To seek and serve Christ through service to others.
To manage responsibly the financial resources of our parish as loving and caring stewards.
To welcome and involve all persons into our parish family valuing both diversity and unity.
To enable nurture and learning in the Episcopal heritage of Scripture, tradition and reason.
To foster a community of faith for worship, spiritual growth, ministry and mission.

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 - Rector**
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Organ prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn
“Joy to the world! the Lord is come” Hymnal 100

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 BCP 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 town.

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, especially Cherie, Jo, Keith, Marie, Meeta, Bill, Stephanie, Jim, Toni, Anthony, Tammy, Matt, Julie, Rick, Penny, Donna, Raymond, Dana, Alicia, Gerry, Liam, Alice, Fay, Tootser, Jason, Shirley, Joe, Paul, Don, Colton and family, Robert, Brain, Vicky, Gary, Pat, the residents and staff of the Episcopal Home, and those we name silently or aloud and those who mourn, especially the family and friends of those who have died, those we name silently or aloud, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us remember St. Mark’s, Lewistown in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, those who serve in the military, especially Brian, Tom, Sean, Matt, Mark, Matt, Bradley, Will, Todd, Jesse, Nick and Josh and those having birthdays in the week ahead, especially Milt Shepley, Erica Hile, Gregory Fried, Jacob Rice, Ann Roland, Emily Davis, Jason Ehrhart and Kerry Jezewski.

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.

“All glory be to God on high” Hymnal 421

Lesson 1 –
Genesis 3:1-23 Connie Yocum
Hymn - “Savior of the nations, come!” Hymnal 54
Lesson 2-
Isaiah- 35:1-10 Jan Yocum
Hymn - “Comfort, Comfort Ye my People” Hymnal 67
Lesson 3-
Isaiah 7:10-15 Rebecca Myers
Hymn - “Lo. How a Rose e’er Blooming” Hymnal 81
Lesson 4-
Luke 1: 26-58 Wendy Day
Hymn - “The Angel Gabriel” Hymnal 265
Lesson 5-
Luke 2:1-20 Ann Roland
Hymn- “Angels we have heard on high” Hymnal 96
Lesson 6-
Luke 2:21 – 36 Tootser Davis
Hymn- “Lord, God, you now…” Hymnal 499
Lesson 7-
John 1:1-18 Rebecca Myers
Hymn- “O Come all ye Faithful” Hymnal 83

The Nicene Creed BCP 358
The Peace BCP 360
MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn
“How bright appears…” Hymnal 497

The Doxology
Hymnal 380, v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving
BCP 367

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Holy Eucharist II
Lift up your hearts Sursum corda

Sanctus “Holy, holy, holy Lord” Hymnal S 130

Consecration BCP 363

S 118 Conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer and Amen

Fraction Anthem
Agnus Dei “Lamb of God” Hymnal S 164

Prayer after Communion BCP 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn
“Away in a manger” Hymnal 101

Dismissal

Announcements

G.I.F.T.: Growing in Faith Together
Godly Play will be January 12, 19 and 26.

Parlor People will resume on January 5 with discussions on the Gospel of John.

At Church of the Nativity

Today we take an additional offering for our Building Fund.
The money donated helps us pay down our mortgage and pay for major repairs.

On January 5, we will un-decorate the church.

Upcoming Meetings
Each Sunday, 4pm, Perry County PRIDE
Thursday, January 2, 10am, Stitchers

Join Us For Breakfast! Wednesdays at 9am.
Next breakfast will be January 8. Women will meet at Bitting’s. Men meet at Espresso Yourself Café.

Taize’ Tuesdays, 4:45pm. Next service will be January 7.
Twenty minutes of Centering Prayer followed by a Taize’ service.

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.

Wednesday, January 8, Commons activity, Board games and lunch.
See Wendy, Sue or Lynne if you’d like to help.

From the Diocese

Discipleship Learning Day, Saturday, January 11, 9am – 3pm, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, New Kingston
The Stevenson School for Ministry in partnership with the Lower Susquehanna Synod-ELCA will offer a spiritual practice learning day. Presenters will be The Rev. Marsha Roscoe, The Rev. Richard Jorgensen and The Rev. Canon Chris Streeter. Cost is $35. Register at: https://www.cvent.com/events/discipleship-learning-day/registration-0521c77a70d14323b96a14ccf9016e2d.aspx?fqp=true
The Stevenson School for Ministry offers Shaped by Faith Learning Opportunities


Service Participants

Greeters: Tony and Ann Roland
Readers: Tootser Davis, Wendy Day, Ann Roland, Connie Yocum, Jan Yocum
Prayers: Wendy Day
Acolyte: Alivia Hoover
Eucharistic Minister: Bill D.
Organist: Sue Beamer
Refreshments: Joanna and Tootser
Verger: Bill Rohm
Counters: Jill and Lynne

Vestry

Shannon Burns – Sr. Warden
Bill Day – Jr. Warden
Kay Cramer
Jill Hoover
Todd Saner
Gail Shull
Bill Rohm – Secretary
Wendy Day - Treasurer