

THE THIRD SUNDAY  
OF  
ADVENT



ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
*The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland*  
8A.M. ♦ DECEMBER 15, 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 8

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*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.*

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*The people standing*

*Celebrant* I see you.

*People* **We are here.**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

*People* **Amen.**

*The people sit*

**THE FIRST LESSON:**

**ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;

when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

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**THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH**    *ECCE DEUS*

**ISAIAH 12:2-6**

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things\*  
and this is known in all the world.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the  
Holy One of Israel.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
for ever. Amen.

And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

*All standing*

**THE GOSPEL:**

**LUKE 3:7-18**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
 according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise be to thee, O 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

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Leader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

*Leader* For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Leader* For this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Leader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader* In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Emmanuel, Bel Air; Grace Memorial, Darlington; Holy Cross, The Rocks.

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 Anglican Church of Tanzania.

*People* **For all who serve God in his church.**

*Leader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.*

*Leader* Hear us, Lord;

*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Leader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

*Leader* We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

*Leader* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

*Leader* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and*

*People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

## 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 Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, for you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

*People:* **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel or stand*

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness,



vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*People and Celebrant* **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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant and the People's Response*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **grant us thy peace.**

*Celebrant and People*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*All 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. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail.*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and  
People*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

## THE DISMISSAL

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

# announcements

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

Please join us **TONIGHT**, 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.

## caroling in mt. lake park

House church invites you to join them for 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.

## 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 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.

## 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.

## calendars and offering envelopes

The 2025 liturgical calendars and offering envelopes are in the back of the church. If you want offering envelopes for the first time, please sign your name by an open number and take those envelopes. Otherwise, please take the same number that you had last year.

## nearly new

We are in need of **winter gloves**. 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-need staffing situations, please reach out to Kathy Zimmer, Maryn Fisher, or Julie.

## ministers of today's service

Celebrant:

The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee

# 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:

**episcopalchurchingarrettcountry@gmail.com**

Let us pray to the Lord and for each other, especially for Philip Pritts; Barb Riley; Jennifer Virts; Kinsley Virts; Bev Maynard; Ed & Jeanne Neff; Nancy Morgan; John Jorgensen; Kathy & Elon O'Connor; Sharon Caple; Hugh & Dolores Andrew; Jessie Harris; Dave Arnold; Jeff Arnold; Kim Lovett & family; Carolyn Germain; Mary Ann Crawford; Lexie Byrne; Bill Seling; Terry Turner; Bonnie Weiler; Karina Stonesifer; and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

*(Silence)*

In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Emmanuel, Bel Air; Grace Memorial, Darlington; Holy Cross, The Rocks.

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 Anglican Church of Tanzania.

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; Bobbi & Peter Banse, Mike Barnes, Luke Bowser, Patricia Burkholder, Nick & Oksana Carlson, Joseph R. Clark, Sr., Carol Collins, Jenna Conn, Betty Jane Cook, Robert Coughlin, Rev. Crites, Dave Culler, Susie Culler, Harold DeBerry, Tasha DeWitt, Virginia Dillsworth, Carolyn Dore, Mary Ellen Dore, Terry Elliott, Sherri Fredlock, Ron Gebron, Mary Jane Germain, Kathleen Gibbs, Mimi Gigax, Larry Glatt, Laurie Grant, Sherry & Bud Gunter, Cosette Harman, Joe Harvey, Lauren Hatcher, Jane Hazlett & Family, Jeremy Henry, Charles Herman, Jacques Hourtal, 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, Cassie Midcap, Christy Montgomery, Judy Morgan, Don Morin, Janet Mosser, Greg Myers, Jane Newagen, Derek Parker, Rebecca Paugh, Logan Perry, Brenda Rathgeb, Donald Richter, Doug Roberson, William Robinson, Betty Rundquist, Kat & Matt Rayner, Ralph Schmidt, Irene Schrock, The Scott Family, Tommy Scott, William Seling, Katie Shearon, William Smeltzer, Bob Smith, Joshua Snider, Sean Snider, Alice Soberg, Heidi & Deva Solomon, Kyle Swaim, Darlene Terlizzi, Gene & Barbara Wahl, 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.episcopalchurchingarrettcountry.org](http://www.episcopalchurchingarrettcountry.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 announcing the change.

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

## **Sunday, December 15**

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  
6 pm The annual, occasionally annual Christmas party at the rectory

## **Sunday, December 22**

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 and Christmas decorating 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)

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

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

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

5 pm January 26th - parish hall

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

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

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## **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
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