The Church of the Nativity & St. Stephen

Festival of Lessons and Carols

January 1, 2017

Called to Grow: in service, in numbers of disciples, and in grace

Please remember a reverent silence and respect for those who wish to pray before mass.
Before Mass, we speak to God.
During Mass, we listen to God.
After Mass, we listen and speak to each other.

The Rev. Rebecca Myers, LSW - Rector
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Organ prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn
“Of the Father’s love begotten”  No. 82

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.  Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Collect for Purity  Prayer Book, p. 355

A Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God’s loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who morn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

Our Father…

Lesson 1 –  Genesis 3:1-25
Hymn - “Savior of the nations, come…”  No. 54

Lesson 2-  Isaiah- 35:1-10
Hymn - “Comfort, Comfort Ye my People”  No. 67

Lesson 3-  Isaiah 7:10-15
Hymn - “Lo. How a Rose e’er Blooming”  No. 81
Lesson 4- Luke 1: 26-58  
**Hymn** - “The Angel Gabriel”  
No. 265

Lesson 5- Luke 1: 51-80  
**Hymn** - “What Child is This”  
No. 115

Lesson 6- Luke 2:1-20  
**Hymn** - “Angels we have heard on high”  
No. 96

Lesson 7- John 1:1-18  
**Hymn** - “O Come all ye Faithful”  
No. 83

The Nicene Creed  
Prayer Book, p. 358

**Prayers of the People**  
*Reader:* Joy to the world.  
*Response:* The lord is come.

**Confession & Absolution**  
Prayer Book, p. 360

The Peace  
Prayer Book, p. 360

**MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT**

The Offertory Sentence

The Doxology  
No. 380, vs. 3

The Great Thanksgiving  
(Eucharistic Prayer B)  
Prayer Book, p. 367

The Holy Eucharist II  
**S 120**

Lift up your hearts  
*Surrsum corda*
Holy, holy, holy Lord

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might, heaven and earth are full,

full of your glory. Ho-
sanna in the highest. Hosanna

in the highest. Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Hosanna

in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)
Consecration

The Lord’s Prayer

Fraction Anthem

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Recessional Hymn
“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

Dismissal

Thank you to our Lessons Readers:
Suzanne Beamer
Jill Brownfield
Wendy Day
Rebecca Myers
Joanne Pinaire
Ann Roland
Jan Yocum

Announcements:

Parlor People, Sun., 11am- noon.
All adults are welcome to participate in Parlor People nearly every Sunday. See our Christian Formation page for more information.
Parlor people resumes January 8. Glenn Holliman will lead a discussion on stewardship.

Men’s Breakfast - each Wed., 9am, Espresso Yourself Café.

Women’s Breakfast - Wednesday, January 11 and 25, 9am, May’s Railside Grill.

Choir Practice
The Choir will practice Wednesday, January 4, 11 and 25 at 10:15am.

Taize’ Tuesdays, 5:00pm.
Twenty minutes of Centering Prayer followed by a Taize’ service.

We are starting our prayer list over again. If you have a name you’d like for the list, let Michele know at 567-6514 or chnatss@pa.net.

Upcoming Meetings
January 11, Vestry, 6:30pm
January 15, Racism Awareness, 1:00pm

During 2017, we will be celebrating baptism on January 8, June 4, November 5 and December 3. Let Rebecca know if you or someone you know would like to be baptized on any of these days.
All who have been baptized by water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, are welcome to receive communion. You may receive bread only or bread and wine. You may receive the wine by common cup or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms across your chest.

African Immigrant Welcome Center roundtable discussion, Undercroft at Saint Stephen’s Cathedral, Sunday, Jan. 8 from 1-3 PM. Free parking is available in the lot beside the Cathedral. Listen to the experiences of the people who have immigrated from the continent. Native food and light refreshment will be provided.

Attending Friday prayers and discussion on Islam, Islamic Society of Greater Harrisburg, 407 N. Front St., Steelton, January 27, 1-3 pm. Please let Rebecca know if you would like to attend this service and the discussion afterwards.

Host a High School Foreign Exchange Student for 3 months. The Rotary Club of Perry County is looking for people interested in hosting a high school student from another country. The student would live with you for 3 months and then move to another family. If you are interested, let Rebecca know or email Patti McLaughlin at rotaryclubperrycountypa@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry of Newport meets January 26, 10-11:30 am, Church of the Nativity. Bring your yarn projects and also learn how to knit or crochet.

Lunch and Craft at Episcopal Commons, January 11, 11 am – 1 pm. If you can attend or donate an item for lunch, please let Lynne Mitchell or Wendy Day know.

Catholic Charities 2017 Calendar “Our Refugee Neighbors.” Show your support of refugees and immigrants in your neighborhood with your purchase of aq calendar. The calendar features refugee families in Central PA, and all proceeds will benefit the English classes provided by Catholic Charities. Calendars are only $15 each! To place your order, simply call Sara Beck at (717) 232-0568 ext. 209 or send an email to shbeck@cchbg.org with your calendar order and contact information. Pick-up and delivery options available!

“A Journey of Discovery, 500 years since the Reformation” Friday, January 13, 6:30 pm at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 5 Barner’s Church Rd., Liverpool. The Perry Valley Grange will provide the meat, beverages and place settings for a potluck meal, followed by music, fellowship and experiencing the fascinating Reformation journey. Contact Linda Byers at 717-589-7889 with a count of attendees.

Baking needs and chocolate items available through Equal Exchange. See the cart in the parish hall. We are now a wholesaler for Equal Exchange, a company that supports small farmers who use sustainable practices for chocolate, cocoa, coffee, tea, nuts, olive oil and other baking items. A price list and basket are available to pay for the items you choose to buy. Also, be sure to write down what you’ve purchased to help us maintain our inventory. A catalogue is also available. If there’s an item you’d like us to order, please see Jane Hoover.
Service Participants
Greeters & Ushers: Dick and Mary Price
Prayers of the People: Julie Johnson
Eucharistic Minister: Darlene Amsler
Acolyte: Ethan Jezewski
Organist: Seth Jacoby
Verger: Sue Beamer
Refreshments: Edna Baker and Andrea Jezewski

Vestry Members
Shannon Burns - Sr. Warden
Mary (Tootser) Davis – Jr. Warden
Kay Cramer
Bill Day
Miguel Gonzales
Lynne Mitchell
Joanne Pinaire
Bill Rohm
Gail Shull
Becky Gephart-Crup- Secretary
Wendy Day-Treasurer