

**ST. ANDREW'S**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

*St. Andrew's is dedicated to supporting your spiritual life. Spirituality is how we are in relationship to God, to other people, to the world around us, and to ourselves.*

## **Second Sunday of Advent**

### **December 10, 2023**

*We are livestreaming the 10am service.*

Prelude *Sunrise Quartet in B-flat Major, Op. 76 No. 4* Josef Haydn (1732-1809)

Processional Hymn 75 "There's a voice in the wilderness crying" *Ascension*

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

*Celebrant* Together, let us bless the Advent wreath. Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever! Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days, you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgment; for you are our light and our salvation.

*People* Blessed be God for ever.

### **The Word of God**

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

*People* And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

*Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.*

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### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Together we pray,

*People* Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass,

their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.*



- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
you have re<sup>1</sup>stored the good<sup>1</sup> fortune of <sup>1</sup>Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the in<sup>1</sup>iquity of your <sup>1</sup>people \*  
and <sup>1</sup>blotted out all their <sup>1</sup>sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD <sup>1</sup>God is <sup>1</sup>saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to <sup>1</sup>those who <sup>1</sup>turn their <sup>1</sup>hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to <sup>1</sup>those who <sup>1</sup>fear him, \*  
that his <sup>1</sup>glory may <sup>1</sup>dwell in our <sup>1</sup>land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have <sup>1</sup>met to<sup>1</sup>gether; \*  
righteousness and <sup>1</sup>peace have <sup>1</sup>kissed each <sup>1</sup>other.
- 11 Truth shall spring <sup>1</sup>up from the <sup>1</sup>earth, \*  
and righteousness shall <sup>1</sup>lök <sup>1</sup>down from <sup>1</sup>heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed <sup>1</sup>grant pros<sup>1</sup>perity, \*  
and our <sup>1</sup>land will <sup>1</sup>yield its <sup>1</sup>increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall <sup>1</sup>go be<sup>1</sup>fore him, \*  
and peace shall be a <sup>1</sup>pathway <sup>1</sup>for his <sup>1</sup>feet.

### Second Lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then

the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming

of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 65 "Prepare the way, O Zion"

*Bereden väg för Herran*

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

*Clergy* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside

and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*Clergy* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

*After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy.*

*The People reply, Hear our prayer.*

Confession of Sin

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Peace

Announcements

# The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory “But who may abide the day of his coming” from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

*But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner’s fire.*

Doxology Hymn 380 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

*Old 100th*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

S129 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

***All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation.***

***Gluten free wafers are available.***

S 156 Fraction Anthem (front section of hymnal) *Christ our Passover*

Gerald Near

Communion Anthem *He shall feed his flock*

George Frideric Handel

*He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and  
He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
and carry them in His bosom, and gently  
lead those that are with young.*

(Isaiah 40: 11)

*Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come  
unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will  
give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and  
learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of  
heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

(Matthew 11: 28-29)

Communion Hymn 309 “O Food to pilgrims given”

*O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 76 “On Jordan's bank the Baptist’s cry”

*Winchester New*

Dismissal

*Clergy* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**We welcome and thank the Gaia Quartet today,**  
Yi Charice Tang, violin; Aspen Jade Barker, violin;  
Vincent Francis, viola; and Rosalyn Taylor, cello

**Please join us after the service for coffee hour.**



**If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, Welcome!**

We are happy you found us. Please use this QR code to fill out a *seeker information form* so that our clergy and members of our congregation can welcome you and help you get engaged with our church.



# Serving Today

**Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of**  
Corydon P. Cronk given by his children, Carol Cronk Cole and Caspar Cronk.

## **Serving St. Andrew's this week**

*Altar Guild* Adele Beggs, Judith Boland, Jean Childs, Zebby Dubé,  
Kim Francour, Erica Gelser, Tiffany Horter, Peter Mahoney,  
Karen McAdams, Cynthia Scott, and Liz J. Tecca  
*Flowers* the Flower Guild

## **Serving at 8am**

*Lay Eucharistic Minister* Paul Criswell  
*Ushers* Nancy Kohl and Bob Ware

## **Serving at 10am**

*Acolytes* Crucifer, Tiffany Horter; Torch, Tanner Francour; and Torch, Peter Mahoney  
*Broadcast Tech Volunteer* Rob Brandt  
*Lay Eucharistic Ministers* Adams Carroll, Meg Harris,  
Ann Johnson, and Cam McCormick  
*Readers* Madison Riley and Joanna Horobin  
*Ushers* Travis Anza, Matthew Benfer, and Paul Zusky

## **Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

*Churches of the Alewife Deanery*  
St. Paul's Church, Bedford  
All Saints' Church, Belmont  
St. Mark's Church, Burlington  
The Officers of the Diocese  
Racial Justice Commission



## About the Readings

**Isaiah 40:1-11** This reading serves as a prologue to chapters 40–66, sometimes called “the book of the consolation of Israel” because of this opening passage. It serves both as an account of a new calling and as a statement of the major themes of the rest of the book. The voice announces that the salvation of exiled Israel is imminent, the nation’s “penalty” (v. 2), that is, its time of compulsory servitude in exile, is over. Now the people are invited to receive both deliverance and restoration. Unlike other instances of the highway image in Isaiah, where the people journey on a path prepared by God, this highway is prepared for God’s travel. Verses 3-4 reflect the practice of sending messengers ahead of visiting royalty. The prophet shows that the comfort due to God’s people is inextricably linked to God’s presence and the revelation of glory. Joy, fearlessness and comfort result from the supreme “good news”: “Here is your God!” (v. 9). As sovereign ruler and tender shepherd, God comforts the people.

**Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13** This lament seems to have been composed for a particular situation of affliction (vv. 4-6), and then to have passed into general use. Thanksgiving is given for the return from exile (vv. 1-3), and the Lord’s continued help is

requested. The Lord’s answer comes (vv. 8-13), perhaps as an oracle uttered by a prophet or priest. Verse 11 beautifully reassures the people of God’s gracious care. These four qualities—steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, and peace—spring from God and unite to work for the good of God’s people.

**2 Peter 3:8-15a** Today’s reading responds to the anxiety of many about the apparent delay of Christ’s eagerly expected second coming (3:1-7). Peter explains that this delay is not divine procrastination but divine mercy. God’s view of time is different from ours, and God’s forbearance will bring about repentance and salvation. Yet the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly, “like a thief” (v. 10). The belief that the world would end in fire was current at this time in both Jewish and Stoic writing. Peter goes beyond the final conflagration to the hope of “new heavens and a new earth” (v. 13). Peter emphasizes how Christians are to live now, even indicating that their repentance may hasten the Lord’s coming. Peter exhorts them to increase in the grace and knowledge of Jesus so as not to be useless.



**Mark 1:1-8** Verse 1 stands as the title of the new literary form that Mark created. The word gospel, (Greek evangelion), in secular usage meant “good news,” often about an important event such as the birthday of the Emperor Augustus. Mark’s good news of Jesus Christ includes both the message that Jesus proclaimed and the person and significance of Jesus himself. Thus, his “gospel” is not only a life of Jesus but also a proclamation of the foundational belief that Jesus is the promised Jewish messiah (“Christ”) and “Son of God.” A messenger of preparation was awaited as a herald of the last days and was expected to embody the prophetic spirit of Elijah. John the Baptist

is described in terms reminiscent of Elijah. John’s “baptism of repentance” (v. 4) was a customary ritual of purification for Gentile converts to Judaism, but John warned the Jews not to rely upon their physical descent from Abraham to ensure a relationship with God. They, too, needed conversion. John’s baptism may also have been a sign of one’s repentance and purification by God. Repentance describes the change of heart demanded by personal conversion—a turning away from sin and a return to loyalty toward God. John promises that the One to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit, pouring out upon all people a new communion with God.



# St. Andrew's Cheerful Givers

## 2024 Stewardship Campaign Givers

**233 of target 300 givers through December 5, 2023**

Every effort has been made to be as current as possible. If you have questions about your name on the list, please reach out to Joanne Butler

Anonyomous (1)

Bonnie Akins

Hope Aldrich

Pam & Elmore Alexander

Jill Allen & Kenneth Graves

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Sally Blackman

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Judith & Giles Boland

Mark Bono & Beth Gilbert-Bono

Al Bornemann

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Melissa & Jack Bradley

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Brooke & Eric Brown

Laura Brown MacKinnon &

Bruce MacKinnon

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Elsie & Jim Deane  
Cathleen & James Dehn  
Ashley Denton  
Jo Dermer  
Kristin & Thomas Donahue  
Nancy Echlov  
Ruth & George Ecker  
Nancy & Richard Ehrlichman  
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Bettina & Arnout Eikeboom  
Heidi & Chris Emerson  
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George Fischer & Sarah Klein  
Kim & Scott Francour  
Linda Gallo  
Erica Gelser & Stephen Mahoney  
Janet Giele  
Christin & Pat Gillooly

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Suzanne & Jan Gleysteen  
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Becky & David Hamlin  
Heidi & Wade Harper  
Clint & Meg Harris  
Sarah & Greg Harris  
Carrie & Shervin Hawley  
Yael & Eliot Heher  
Anneliese Henderson  
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Nancy Kohl & Robert Ware  
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Laurie Oliver-Taylor & Bruce Taylor  
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Sarah & Adrian Robbins-Cole  
William Robbins-Cole  
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Deb Russo  
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Cynthia & David Sheridan  
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Margaret & Paul Zusky

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. —2 Corinthians 9:7*





# Icon of the Week

## Our Lady of Guadalupe

On December 9, 1531, Mary appeared to Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill. Born in 1474 in Cuautlilán, Mexico, Juan Diego was one of the Chichimeca people. He was baptized by Friar Peter da Gand, an early Franciscan missionary, around 1524. Mary asked Juan Diego to approach the bishop to request that a shrine be built to her on Tepeyac Hill, where she would bless those who called upon her. The bishop demanded proof of the vision and Juan Diego returned to the hill, where roses were blooming, though it was almost winter. He picked some roses and brought them to the bishop in his cloak. When he opened his cloak, the flowers fell out and an image of the Blessed Mother was imprinted on the cloak. The bishop gave his blessing, and a chapel was built. Juan Diego's cloak was placed in the chapel, and he lived near the chapel for the rest of his life, serving as its caretaker, greeting pilgrims, and spending time in prayer. In 1548, he passed away and was buried in the chapel. In accepting the Christian message without forgoing his indigenous identity, Juan Diego discovered the profound truth of a new humanity, in which all are called to be children of God. Thus, he facilitated the meeting of two worlds and became the catalyst for a new Mexican identity, closely tied to Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose mestizo face expresses her spiritual motherhood which embraces all Mexicans.

**Her feast day is December 12.**

*Dearest Lady of Guadalupe, fruitful Mother of Holiness, teach me your ways of gentleness and strength. Hear my prayer offered with deepfelt confidence to beg this favor.... O Mary, conceived without sin, I come to your throne of grace to share the fervent devotion of your faithful Mexican children who call to you under the glorious Aztec title of "Guadalupe," the virgin who crushed the serpent. Queen of Martyrs, whose Immaculate heart was pierced by seven wounds of grief, help me to walk valiantly amid the sharp thorns thrown across my pathway. Queen of Apostles aid me to win souls for the Sacred Heart of my Savior. I plead this through the merits of your merciful Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

—The Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel at the Basilica is inscribed with this prayer.







# Christmas & Epiphany Services

## **Advent Lessons & Carols** Sunday, December 10 at 5pm

This is a candlelit service with Thomas Handel as guest organist. There will be a reception following.

## **Blue Christmas Service** Wednesday, December 13 at 7pm

If you or someone you love has had a hard year, come rest in the promise of God's love. Join us in the Transept Chapel.

## **Christmas Pageant**

Sunday, December 17 at 9am

Christmas pageant participants gather for the pageant at 9am on Sunday, December 17. The pageant replaces the lessons and sermon for our 10am Eucharistic service.

## **Christmas Eve Services** Sunday, December 24 (3pm & 5pm will be broadcast)

### **Children's Service** at 3pm

This half-hour service is aimed at young children. We sing carols, hear the Christmas story, and have a children's homily (no Holy Communion). The service is followed by cake and refreshments.

### **Family Eucharist** at 5pm

This hour-long Holy Communion service is the most well attended Christmas Eve service at St. Andrew's. The service ends with the church darkened and everyone holding a candle as we sing "Silent Night."

### **Choral Service &**

### **Holy Eucharist** at 10pm

This is a traditional service with communion, carols, choral anthems, and a sermon. A 20-minute musical prelude precedes the hour-long service with the full choir and a string quartet.

## **Christmas Day Service** Monday, December 25 at 10am

This is a relaxed one-hour service with communion, Christmas carols, and a short homily.

## **Epiphany Fireside Service & Dinner** Sunday, January 7 at 5pm

This Holy Communion service—in the parish hall with a roaring fire—is attended by an intergenerational congregation. We hear a short Epiphany homily and sing Epiphany hymns followed by dinner.



# Notices and Announcements

*Note: all staff email addresses are on the second to last page. Deadline for materials is noon on Tuesdays for both the bulletin and the e-Pistle.*

## Crediting of Payments

Please be conscious of the following items as year-end approaches to ensure your donations are credited appropriately.

- **Memo lines** When paying by check, please write in the memo line where your donation should be credited; there are many different places for your payment to be applied. Writing your intention on the check will help your contribution be credited to the proper account.
- **Online Giving moving to Realm** If prior to 2023, you set up an automatic payment on the Vanco page on our website (credit card or ACH), please add your contribution information into *Realm* **and** discontinue the old automatic payment. If you no longer have the login for Vanco, I can discontinue your payments and help you add your new payment information to *Realm*. Using the Realm system, you can make a payment directly to your pledge, flowers, or any of our other collections **and** use the account to register and pay for church events. *It's super easy to set up and even easier to make changes.*
- **Statement delay** Third quarter statement mailings were delayed but statements, including October payments,

were mailed this week. This information is also available 24/7 in *Realm*. Contact me if there is a discrepancy.

Please call with questions and thank you for your continued support of St. Andrew's!  
— Joanne Butler

## Christmas Pageant!

There is one **mandatory rehearsal left, today, December 10, after the 10am service.** Snacks will be provided, but children with dietary restrictions should bring their own. All children are welcome but children who are five or younger must have an accompanying parent. The pageant will be **on Sunday, December 17 at the 10am service.**

## The Alternative Gift Fair

The Alternative Gift Fair is **today, December 10, at coffee hour.** You can buy your family and friends gifts that benefit our outreach partners, such as: groceries for the Wellesley Food Pantry; books for El Hogar; bed linens for families moving into a first apartment from homelessness and more! Look for a downloadable AGF form in the e-Pistle or get one at church.

## 9am Christian Learning

Our 9am Christian learning class will be in **Room 2**. Join us in person or online ([Zoom link here and in the e-Pistle](#)).

**Today, December 10**, join us for *The End Times of Advent* taught by Margaret Schwarzer. Come learn about the second coming of Christ hidden in Advent. **Sunday, December 17**, join us for *Visio Divina: The Creche Interpreted in Art*, taught by Margaret Schwarzer. We will soulfully consider two different paintings of the birth of Christ and reflect upon what each artist wants to communicate about Christmas.

Everyone is welcome; come for every class or just ones that interest you. We have childcare at 8:55am in Kids' Place so parents can join our class (or sing in the senior choir).  
—Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

## Cookies for Lessons & Carols

We will have a **festive reception on the patio after the 5pm service today, December 10** with mulled wine, hot cider, and an array of homemade cookies. This is where you come in! Please bring a plate of your favorite cookies to add to the tables.

## Church School Holiday Break

All church school classes end **today, December 10**, followed by the pageant on **Sunday, December 17**. Please note Kids' Place will be open through Sunday, December 17 and then closed for all Christmas Eve services, as well as December 31. We will resume all programs on January 7, 2024!

## The Season of Giving

Our **Giving Tree** has a rich and generous history. It was started in the mid-1950s by Anne Austill, the director of the St. Andrew's church school, who was inspired by a similar tree started in Japan in 1951. Servicemen were asked to donate warm clothing and toys for Japanese war orphans. It has evolved over the years under the leadership and guidance of several dedicated parishioners, Anna Shackford, Arline Wahn, and Anne Manners. Handmade and purchased hats and mittens have adorned the tree as gifts to local children.

Our tree now includes gift tags with specific requests from people served by our outreach partners, such as the children of St. Stephen's Youth Program or new mothers in the Bridges to Moms program. *Please take a tag from the tree at the back of the church, and fulfill the wishes of a child in Boston or a new mother.* Unwrapped packages will be welcome and much appreciated. Please attach the original request tag and try to get these gifts under the tree **by Monday, December 12**, if you can. Of course, later gifts will be gratefully received.

## Office Holiday Break

The office will be **closed for Christmas Day**, although the church will be open for the 10am Christmas Day Holy Eucharist. The **parish office hours for Tuesday, December 26, through Friday, December 29, will be 9am to noon.** The office will be **closed again on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 2024.**

## Blue Christmas Service

Join us in the transept chapel on **Wednesday, December 13, at 7pm in the Transept Chapel**. If you or someone you care about has had a hard year and you are longing to make room for the Spirit of God in a time of struggle or loss, please join us. We will rest in the promise of Christ, remembering that even in times of sorrow, God's love and grace endures. We can each choose to light a candle to honor the person or hard time we are acknowledging. —Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

## St. Stephen's Christmas Cookies

The Christmas bags for the seniors at St. Stephen's have a variety of small items in them, but there is nothing as festive as homemade Christmas cookies. Since there are 60 seniors we need them to be in multiples of 60. Please deliver them to **29 Arlington Rd, Wellesley, by Friday, December 15**. Thank you to all who are able to provide cookies. A joyous season to all of you. —Jill, Jack, Zebby, and Al.

## Open Bible Study, December

The Gospel of Mark is the oldest, shortest and most breathlessly told Gospel. Only 16 chapters long. This month, join us to read and consider Chapter 4. We will meet on [Tuesday, December 12 at 11am](#) and on [Tuesday, December 12 at 7 pm](#), a onetime change from our usual Wednesday evening

time. Both events meet in the Harvey Room and on Zoom. (Zoom links above and in the e-Pistle.) —Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

## Confirmation Class

**On Sunday, December 17**, the Confirmation class is meeting **at 5:45pm**. We will start out in **Room 202**. We will be learning about what it means to learn about prayer.

## Call for Warm Winter Coats

Circle of Hope is a Needham-based non-profit that partners with homeless shelters, healthcare clinics, and community programs in Boston/MetroWest. Every coat donated will go directly to migrant families staying in shelters and emergency housing facilities that Circle of Hope supports. They need coats of all sizes, small to XL, for children, teens, women, and men. Please only give gently used coats that you yourself would wear and if possible washed (dry cleaning is not necessary). There are two bins for coats, one in the office hallway and one in the parish hall.

## Parking on Denton Road

Please be very careful that you do not obstruct the driveways of our neighbors. We wish to maintain good relations with our neighbors and extend to them the courtesy we would expect from others parking in our own roads. Thanks for your help with this!



# Gratitude

## Gathering of the Greens and Advent Wreaths

Many thanks to the Hunnewells for hosting another successful Gathering of the Greens. It was a beautiful day and we appreciate all who came out to gather greens that supplied the parish with the fixings for advent wreaths. Thanks to Linda Lull who organized both the Gathering of the Greens and oversaw the coffee hour set-up of wreath materials. Many thanks to Becky Hamlin for sharing her artistic skills with parishioners on how to make the beautiful advent wreaths on Sunday morning. Thanks also to Joanna Horobin who was helpful throughout. And, thanks to all who stayed 'til the end for the clean-up!

## Advent Taizé-Style Service

Heartfelt thanks to everyone on our Taizé working committee, the senior choir members who joined us, and Rob Brandt, who broadcast the service: D.D. Alexander, Laura Brown McKinnon, Liz Dean, Janet Giele, Cynthia, Hunt, Erica Gelser, Thomas Mahoney, Peter Mahoney, Benjamin Mahoney, Diane Mitchell, Liz Parsons, Jenny Sawyer, Adrian Robbins-Cole, Barbara Shellito, and Paul Shellito; you brought a beautiful stillness and soulful chanting into Advent's first Sunday.

## Little Angels Gift Shop and Cookies & Carols

Thank you to Becky Hamlin, Elizabeth Lazaro, Libby McClintock, Jennifer Nilson, the organizers of the Little Angels Gift Shop. Thank you to our youth volunteers who helped the children shop and for wrapping their gifts for the parents. Thank you to the church school committee for organizing dinner for Cookies and Carols and to all our families who baked delicious cookies for our family cookies. Thank you Greg Urban for leading carol singing!





# Vestry

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**Fellowship** Ginny Snow

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- The clergy are available to assist you if you email or call them if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited.
- Please let the clergy know of names that should be added to our prayer list.

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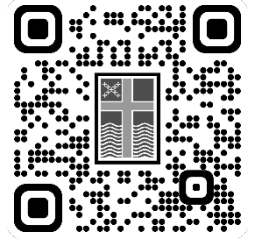
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# Weekly Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays at 8am, 10am** (*also online*) and **5pm**. **Morning Prayer** online is offered **Monday through Thursday at 8:30am** on our website, our YouTube Channel (*use the QR code for a link to our YouTube channel*), and on Facebook.
- **Senior Choir** rehearsal is on **Thursdays at 7:30pm**.
- **Parish office hours** are (generally) **Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm**, and **Friday, 9am to 12pm**, unless otherwise noted or announced. **Tuesday at noon is the deadline for all materials** to be included either in the bulletin or by email for the following Sunday.
- **12-Step Programs** Men's AA, Wednesdays at 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays at 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays at 9:30am; Sober Sisters AA, Saturdays at 10:30am.



## Sunday, December 10

8:55am Kids' Place  
9am Christian Learning  
9:45am Church School  
11am Coffee Hour  
11am Alternative Gift Fair  
11am Pageant Rehearsal  
5pm Advent Lessons & Carols

## Tuesday, December 12

10am Pastoral Care Team Meeting  
11am Open Bible Study  
7pm Outreach Meeting  
7pm Open Evening Bible Study

## Wednesday, December 13

7pm Blue Christmas Service

## Thursday, December 14

12pm Beginner's Bible Study

## Sunday, December 17

8:55am Kids' Place  
9am Christian Learning  
9:45am NO Church School  
10am Christmas Pageant  
11am Coffee Hour  
5:45pm Confirmation Class



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