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Our Next Indoor Service

Sunday, December 6, 2020 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Christ Church Parish Hall

The 10:00 a.m. service will be streamed live!

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Due to Social Distancing requirements, seating is limited.
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CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

<u>Pray for Parish Members</u>: Caroline Baldwin, Jennifer Bryant, Gale Edger, Mike Moore, Ben Pecson, Dorothy Pecson, Virginia Raley, Joan Schuhart, Pat & Fred Wyant, Stephen Hunt, Cindy Donaldson, Betty Fuqua, Marilynn Butterfield, John Owens, Georgia Hurry, and Michael Sirk.

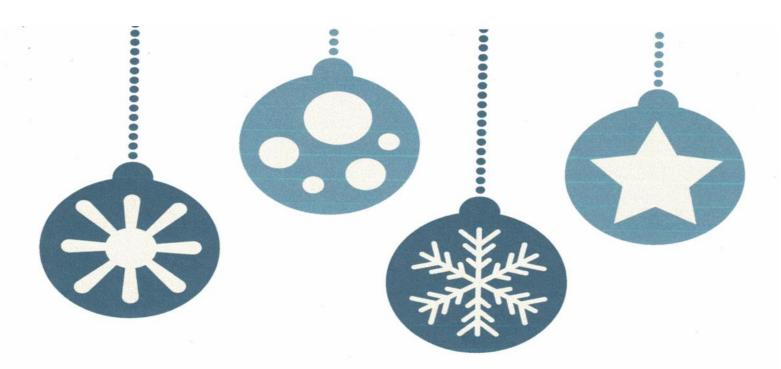
Also pray for: Lily Smith — Blackwell; Philip Quade, Tim Butler – Burch; Richard Griffith - Colton; Luther Wolfe, Carolyn Cave, Bill Cave, Tom Berry, Eidson Mulling – Cooper; Marvin Jones, - Donahue; Frank Gough, Joyce Donaldson- Donaldson; Cheryl Stubbs, Marvin and Kathy-Eaton; Frances Clemenos - Edger; Myra & Ken Fitch, George Frioux, Anika Yamamoto- Fitch; Krystal, Annabelle and Chase – Frawley; Debbie and William Windsor – Friess; Joe Fuller – Fugua; Jessie Tysinger – Graves; Linda Dickerson, Linda Marlo - Hailey; Jim Krider, Glenda Lurba, Lewie Jenkins-Harhai; Scott Peabody - Heflin; John Ford, Lynn Boan – Jayroe; Gretchen Jubinski – Jubinski; Kay DesMarais – Kauffman; Jan Barnes, John Felicitas, Karen Russell, Shannon Tierney, John Cook – Loker; John Bernier, John Gradwell – McCubbin; Chris Gass – Molish; Betty Mintz, Kayla Baker – Monshower; Carolina Montillo, April Parlett, Judie Gibson and Family – Montillo; Jessica Higgs – M. Oliver; Janet Oliver, Frank Davis - T. Oliver; Tom Meiser, Dan Norris, Norie Smith, Greg Rumpf, Lauren Zimmerman -Penk; Lucy Cardwell and Rob Harding – Reeves; Jennifer Peacock – Rocheleau; Joe Turner, Betty Roush - Saunders; Shophi Grace, Nicholas, Ed & Cynthia Brown, Shane Roberts, Kathleen Huntington, Johnny Schuhart, Johnny Keenan - Schuhart; Barbara Carlton - Shupe; Frankie Tippett, William DeLorme, Margie Cheseldine – Simmons, Carli Trost, Donna Mae Duggin, Eddie Becker, Jackie Sirk Lacey--Sirk; Mary Ellen Foster, Jackkie Dickey, Patricia Kittleman, Mike Gudis -Smith; Nick Potts, Margaret Roberts, Matt Castle - Tierney; Candi Kocevar - Topolski; Nicci DeVous, Kolby Inman -Tyner; Father Paul Brisbane – Wesley; Bruce Tobiasson, Ed Poplin, Johnny – Westerfield; Eddie Gerlach, Ann Marie Healey, George Gerlach, Barett Wright, Hope & Eddie Brouwer Ancher, Margaret Donahue-Wright.

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON CYCLE OF PRAYER—SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please pray for the following parishes and concerns this coming week:

- In December. we especially pray for the ongoing work of revitalizing our congregations so many may come to know and follow Jesus.
- St. Nicholas' Parish, Germantown
- Episcopal Church Women
- United Thank Offering
- International Human Rights Day (December 10)





CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Requested Items: Pop-Top Cans, Cereal, Snacks for kids, Bottles of Juice, Soup, Canned Vegetables, Dinner Mixes (Hamburger Helper, Mac & Cheese), Peanut Butter and Jelly, and Canned Meat

Please drop off you food donations either at the Parish Hall when you come for a service or on the front porch of the

Christ Church Rectory

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Thank You for your support!

ADVENT

Though Advent appears at the end of the secular calendar year, it is the beginning of the Christian year. The deep darkness of the natural world around us is an echo of the nurturing darkness of the dawning of Creation. It is in this holy space we begin re-telling our Sacred Stories. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin *adventus*, which means "coming" or "arrival." Advent prepares us for, and leads us to, Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Churches are often decorated in sarum blue during Advent, a color that honors Mary the mother of Jesus - an outward sign of our hope and expectation as we await, with her, the coming of the Christ. Sometimes royal purple is used in Advent as well. Advent is a season of waiting, wondering, and faithfully living in the in-between time: the time between remembering that God has already walked as one of us and God's full in-breaking once again.

THE ADVENT INVITATION

"Every time I go into the darkness, I return with fistfuls of jewels"

The four Sundays in Advent invite us on a journey. As the days grow shorter each week, we are invited to draw closer and closer to the light of Christ. We are invited to open our hearts a little wider each week to God With Us. In her book *Learning to Walk in the Dark,* Episcopal priest Barbara Brown Taylor writes: "...new life starts in the dark. Whether it is a seed in the ground, a baby in the womb, or Jesus in the tomb, it starts in the dark." Advent is an invitation for rest and growth before a new beginning. What will you discover as you are nurtured in the darkness this year?

- Barbara McAfee

READ

Luke 1:46-55 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

WONDER

The tradition of the Advent Wreath dates back to the Middle Ages, The four candles of the wreath symbolize the four weeks of Advent and our growing hope as we near the day of Christ's birth. There are many ways to create an Advent wreath using what you already have at home. It can be as simple as four candles on a plate. Some use a fifth candle in the middle of the wreath, representing the light of Christ. If you have birthday candles, tea lights, or electric candles, use those. If you feel inspired to decorate it further, you might gather greens, pinecones, or sticks from outside, or use other items that remind you of waiting, hope, and the dawning of a new year. Each Sunday of Advent, light a candle on the wreath; first one, then two, three, and finally four. Hold silence. Name a hope. Offer a prayer. Even if you don't create a wreath, you might honor silence and a time of prayer each Sunday. The fifth candle is lit on Christmas Eve, welcoming and celebrating the light of Christ.

PRAY

God of grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Prepare our hearts for his coming again; keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service, that we may receive the coming of his kingdom for the sake of Jesus Christ, the ruler of all, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Book of Common Worship, Westminster John Knox Press, 2018, p. 179.

FOR MORE ON ADVENT:

- The Night of Las Posadas by Tomie DePaola, Puffin Books, 2001. (Picture book)
- Waiting Is Not Easy by Mo Willems, Hyperion Books for Children, 2014. (Picture book)
- Advent in Narnia: Reflections for the Season by Heidi Haverkamp, Westminster John Knox Press, 2015. (Teen and older)
- The Womb of Advent, by Mark Bozzuti-jones, Church Publishing, 2007. (Adult)



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December 6—The Feast of St. Nicholas

The Real St. Nicholas

The real St. Nicholas lived a long time ago in a place called Asia Minor. It is now the country of Turkey. He family was Greek and his name was Nicholas.

Nicholas' parents died when he was a teenager. They left him a lot of money which made him a rich young man. Nicholas went to live with his uncle who was a priest.

Nicholas heard about a man who had lost all his money. He had three daughters who were old enough to get married. But in those days young women had to have money in order to get married. This money was a "dowry" and it was used to help the new family get started. If you didn't have dowry money, you didn't get married.

This family was so poor they had nothing left to eat. The daughters were going to be sold as slaves because they couldn't live at home any longer. They were very sad. They wouldn't be able to have families of their own. And they would have to be slaves—no longer able to decide where they would live or what they would do.

The night before the oldest daughter was to be sold, she washed her stockings and put them in front of the fire to dry. Then all of them went to sleep—the father and the three daughters.

In the morning the daughter saw a lump in her stocking. Reaching in, she found a small, heavy bag. It had gold inside! Enough to provide food for the family and money for her dowry. Oh, how happy they were!

The next morning, another bag with gold was found. Imagine! Two of the daughters would now be saved. Such joy!

And the next night, the father planned to stay awake to find out who was helping his daughters. He dozed off, but heard

a small "clink" as another bag landed in the room. Quickly he jumped up and ran out the door. Who did he catch ducking around the corner?

Nicholas, the young man who lived with his uncle. "Nicholas, it is you! Thank you for helping us—I hardly know what to say!" Nicholas said, "Please, do not thank me—thank God that your prayers have been answered. Do not tell others about me."

Nicholas continued helping people. He always tried to help secretly. He didn't want any attention or thanks. Years passed and he was chosen to be a bishop. Bishops look after their people as shepherds look after their sheep. And that is what Nicholas did. When there wasn't any food, he found wheat; so no one went hungry. He always helped people in trouble. All his life Nicholas showed people how to love God and care for each other.

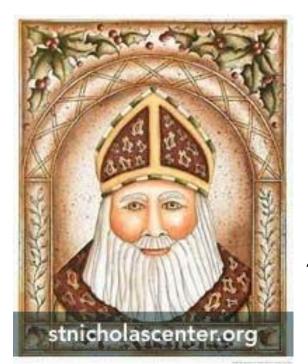
Everyone loved Nicholas. After he died, they told stories of the good and kind things Nicholas had done. Sailors took these stories about Nicholas everywhere they went. Some of

the stories were about his special care for children—helping and protecting them when danger threatened. And so more and more people learned about good, kind Nicholas. They wanted to be like him. He is an example of how we should live. And that is why he is a saint.

This is the story of the real St. Nicholas. To this day people say that St. Nicholas, or Santa Claus, is the special friend of children.

-Carol Myers, St. Nicholas Center

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St. Nicholas by Artist, Susan Seals

Who is St. Nicholas?

Use the Word Bank below to fill in the details about Saint Nicholas



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Nicholas threw three bags of _____ through a poor man's window so his daughters could get



Nicholas was Bishop of _____ during the _____ century.

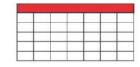
He attended the first big Bishop's meeting, the First Ecumenical Council

Nicholas was buried in Myra, but his tomb is now in



Bishop Nicholas loved ____ and cared for_____ in need.





Saint Nicholas Day is



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Advent 2020

Gather around every day this month to read the story of how God sent joy to the world with the gift of His Son, Jesus. While you're at it, spread some joy of your own as a family!





A young couple, Mary and Joseph, get engaged.

Kick off the month with hot chocolate for everyone. Take tugos talking about your favorite Christmases of the past.

One day, God sends the angel, Gabriel, to Mary. Gabriel has some very special news!

Ask everyone to choose someone, and write a personalized Christmas card to them. Put each card in an envelope, address and stamp them, and mail them.

Mary is greatly troubled when she hears the angel's greeting.

Decorate your bedroom doors with wrapping paper, and put up a sign with a Christmas greeting.

Gabriel responds to Mary, saying: "Don't be afraid. God is very happy with you!"

Take a car ride or walk on foot to see Christmas lights and decorations in your neighborhood or community.

Gabriel tells Mary the special news: She will have a baby boy, and the baby will be named Jesus.

Clean out the toy bins, closets, and drawers. Donate items to a local shelter or thrift store.

Gabriel shares with Mary more details of God's plan: "Jesus will be great and will be called God's very own son!"

Have a family picnic in front of the Christmas tree.

Mary doesn't understand how she can have a baby without being married, but the angel, Gabriel, assures her of a great truth: Nothing is impossible with God.

Read a Christmas book or google a story online. Read it aloud together.

"I serve God with my life and want all that you have said to happen," Mary tells the angel, and he leaves.

Hide candy canes around your house. Have a family candy cane hunt, and see who can collect the most.

Mary visits her cousin, Elizabeth, and is so overwhelmed with God's goodness, she sings a song of praise.

Have a gift wrapping competition.
Who can wrap the fastest?

Caesar Augustus wants to know how many people are in his empire, so he tells all the people to go back to their hometown to be registered and counted.

Google search Christmas traditions around the world, and ask your family to vote on a new tradition to adopt.

Joseph brings Mary, who is pregnant, to his hometown of Bethlehem to be counted.

Gather your extra towels and blankets, and wash and dry them. Then, as a family, go together to donate them to an animal shelter.

While Joseph and Mary are in Bethlehem, the time comes for the baby to be born.

Eat dinner together by candlelight or Christmas lights.

Mary gives birth to Jesus, wraps Him in swaddling cloths, and lays Him in a manger because there is no room for them anywhere else.

Grab some stuffed animals and towels or small blankets. Search how to swaddle a baby. Encourage everyone to try swaddling. Have a contest to see whose is best!

At night in a nearby field, shepherds are watching their flocks.

Bundle up and go outside after nightfall. Look at the stars those are the same stars the shepherds saw in the sky the night Jesus was born.

The sky lights up— God has sent an angel to the shepherds to tell them the good news of Jesus' birth.

Ask everyone to sign a family
"Thank You" card to your mail carrier.
Feel free to add a bottle of water and
a \$10 gift card for lunch!

When the shepherds see the angel, they're afraid!

Get those phones ready and have a silly, Christmas-themed photoshoot.

The angel tries to calm the shepherds, saying: "Don't be afraid. I bring wonderful news that will bring joy to all of the world!"

Create a playlist using everyone's favorite Christmas song. Then, crank up the volume, press play, and have a family dance party!

"A Savior, the Rescuer you have been waiting for, is born today!" the angel proclaims to the shepherds.

Grab blankets and popcorn, and have a Christmas movie marathon together.

The angel explains the shepherds will find the Savior, a baby, wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.

The big day is almost here! To prepare, turn up the Christmas music, assign chores,and clean the house from top to bottom.

More angels come to celebrate the good news—they arrive at the shepherd's field and begin praising God!

Declare today is Red and Green Day! Tell everyone to dress in all red and green—even if it doesn't match!

The shepherds leave their flocks and hurry to find Mary, Joseph, and the baby, who is lying in a manger.

Break out the cookie cutters, and bake Christmas cookies together.

After they see the baby, the shepherds excitedly go and tell the good news to everyone they see!

Call or FaceTime a family member, and sing them a Christmas carol.

The shepherds return to their flocks, praising God for all they have seen and heard.

Enjoy a family board game night in front of the Christmas tree.

Mary names the baby Jesus, just as the angel told her to do.

Choose a scene from the Christmas story, assign roles, and act it out

God has sent Jesus to rescue us because God loves us so very much!

Read the story of Jesus' birth from Luke 1:26–2:21. Remember the greatest gift of all—the hope we have in our Savior, Jesus!

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December 6, 2020 – 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.

Sunday, December 6 WORSHIP

What part of gathering for worship fills your heart with hope?

Monday, December 7

Read or watch your local news. Where is reconciliation needed? Pray for healing.

Tuesday, December 8 **LEARN**

Read Luke 1:45. Consider how your faith is a blessing. Share your faith story with a friend.

Wednesday, December 9 PRAY

Offer a prayer of thanks for each person you encounter – both stranger and friend – silently or aloud.

Thursday, December 10 BLESS

Call or write a family member with whom you desire a closer relationship. Share with them how they are a blessing.

Friday, December 11 **TURN**

Reflect: Where have I fallen short this week? How can I make amends? Give thanks for the gift of fresh starts that we have through God's grace.

Saturday, December 12 **REST**

Set aside 30 minutes to rest, pause, and breathe deeply with a friend or family member. Give thanks for the restorative power of love in relationship.



For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit 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.

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REFLECTIONS ON THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

(DECEMBER 6, 2020) —SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome to Christ Church. 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.

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	2020	2021
Commitments/Pledges Received	66	30
Commitments/Pledges Totals	\$158,458	\$91,778

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Your commitment to Christ Church each year is more than simply paying the bills. You are partnering with the rest of your church family to do the good work that Jesus us asks us to do. We are helping to build God's kingdom by ministering, not only to members of our parish, but by touching countless lives in the world around us and sharing the message that God loves them too!

It is never too late to make a commitment to support the mission and ministry of Christ Church. A Commitment/Pledge Sheet is included on the next page. Thank you for your support!

Faithfully yours in Christ, Chris +



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- 1 Ethan Frawley
- 1 Tad Burch
- 2 Donna McCarthy
- 2 Michelle Eaton
- 6 Dan Donahue
- 12 Cecelia Owens
- 14 Richard "Ricky" Gilliam
- 19 Kathy Wesley
- 22 Kathy Cooke
- 25 Logan Wright
- 28 Chip Burton
- 30 Dottie McCubbin
- 30 Lillian Ferrari
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- 31 Sharon Montillo

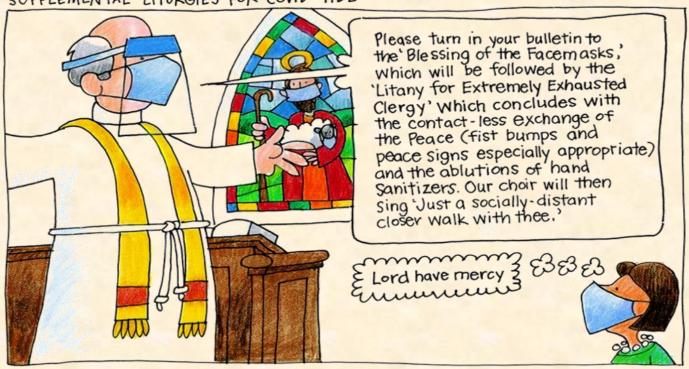
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On the Lighter Side...

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