Be known to us Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread* **H-82, S-171**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion on Zoom

While some members of our congregation are receiving communion at church, those members gathered to worship on Zoom will say the following prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. ~ from *St. Augustine's Prayer Book*

Communion Hymn "Saviour of the nations, come" **H82, 54**

Post-communion Prayer for a Multilocated Congregation

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we gather as your faithful people near and far. We believe you are present with us, whether we are able to share in the sacrament or continue to long for communion. We thank you for feeding all of us with your love; for uniting us with Christ and one another; and for making us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Written by the Rev. Dorota Wright-Pruski

The Advent Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you/us and scatter the darkness from before your/our path; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you/us, and remain with you/us always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing hymn *Come, thou long expected Jesus* **H-82, #66**

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in C major* **J.S. Bach**



Worship Participants

Preacher	Stacy Carlson Kelly
Presider	Rev. Fran
Altar Guild	Louise Armitage, Susan Cowart
Counters	Ray Raymond, Will Ferris
Flower Guild	Betsy Heilman
Lector & Intercessor	George Russell
Usher	Louise Rosenburgh
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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Advent Wreath Making following the 10 AM Service Today



St Thomas has a tradition of making Advent wreaths. The circular “oasis” (wet floral foam) is covered with greens such as pine, holly, cedar or other evergreens, then immersed in water for five minutes once you’re at home. (We recommend placing the wreath on a glass pie plate to keep it moist). Four candles—three blue or purple and one pink are then inserted into plastic holders in the oasis to complete the wreath.

The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent in the liturgical calendar. The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are blue or purple to signify a time of prayer and penance as we prepare for the birth of Christ. The rose-pink candle is lit on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday in Advent to represent joy.

We invite you to make an Advent wreath in Hudson Hall this year following the 10 am service today. Please bring greenery to share and let the church office know to insure we have sufficient supplies. A free will offering of \$10 will offset the cost of the supplies.



ECW Christmas Party & Book Exchange

This year’s ECW Christmas Party and Book Exchange will be remote. We will gather Dec. 8 on Zoom at 7:30. We will join for fellowship, an electronic book exchange and share reviews of books we have read.

We will submit book titles that will be electronically wrapped and we will continue our tradition of unwrapping and swapping books until all the books are unwrapped and the swapping is complete. It will be fun to continue our tradition.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Forward at 703-963-6585 or christine.m.forward@gmail.com.

Women Gathering zoom meetup

Our next Women Gathering zoom meetup will be **Thursday, December 9th from 4:30-5:15 pm.**

We will be looking at the chapter on Elizabeth in *Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter* by Lindsey Freeman. Attached is the link to purchase *Bible Women*.

https://www.amazon.com/Bible-Women-Their-Words-Matter/dp/0880283912/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=Bible+Women%3A+All+their+words+and+why+they+matter&qid=1631224305&s=books&sr=1-1

St. Thomas Episcopal Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87242612804?pwd=SNCKytJVEpSM2VvUC9RditsTjNRZz09>

Meeting ID: 872 4261 2804 Passcode: 201069



Stewardship Update

It's Thanksgiving week and we are especially grateful to the 52 parishioners (and their families) who have already made their commitment to support St. Thomas in 2022. We have already received pledges totaling \$363,840 - almost 95% of the way to our goals of \$390,000. Thank you!!

We would like everyone to pledge. The act of pledging to St. Thomas is a way of strengthening your connection to our church. If you can pledge to St. Thomas, we encourage you to do so. All pledges are equally important and valued. We hope that you will join us!

The stewardship committee has begun to contact those folks that we have not heard from about the pledging plans for 2022.

You can find out more about the pledge campaign and find answers to frequently asked questions at Stewardship FAQs <<http://www.stthomasmcleanva.org/stewardship>>. To create a pledge directly within the church database please use the following link (Member login <<https://stthom.churchofficechms.com/user/login>>). If you need help with this email - Toby Bush (tobygbush@hotmail.com). Alternatively, you can return the pledge card that was included with your Stewardship letter. Or contact a member of the Stewardship team listed below.

Thank you for your support of St. Thomas and Happy Thanksgiving!

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**Oneness of
Humanity**

Journey from Afghanistan

Learn about the experiences of our speakers
who have made the journey to the United States

Mary Akrami, Executive Director

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Afghan Women's Educational Center

Naheed Sarabi, Former Deputy Minister of Finance

United Nations Development Programme Afghanistan

You will have an opportunity to get your questions answered

SUNDAY December 5, 2021

4:00 – 5:30 PM ET

Online - Zoom

For more information and

to register tinyurl.com/5mc6jb24 or



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Afghan Refugee Response: The next three announcements are ways that we can help our new Afghan neighbors

We held a Congregational Conversation about how St. Thomas might best respond to the growing number of Afghan refugees who are moving to Northern Virginia. Our Afghan Discernment Team introduced two possible approaches to this ministry: one is co-sponsoring an Afghan family and the other is to continue giving physical and financial resources in an *ad hoc* way, as we learn of needs that arise.

The Afghan Discernment Team reported that if we were to co-sponsor an Afghan Family, we want to work in partnership either with an established agency (such as the Ethiopian Community Development Council - ECDC) or a neighboring congregation. The team believes that because of the complexity involved, we would only partner with a program that is coordinated, well managed, and experienced.

The other option for us is to continue to listen for concrete needs that are raised, and then respond to them. We have already been doing this thanks to the ECW's leadership. For example, gathering coats, new underwear, and clothing for Brigade of Mercy and gift cards for Lutheran Social Services (LSSNCA) and ECDC.

At the congregational meeting, several people shared thoughts and experiences. But the option of co-sponsoring an Afghan refugee family was not affirmed. However, since the meeting, three parishioners have stepped forward to explore whether they are being called to join in taking leadership roles in co-sponsoring a refugee family.

If we were to co-sponsor a family, ECDC's structure would require us to have coordinators in six areas: Housing & Welcome, Transportation, Health, Education, Cultural Adjustment and Jobs & Finance. ECDC provides training, clear direction, and ongoing support. Their training for teams happens every three months.

I invite you to prayerfully consider whether you might be called to work on this important effort. If you would like more information about responsibilities in these specific areas, please contact me (davidsmith927@gmail.com).

If you want to learn more about our efforts in general, contact one of these other members of the Afghan Discernment Team: Stacy Carlson Kelly (scarlson@vts.edu) or Louise Armitage (louise1775@gmail.com).

Blessings,
David Smith

Lend a hand to our Afghan Allies

We are still accepting Gift cards for our Afghan Allies. The Afghan refugees for the past twenty years have worked as translators or interpreters by or on behalf of the United States government. Their lives—and those of their families—were threatened because of their support for the US.

There are several non-profit agencies in our area who have coordinated resettlement assistance to refugees for many years such as Lutheran Social Services, Catholic Charities, Ethiopian Community Development Council and the International Rescue Committee. They are overwhelmed with this large and sudden influx of refugees. While they sort out how partners in the faith communities can help over the long run, they have an urgent request for the following:

Gift cards such as Visa, Target, Walmart, Giant, Uber, and Lyft

Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith has asked the ECW to initiate a congregation-wide drive to collect gift cards. She has also tasked our Seminarian, Stacy Carlson Kelly, with exploring other ways to support resettlement. Our Treasurer, Pat Smith, has created an online giving portal for monetary donations for purchase of gift cards. **Please consider joining the ECW in supporting our Afghan allies who have been displaced from their homes.**



Pies for Haiti & Afghan Refugees

Pat Smith will make you either a 9-inch pie for \$25 or three (3) small pies of the same kind for \$30, *the proceeds of which will go to assist Haiti in its recovery or for Afghan ally refugees settling in our area.* Popular fruit pies are apple, apple-cranberry (I have frozen fresh cranberries), apple-raspberry, raspberry or blackberry (when available), strawberry-rhubarb (I have frozen rhubarb), tart cherry, blueberry, and Harvest Moon Pie (apples, cranberries, dried apricots – sweet and tart).



Custard pies are lemon meringue, coconut cream, banana cream, and chocolate pudding pie.

Pat can make vegan fruit pies. Either call Pat on 703-338-0974 or email her at pysmith51@gmail.com with a week's notice. Fruit pies can successfully be frozen to enjoy at a future date, but custard pies cannot be frozen





Christmas Flowers

Very soon our altar and sanctuary will be adorned with beautiful poinsettias and greenery as a special part of our Christmas celebration at St. Thomas. We invite all parishioners to share in this experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by using this **Christmas Flowers Form** insert in your bulletins or found in the Narthex.

Donations toward the cost of Christmas decorations in the Church may be made in memory or honor of your family members and friends.

Please print names clearly.

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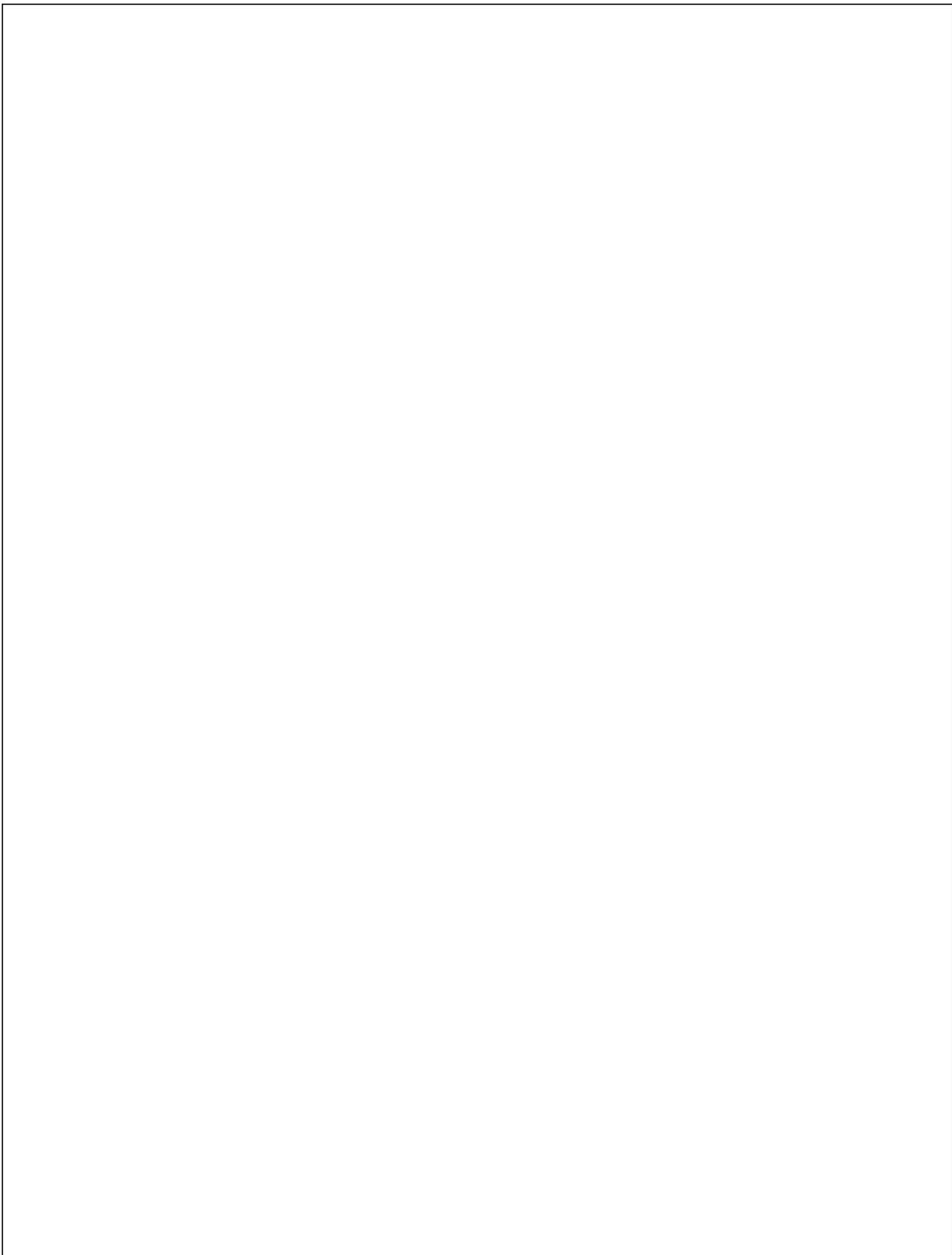
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Please make checks payable to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, on the memo line write "Christmas Flowers". Place your form and check in the collection plate on Sunday, or bring to the Parish Office **no later than Sunday, December 19h.**

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



A PRAYER FOR ST. THOMAS CHURCH

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified. Hear our prayer for St. Thomas: build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one, that together we may grow as a church in the spiritual strength of community, and reach out to include all people in Christ's love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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