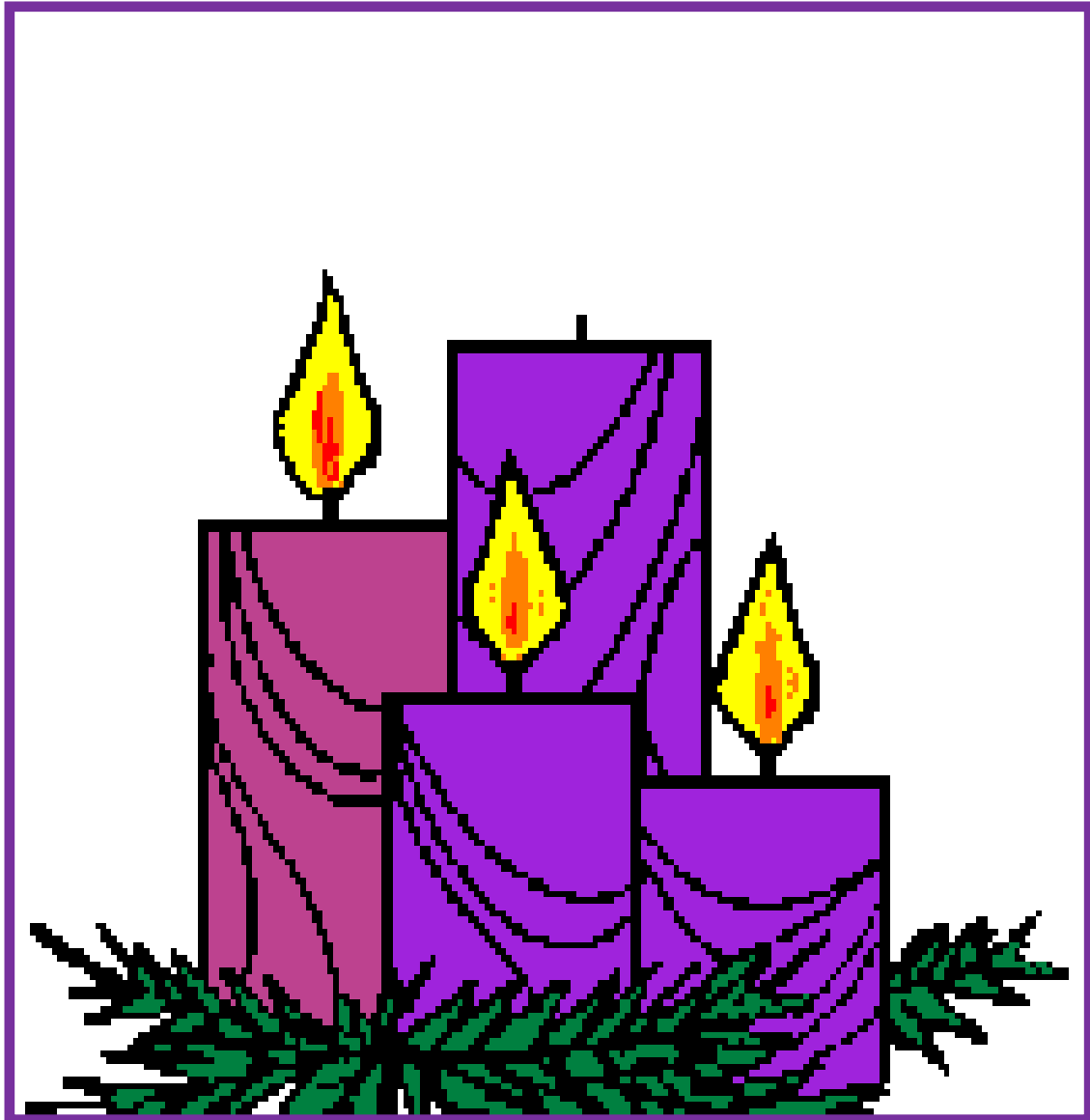


THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN GARRETT COUNTY
WORSHIPPING AT ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
the episcopal diocese of maryland
10 A.M. ♦ DECEMBER 14, 2025

**St. Matthew's and St. John'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
with your check by tomorrow,
Monday, December 15th.**

Ordering _____ Plants @ \$20.00 each.

In Memory Of:

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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:

ISAIAH 2:1-4

Celebrant The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

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 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, 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.

People **Amen.**

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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*



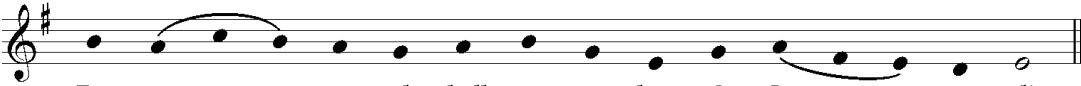
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 → (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, 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)
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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:

ISAIAH 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless
sing for joy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no
traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

PSALM 146:4-9 *Lauda, anima mea*

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob
for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all
that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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!

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

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

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

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

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

pare the way of the Lord!

All standing,

THE GOSPEL:

MATTHEW 11:2-11

*Celebrant
People*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

*Celebrant
People*

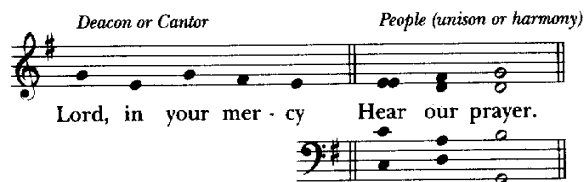
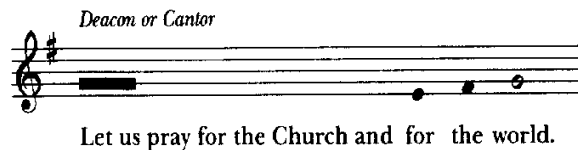
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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



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 S-124

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

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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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD S-154 *Christ our Passover*

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.

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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)

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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 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant
People

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

announcements

christmas decorating

We will be decorating for Christmas **today after church**.

the annual, occasionally annual, christmas party at the rectory has been **POSTPONED**

Kathleen is sick with a major case of bronchitis. We have decided to postpone the annual, occasionally annual Christmas party at the rectory. The party is now scheduled for **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27th**, from **6-9PM**. Please join us for a light buffet, wine and beer, fellowship and holiday cheer at 217 G Street, Mountain Lake Park. No RSVP necessary. Directions and additional details can be found in the enews.

longest night

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

lessons & carols

A Festival of Lessons & Carols will be held at Emmanuel, Cumberland on **Sunday, December 21st at 5 pm**.

christmas eve services

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

stephen's table

Our next meal will be a Christmas ham dinner and will be served on **Thursday, December 18th from 5-6:30 pm**. We expect another large turnout for that meal, so please consider lending a hand if you are able. If you can help in any way, contact **Kip Senholzi** at kwsenholzi@comcast.net, or simply show up and have some fun with us! The **Nearly New** will be open during this time, also.

seekers

The Seekers are still collecting **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 the church.

women's retreat

The Diocese of Maryland is hosting a Women's Retreat from **February 20th - 22nd**. This retreat will be a sacred pause in the middle of winter—a time to gather with women of all ages for meaningful conversation, inspiring worship, creative workshops, and joyful community. Whether you're seeking spiritual refreshment, new friendships, or simply some quiet time away, this retreat offers space to breathe deeply and be fully yourself. If you are interested in joining, please contact **Kendall** or **Krysta** for more information. They hope to have a bigger group of women from ECGC than last year!

nearly new

The Nearly New is in need of **gloves**. It is also in need of **cashiers**. When we do not have cashiers, we have to close the store. If you are interested in lending a hand, even only to be a substitute to keep the store open, please let us know in one of the following ways:

Send an email to nearlynewcrew@gmail.com

Contact **Kathy Zimmer** by cell at **412-287-7483** or by email at kathyzimmer24@gmail.com

Contact **Maryn Fisher** by cell at **240-409-6845** or by email at mhffisher@comcast.net

Contact **Julie Hartman** in her office at **301-334-2510 ext. 3** or by email at: episcopalchurchingarrettcountry@gmail.com

ministers of today's service

Celebrant:	The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee
Reader:	Donna Arnold
Chalicer:	Donna Arnold
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. You may call Julie in the Church Office at 301-334-2510 ext. 3 or email your request to:

episcopalchurchingarrettcountry@gmail.com

Let us pray to the Lord and for each other, especially for Chip Lee; Nancy Ihloff; Ron Peterson; Michael Marine; David Klueter; Jeff Felker; Bonnie Winters; Kathy & Elon O'Connor; Mary Ely; Smith Lantz; Barb Riley; John Jorgensen; Hugh & Dolores Andrew; Jessie Harris; Dave Arnold; Mary Ann Crawford; Michael Null; Bernie Ferguson; Regina Ray; Margaret Russ; Willie Rissell; Liam Wallace; Madalyn Hoffeditz; Megan Morin; Marshall Stacy; Sharon Pyle; Butch Virts; Roberta Seward; the Hodge-Williams Family; Don Loomis; John & Brenda Rathgeb; Frances Sharpless; Laura Tasker; Walt Tasker; and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

(Silence)

In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for St. David's, Roland Park; St. James', Baltimore; St. John's Mount Washington.

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 Episcopal Church of Brazil.

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

Jeff Arnold, Linda Ludwig Baker; Lexie Byrne; Joseph R. Clark, Sr., Dave Culler, Susie Culler, Carolyn Germain, Kathleen Gibbs, Larry Glatt, Amy Harmon, Stephanie Hawtof & Kevin Rissell; Kolby Hefner, Samantha Hodge-Williams; Dan Jonson, Smith Lantz, Kim Lovett & Family, Madeline Meister, Brenda Rathgeb, Kat & Matt Rayner, Kip Senholzi, and Gavin Tasker.

also

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

Our Sunday school and nursery are 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. When you are not able to be with us on Sunday, you can watch the livestream at 10 a.m. on the 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays of the month.

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.

upcoming church schedule

December 21st - 10 AM	St. John's
December 21st - 7 PM - Longest Night	St. Matthew's
December 24th - 7 PM	St. John's
December 24th - 10:30 PM	St. Matthew's
December 28th	St. Matthew's
January 4th	St. John's
January 11th	St. Matthew's
January 18th	St. John's
January 25th	St. Matthew's

Sunday, December 14th **at St. Matthew's**

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II at **St. Matthew's**
10 am Sunday School upstairs in the parish hall
Coffee hour in the chancel and **Christmas**
decorating immediately following the service

Thursday, December 18th **at St. Matthew's**

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II - The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee
5 pm - 6:30 pm Stephen's Table

Sunday, December 21st **at St. John's**

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II at **St. John's**
10 am Sunday School downstairs
Coffee hour in the fellowship room
immediately following the service
7 pm Longest Night Service at **St. Matthew's**

sunday 10 am schedule

December 21st	St. John's
December 28th	St. Matthew's
January 4	St. John's
January 11th	St. Matthew's
January 18th	St. John's
January 25th	St. Matthew's

weekly

1st and 3rd Sunday at St. John's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10 am Sunday School downstairs

2nd, 4th, and 5th Sunday at St. Matthew's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall

Monday

11:30 am - 1 pm Brown Bag Blessings in the parish hall

Wednesday

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

Thursday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Friday & 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 18th)

monthly

12 noon Seekers in the parish hall (none scheduled)

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

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

staff

Julie Hartman
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Mark Ludwig
Junior Warden, St. Matthew's

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Senior Warden, St. John's

Gladys Virts
Junior Warden, St. John's

Leah DeLauder
Music Director

vestry/advisory board members

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Good news to share with our supporters of the Garrett County NAACP Scott Robinson Memorial Scholarship!

- Since its inception in 2021, the scholarship has provided support to 11 students, and last year two recipients transferred to 4-year colleges.
- Each awardee now receives \$2,000 per academic year, renewable for up to three years, with a \$500 incentive for returning students.
- The Garrett College program was expanded last year to include students at Allegany College of Maryland. For 2025-2026 there are four awardees, two at each college, and one of the ACM students is renewing for the 2nd year and will receive \$2,500.

Thank you, and we hope you will continue to provide donations to this important cause



To donate online, scan the QR code or go to

<http://www.gcnaacp.org/scholarship>.

Checks with GCNAACP Scott Robinson Memorial Scholarship on the memo line can be made to the CollegeBound Foundation and mailed to:

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Contributors have made available a matching fund of \$6,000 so that your November and December donations will be doubled!



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