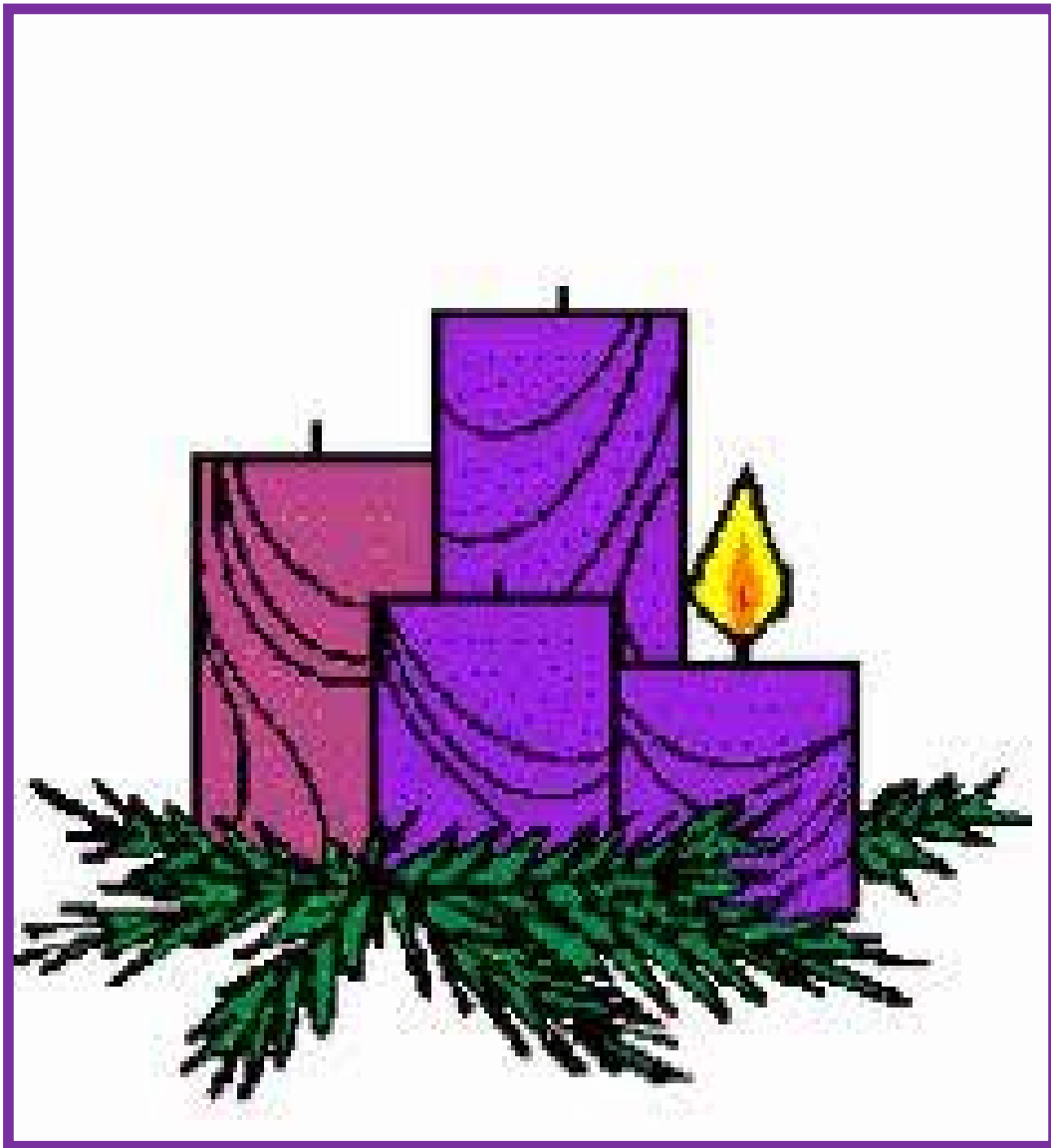


THE FIRST SUNDAY  
OF  
ADVENT



ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
*The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland*  
10:45A.M. ♦ DECEMBER 1, 2024

**St. Matthew's  
Episcopal Church  
Christmas Poinsettia Memorial  
Flowers**

**Please indicate below the number of plants you would like to order and the names of those family members and loved ones in whose memory they will be placed and return it to the church (P.O. Box 303, Oakland, MD 21550) with your check by Monday, December 16th.**

**Ordering \_\_\_\_\_ Plants @ \$20.00 each.**

**In Memory Of:**

**Given By:  
(as you wish it to appear in the bulletin)**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD AT 10:45

---

---

*Be thankful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God.*

*Before the service, speak to the Lord.*

*During the service, let the Lord speak to you.*

*After the service, speak to one another.*

---

---

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

### THE READING:

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

*Celebrant* 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.'

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant  
People  
Celebrant  
People

I see you.  
**We are here.**  
Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant  
People

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.**

## HYMN 58

*Lo! He comes, with clouds descending*

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -  
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful  
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -  
va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,  
bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;  
swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,  
to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,  
claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: St. Thomas, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. att. Vincent Francis Novello (1781-1861)


## OPENING PRAYER

*Celebrant:* Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us as we come together to hear your word and to receive your sacrament. Keep us mindful that we are one with you and each other and help us to live our lives joyfully sharing the grace you have shown us and the life you have brought us. Mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do; and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Response:* **We offer ourselves to you, O Lord, and to each other, that we may serve in your Name. Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE 56 (VS 1 & 2)


*O come, O come, Emmanuel*



→ (Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 → (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



→ 1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 → 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



→ 1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 → 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.*

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.  
 Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890);  
 acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)  
 Copyright: Words: © The Church Pension Fund

# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

**THE FIRST LESSON:**

**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."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 25:1-9** *AD TE, DOMINE, LEVAVI*

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.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in  
their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.

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.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

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.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and  
his testimonies.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader  
People

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Advent- Gospel Acclamation

L. DeLauder

Al - le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Pre- pare the way of the Lord!

5 Al - le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Pre - pare the way of the Lord!

9 Keep a-wake, oh chil-dren of God, keep watch - ful through the

12 night. The val-leys be filled, the moun-tains laid low, pre -

15 par-ing the way of the Lord! Al - le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

19 Pre- pare the way of the Lord! Al - le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Pre -

23 pare the way of the Lord!

*All standing*

**THE GOSPEL:**

**LUKE 21:25-36**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



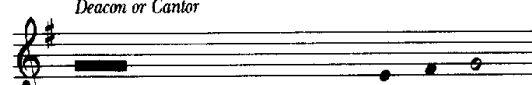
*All stand for*

## 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.

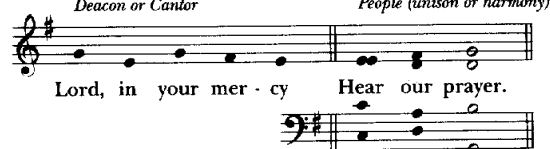
## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Deacon or Cantor*



Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Deacon or Cantor*                      *People (unison or harmony)*



Lord, in your mer · cy      Hear our prayer.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us true repentance; forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and grant us the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

## THE PEACE

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

*Please warmly greet one another with the peace of Christ*

## PARISH LIFE

### BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

*Please stand as the Offering is brought to the Altar*

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people remain standing*

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We thank you, Lord, for the beauty of this earth, our island home. We thank you especially for this place in which we live; for our lakes and our forests, our farmland, and the life which flourishes here. Guide us in the care of all you have given us, especially in our care of each other. You have given us much, and for that we are grateful. And so we join with Angels and Archangels, and all the company of heaven, evermore praising you, and singing:

## HYMN 858 (WLP)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

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."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

As we come to this table, Lord, grant that we may share your Spirit together, renew our strength, and reveal your love to a waiting world because we were here. 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

*Celebrant*      And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant  
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.**

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)  
 Copyright: Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

*All here are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips. You may receive the bread only, if you prefer. After consuming the bread, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. You may also "intinct" by dipping the bread into the chalice. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail.*

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:  
 to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,  
 fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

Words: Att. Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)  
 Music: *Sumner*, Arthur Henry Biggs (1906-1954) Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,  
 2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,  
 3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;  
 the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;  
 cast out our pride and shame that hin-der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:  
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,  
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.  
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.  
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1892-1955), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *St. Joan*, Percy E. B. Collier (1892-?). Copyright © The Church Pension Fund.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

# announcements

## house church

House Church meets **every other Wednesday** at **7:30pm** at the Ludwig home at 101 F Street in Mt. Lake Park. All are welcome to join at any time! The full schedule can be found in the e-news. This session will conclude with a night of **Christmas Caroling** in Mt. Lake Park on **December 18th at 7:30 pm** with refreshments to follow. **Anyone is welcome to join in caroling, even if you did not attend house church.**

## stephen's table

Our next meal will be served on **Thursday, December 19th from 5 pm - 6:30 pm**. If you can help in any way (you do not have to stay the entire time), please reach out to **Kip Senholzi** at [kwsenholzi@comcast.net](mailto:kwsenholzi@comcast.net) or simply show up and have some fun with us! The **Nearly New** will be open during this time, also.

## enquirers' class

Enquirers' classes are being held on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Hall at **7pm**. We are using the book [Your Faith, Your Life: An Invitation to the Episcopal Church](#), by Jenifer Gamber and Bill Lewellis. If you would like to take part in this group, let Julie know.

## seekers

Seekers will **NOT** meet in December. They will meet again on **Sunday, January 26th** at 5pm in the parish hall. They will be creating Valentine's Day cards for nursing home residents, and dinner will be make your own pizza!

The Seekers collect **non-perishable food** to replenish the food pantry at the Oakland Town Hall. They fill the pantry at least twice per month. If you are able to help, please bring your donations to church with you.

## episcopals

We have no gatherings scheduled at this time except for December. If you would like to host, let Julie know. EpiscoPals is held on the third Sunday of each month at 6PM. The hosts provide the main course and the drinks. All others in attendance are asked to bring one of either hors d'oeuvres, a side dish, a salad, or a dessert to share. If you are unable to host in your home, you are welcome to use the St. Matthew's parish hall.

## the annual, occasionally annual, christmas party at the rectory

Please join us on **Sunday, December 15th**, from **6-9PM** for a light buffet, wine and beer, fellowship and holiday cheer at 217 G Street, Mountain Lake Park.

For those who have not attended our holiday celebration before, please note that this is not a potluck dinner, but a social event that Kathleen and Chip are hosting, so there is no need to bring food or other contributions to this event.

No RSVP necessary. Additional details about directions and parking can be found in the e-news.

## longest night

A Longest Night Service will be held on **Saturday, December 21st at 7 pm**. Please join us for a time of reflection, music, and healing prayer.

## christmas decorating

We will be decorating for Christmas on **December 22nd** immediately following the 10:45 service. Please bring finger foods or cookies to share!

## christmas eve services

The early Christmas Eve service will be held at St. Matthew's this year at 7 PM. The late service will be held at St. John's at 10:30 PM.

## nearly new

We are in need of **earrings**. We also need **volunteers**. The store creates a lot of income for St. Matthew's ministries to serve our church and community. If you can help, even if you only want to be on call for as-needed staffing situations, please reach out to Kathy Zimmer, Maryn Fisher, or Julie.

## ministers of today's service

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee

Reader:

Prayers of the People:

Chalicer:

Coffee Hosts:



# prayer list

We pray each Sunday and Thursday for members, relatives and friends of this faith community who have asked for our prayers. Requests should be renewed the first of each month to be kept on our list. You may call Julie in the Church Office at 301-334-2510 or email your request to:

**episcopalchurcingarrettcountry@gmail.com**

Let us pray to the Lord and for each other, especially for Philip Pritts; Barb Riley; Mary Ellen Dore; Jennifer Virts; Kinsley Virts; Don Morin; Bev Maynard; Ed & Jeanne Neff; Joe Harvey; Nancy Morgan; Carol Collins; John Jorgensen; Gene & Barbara Wahl; Kathy & Elon O'Connor; Sharon Caple; Hugh & Dolores Andrew; Jessie Harris; Dave Arnold; Jeff Arnold; Kim Lovett & family; Carolyn Germain; Sherri Fredlock; Mary Ann Crawford; Lexie Byrne; Bill Selig; Terry Turner; Alaria Robinson; Bobbi & Peter Banse; Bonnie Weiler; Karina Stonesifer; Jacques Hourtal; William Robinson; Larry Glatt; Dale and Sharon Broadwater; Kat & Matt Rayner; Jane Newagen; Cosette Harman; Tasha DeWitt; Cassie Midcap; Jane Hazlett & family; and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

*(Silence)*

In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Grace, New Market; St. James', Mt. Airy; St. Paul's, Mt. Airy; Transfiguration, Braddock Heights.

We also pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Carrie our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers.

In the Anglican communion we pray for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

For relatives and friends of this faith community serving the victims of disasters and political unrest around the world, for those who are in harm's way in war zones, and for those who are working for peace everywhere.

For all victims of natural disaster, terrorism, war, economic and environmental injustice and addiction.

## Members of our Faith Community for whom we are praying

Karen Adams, Hugh Andrew, Thomas Ashby, Linda Ludwig Baker; Mike Barnes, Luke Bowser, Patricia Burkholder, Nick & Oksana Carlson, Joseph R. Clark, Sr., Jenna Conn, Betty Jane Cook, Robert Coughlin, Rev. Crites, Dave Culler, Susie Culler, Harold DeBerry, Virginia Dillsworth, Carolyn Dore, Terry Elliott, Ron Gebron, Mary Jane Germain, Kathleen Gibbs, Mimi Gigax, Laurie Grant, Sherry & Bud Gunter, Lauren Hatcher, Jeremy Henry, Charles Herman, Emily Imgrund, Jane Ann Kane, Paul Keister, Mark Keefer, Thomas Kovach, Joan Lambert, Evelyn Lamp, Smith Lantz, Charlotte Laumann, Shirley Lotz, Nancy Louie, Carol Mattingly, Carole Maynard, Madeline Meister, Joe Methany, Pat Michener, Christy Montgomery, Judy Morgan, Janet Mosser, Greg Myers, Derek Parker, Rebecca Paugh, Logan Perry, Brenda Rathgeb, Donald Richter, Doug Roberson, Betty Rundquist, Ralph Schmidt, Irene Schrock, The Scott Family, Tommy Scott, William Selig, Katie Shearon, William Smeltzer, Bob Smith, Joshua Snider, Sean Snider, Alice Soberg, Heidi & Deva Solomon, Kyle Swaim, Darlene Terlizzi, Lillian Wall, Daryl Walters, Tom Watts, Jennie Weeks, Pat Wilkinson, Samantha Hodge-Williams, Kerry Chartrau Willoughby, Nancy Wright, Andrew Yoder, Garrett Yoder, Chuck Zellefrow, and Brian Zerbe.

## also

### Little ones have a place at St. Matthew's!

Our Sunday school and nursery is open at 10:15, upstairs in the Parish Hall. Please ask anyone for directions.

### Stay in touch with us digitally!

To receive the Parish E-news, please add your name, address, phone number, and email address to the guest register just inside the door of the narthex, or use the form on our website home page at [www.episcopalchurcingarrettcountry.org](http://www.episcopalchurcingarrettcountry.org). When you are not able to be with us on Sunday, you can watch the televised webcast live at either 8 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. each week.

In case of rare snow closures or sudden changes in our worship schedule, we will send an email to our address list and also an automated telephone message to everyone on our call list announcing the change.

Please note that we delete addresses that report as nonexistent and cause our emails to bounce back. Make sure you add **episcopalchurcingarrettcountry@gmail.com** to your computer's address book to ensure that our email does not end up in your spam folder.

## **Sunday, December 1**

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:15 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall  
10:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:45 am Coffee hour in the chancel immediately following the service

## **Sunday, December 8**

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:15 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall  
10:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:45 am Coffee hour in the chancel immediately following the service

## **weekly**

### **Sunday**

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:15 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall  
10:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

### **Wednesday**

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open  
11 am It's in the Bag Packing at St. John's  
7 pm Enquirers' Class - parish hall

### **Thursday**

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

### **Friday**

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

### **Saturday**

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

## **monthly**

### **third Sunday**

6 pm EpiscoPals (none scheduled at this time)

### **seekers - not meeting in December**

5 pm January 26th - parish hall

### **next-to-the-last Thursday**

5 - 6:30 pm Stephen's Table (December 19th)

## **The Episcopal Church in Garrett County**

### **the episcopal diocese of maryland**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
126 East Liberty Street  
Oakland, Maryland 21550

St. John's Episcopal Church  
5234 Maryland Highway  
Oakland, Maryland 21550

Office phone: 301-334-2510  
Visit our website at:  
[www.episcopalchurchingarrettcountry.org](http://www.episcopalchurchingarrettcountry.org)  
E-mail: [episcopalchurchingarrettcountry@gmail.com](mailto:episcopalchurchingarrettcountry@gmail.com)  
Parish office hours: Monday - Friday 9 am - 1 pm

## **clergy**

**The Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent**  
Bishop of Maryland

**The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee**  
Rector, St. Matthew's; Vicar, St. John's

**The Rev. Anne Byrne-Deitch**  
Assistant Priest for Christian Formation, St. Matthew's

## **staff**

**Julie Hartman**  
Office Manager

**Krysta Huxford**  
Senior Warden, St. Matthew's

**Mike Voelkel**  
Senior Warden, St. John's

**Gladys Virts**  
Junior Warden, St. John's

**Leah DeLauder**  
Music Director

# The Garrett County NAACP Scott Robinson Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is a memorial to Pastor Scott Robinson who spread the message of unity and equality throughout Garrett County and helped start the local chapter of the NAACP in Garrett County. Pastor Scott led seminars and gatherings on diversity and tolerance, opening many of our eyes to local historical and ongoing racial injustices.



This scholarship honors his efforts by supporting students of color who have graduated from a public high school in Baltimore City or any of the Maryland counties and who attend Garrett College or Allegany College of Maryland (ACM). Originally, the scholarship was established to support only Garrett College students. Beginning with the 2024-25 academic year, we have broadened our applicant base by including students at Allegany College of Maryland.

The CollegeBound Foundation, a Baltimore-based college access non-profit organization, administers our scholarship with no administrative fees. Therefore, 100% of every tax-deductible dollar donated toward the scholarship goes directly to the college to cover the scholarship recipient's expenses. For more information about CollegeBound please visit [collegeboundfoundation.org](https://collegeboundfoundation.org). For the current academic year, we have three Garrett College students and two Allegany College of Maryland students receiving our scholarship. We are excited about this expansion of our scholarship program!

Need-based financial assistance and grants cover most Garrett College and ACM tuition and fees, but living costs of \$8,000-\$10,000 per year are far above what most students can afford. Taking out federal student loans can create unmanageable debt for the student in the future. Therefore, many students rely on scholarships and other financial help to cover room, board, and books. Garrett College students of color also face a myriad of stressors resulting in high drop-out rates. Therefore, Garrett County NAACP wants to promote success among Garrett College and ACM students through financial scholarships.

Through our annual fundraising efforts, we hope to continue increasing the number of scholarship recipients as well as the amount of each award. The annual award was increased to \$2,000 beginning with the 2025-26 academic year. In addition, as an incentive to students to continue their education, we would like to award an additional \$500 to scholarship recipients who return for their next year at Garrett College or ACM. The scholarship is renewable for up to three years. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at [scholarship@gcnaacp.org](mailto:scholarship@gcnaacp.org).

## **Donation Options**

1. Donate with a check payable to CollegeBound Foundation. **Include in the memo line "GCNAACP Scott Robinson Memorial Scholarship"**. Mail your check to: CollegeBound Foundation, 2601 N. Howard St. Suite 210, Baltimore, MD 21218
2. Donate online by going to our donor page at <https://secure.ggiv.com/for/tgcnsrms>. Online options include one-time gifts as well as automatic monthly payments from your credit card or bank account.

## **Double your gift!**

A special Matching Fund has been established with CollegeBound. All donations made to the Garrett County NAACP Scott Robinson Memorial Scholarship between November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 (up to \$7,500) will be matched.

# The Episcopal Church in Garrett County

A Believing Community Diverse in its Faith;  
Unified in its Purpose

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
126 East Liberty Street  
Oakland, Maryland 21550

St. John's Episcopal Church  
5234 Maryland Highway  
Deer Park, Maryland 21550

301-334-2510  
[www.episcopalchurchingarrettcountry.org](http://www.episcopalchurchingarrettcountry.org)

