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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:45 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Contemporary
10:10 Sunday School for all ages
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Service of Public
Healing and Holy Eucharist



Third Sunday of Advent

11:00 A.M.

December 17, 2017

Our Mission:

We, the Family of St. Helena's,
Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
Welcome all God's Children to
Grow with us in Grace and
Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Welcome to St. Helena's Episcopal Church.

We are blessed to have you join us for worship today!

God blesses His people. We hope you will receive a portion of this blessing in our worship together.

Are You Joining Us for the First Time?

Please fill out a *Guest Card* found in the pew/chair back pockets. If so indicated on the card, we will have a nametag printed and ready for your next visit.

Child Care is available in Wendler Hall on the 1st floor in *The Ark Room*, during the 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services. Infants to children of age 4 are welcome. Enter through the Johns Road doors.

Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children takes place at 10:15 a.m.

The grace God shares in our holy feast continues in the fellowship we share in our time following worship at 7:45 & 9 AM.

Please join us in the Parish Hall to talk, study and share refreshments.

Restrooms are located in the undercroft area of the Historic Sanctuary and both floors of Wendler Hall near the interior stairwell.

The Elevator in Wendler Hall is best accessed at street level through the Johns Road entrance and is located between the restrooms on the west end of both floors.

Need more information? Ask any Usher at your service if you have any questions. Call our church office (830-249-3228) for information about **Baptism, Confirmation, or Membership by transfer of letter**. Outreach and ministry are of the greatest importance to our Mission in Christ here at St. Helena's. We are happy to address all your questions and assist you in your transition into our parish family as we endeavor to make known Christ's Presence in the World. Visit our website for details on our worship services and parish ministries and activities at www.sthelenas.net.

Holy Eucharist

Prelude *The Holly and the Ivy/Cherry Tree Carol*

A. Rowley

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.

Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hymnal 616

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 2 help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - cous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Tune: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

All standing, the Celebrant says

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
 Amen.**

The Celebrant says

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. **Amen.**

The following is sung, all standing

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. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

All sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the

captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

Remain seated.

Psalm 126

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In convertendo

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Thessalonians.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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

Sequence

All stand.

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

Hymnal 72

Tune: Richmond

Holy Gospel

John 1:6-8,19-28

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Dawn McLendon

Sermon

The Rev. David G. Read

Nicene Creed

All stand.

**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.**

Prayers of the People

All stand or kneel

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Priest then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Daughters of the King Installation Service

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant.

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

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The people remain standing.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior
Christ has 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers are available. Please inform the priest as you come forward.

Prayer ministers are positioned in the transept to the left after communion for your personal prayer needs.

Communion Hymn

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

Hymnal 306

Tune: Sursum Corda

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.

Blessing

Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Hymnal 76

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in five numbered lines, with the first line of each system starting with a line number (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) and a vertical line to its left. The lyrics are as follows:

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.

Tune: New Winchester

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Prayers for our Members

Please pray for our family as you journey through this week.

Joe	Fred	Bob	Amanda
Dorla	Linda Lee	Jim	Gail
Larry	Dick	Amy	Bill
Leanne	John		

Friends and Family

*Please offer prayers for the families and friends to our parish this week.
 The duration on this list is 2 weeks. Please call to extend this time every
 two weeks, if need be.*

Elena	Jamie	Marion	Steven
Janine	Louis	Beckett	Chris
Lamont	Bobby	Kayde	Ruth
Michelle	Zona	Jimmy	Mickey
John	D'Ann	Kathy	
Mary	Richard	Karen	

Military/Civil Servants

Please pray for all who serve to protect our lives and liberties.

Matt	Jared	Garrett	Joe
Houston	Lauren	Evan	Cole
Chad	Brian	Danielle	Colton
Bob	Dalton	Art	Sean
Cory	D.J.	Doug	John
Gray	Jason	Chance	Juan
Dave	Robert	Wesley	

What You Want to Know

Christmas Worship Services On Sunday Dec. 24th we will have four services. At 10:00 a.m. there will be a Fourth Sunday of Advent service in the Historic Sanctuary. There will be 3 Christmas Eve services that follow later in the day. A Contemporary Service at 4:00 p.m. will be held in the Great Room of Wendler Hall. The 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. services will be traditional Candlelight services in the Historic Sanctuary. No Wednesday Healing service will be held on Dec. 27th.

Lessons and Carols Today The festivities begin with a cookies and coffee reception at 5pm in the Parish Hall and our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols service begins at 6 pm in the Historic Sanctuary. Plan to attend this beautiful service.

New Year's Eve Services Sunday Dec. 31st are scheduled as usual. 7:45 a.m. Historic Sanctuary, 9:00 a.m. Great Room of Wendler Hall and 11:00 a.m. Historic Sanctuary. No Sunday School.

Messiah Sing-along Come sing like you mean it on Dec.31st at 3:00 p.m. in the Historic Sanctuary. There will be a collection of many voices of varying talents all lifting song; creating a joyous noise unto the Lord. Every voice is welcomed.

Altar Flowers

Bill and Millie McVey's Anniversary

Weekly Calendar

<u>Sundays:</u>	Worship Services: 7:45, 9:00, 10:10 Christian Ed, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. St. Helena's Bells, 8:00 p.m. AA
<u>Mondays:</u>	7:45 a.m. Ignite Mid-school Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Worship Band, 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
<u>Tuesdays:</u>	9:30 a.m. Lectionary Readings Study, 1:00 p.m. Ukulele practice 6:30 p.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A
<u>Wednesdays:</u>	10:00 a.m. Healing Service, 4-5:30 p.m. Rock Solid & Shine, 4:15-5:30 Mid School, 5:30 p.m. SHOCK, 6:00 p.m. High School, 6:30 p.m. Yahweh Sisters' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursdays:</u>	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Yahweh Sisters' Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Centering Prayer, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A
<u>Fridays:</u>	9:30 a.m. AA Big Book
<u>Saturdays:</u>	10:00 a.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics

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11:00 Worship Leaders		Vestry Officers	
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Altar Guild:	Team: 1	Jr. Warden:	Renee Snyder
EM:	Marie Mayfield, Linda Horton	Secretary:	Tommy Mathews
Prayer Team:	Molly Frishmuth	Treasurer:	Ron Tribo
Ushers:	Mark Cool, Brady Cool		
Vestry Host:	Cindy Erickson, Tommy Hughston		



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