The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



Hope

First Sunday of Advent

InGathering | Morning Prayer

November 29, 2026

9:30 a.m.

This service is Morning Prayer, Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer (beginning on page 75).

Prelude

Choral Introit *Prepare the Way of the Lord*
by Clifton J. Noble

Opening Hymn 73 *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

First Sunday of Advent
The person lighting the candle reads
Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE.

The candle is lit. Then person lighting the candle reads
"We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and shield." *Psalm 33:20*

Let us pray.
Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.

All of our waiting is a waiting for God.
God of our hearts, we wait for you alone.

The Presider and People offer the Collect of Purity
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 Presider says
In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God (*Isaiah 40:5*)

Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept before the prayer. Then the Presider and the People say together:.

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.

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

Presider: Lord, open our lips.
People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

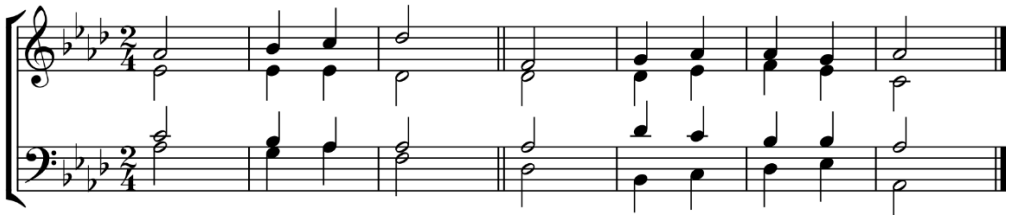
The Presider says
Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

The Presider and the People say together:

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm of the Day *Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18*



1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a **flock; ***
shine forth, you that are en|throned u|pon the **cherubim.**

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Man|**asseh, ***
stir up your | strength and | come to **help us.**

3 Restore us, O | God of | **hosts; ***
show the light of your countenance, | and we | shall be **saved.**

4 O Lord | God of **hosts, ***
how long will you be angered despite the | prayers | of your **people?**

5 You have fed them with the | bread of **tears; ***
you have given them | bowls of | tears to **drink.**

6 You have made us the derision | of our **neighbors, ***
and our enemies | laugh | us to **scorn.**

7 Restore us, O | God of **hosts; ***
show the light of your countenance, | and we | shall be **saved.**

16 Let your hand be upon the man of | your right **hand, ***
the son of man you have made | so strong | for your**self.**

17 And so will we never turn a|way from **you; ***
give us life, that we may | call u|pon your **Name.**

18 Restore us, O Lord | God of **hosts; ***
show the light of your countenance, | and we | shall be **saved.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The First Reading *Isaiah 64:1-9*

This reading from the Prophet Isaiah, presents a plea for merciful justice. The people have sinned and are suffering greatly as a result. They confess their sins and pray for God's mercy.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

The Presider and the People say together:

Canticle 15 *The Song of Mary* (*Luke 1:46-55*)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

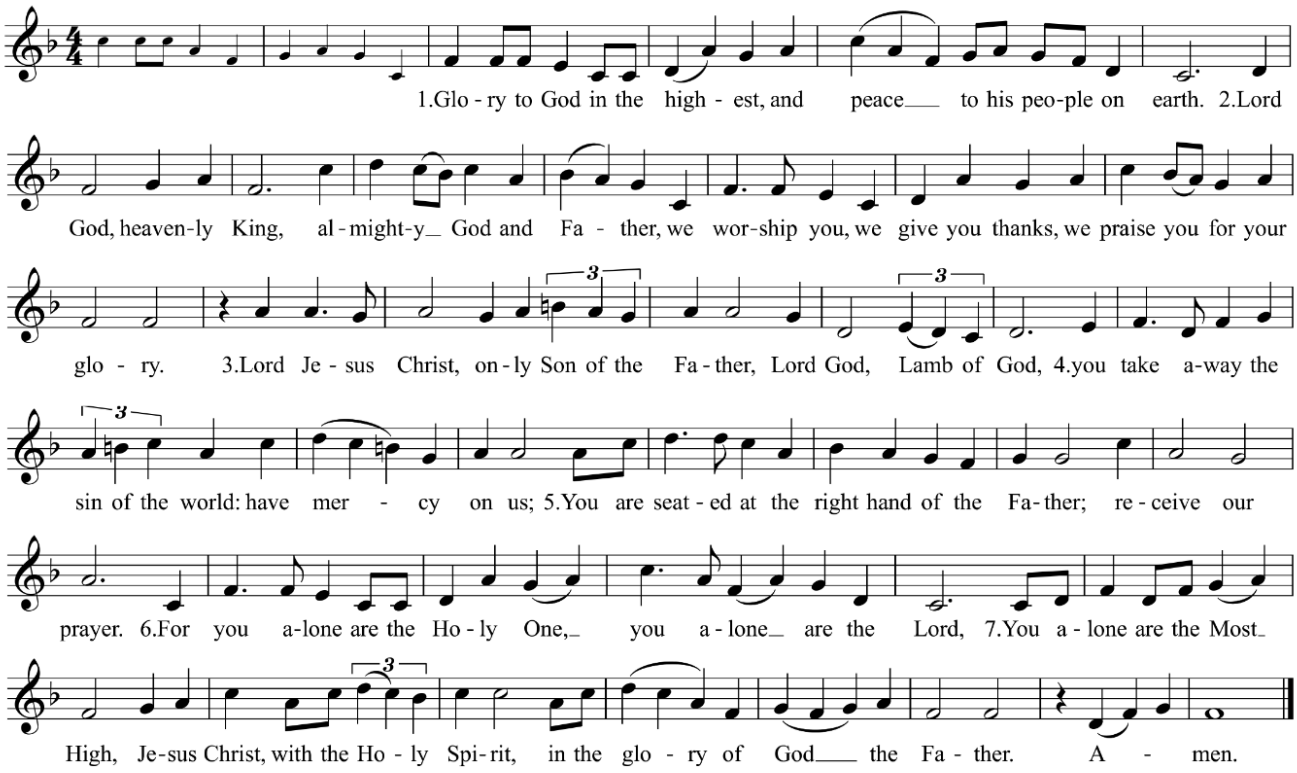
In this reading, Paul greets new disciples in Corinth and tells them how grateful he is to God for them and for their faith and spiritual gifts from the Lord.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Canticle 20



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Gospel *Mark 13:24-37*

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

All stand.

Presider Let us profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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 truly human. 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. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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 People stand or kneel.

The Prayers

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

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 Prayers of the People

In peace we pray to you, Lord God. (*Silence is kept.*)

Creating and sustaining God, in faith we lift our voices to you that we might be transformed by your love saying, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

We pray for the church, that it may manifest your grace and mercy in the world.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our nation, that it might fulfill its promise and be a nation where people know justice, peace, and the opportunity to thrive.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly, that we might be a place where each of us can discover our call and find ways to minister together as the body of Christ.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the natural order, that the abundance and diversity of creation might be preserved through our choices and advocacy.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray in gratitude for the great joys and many blessings we have received.
You are invited to add your own petitions and thanksgivings, silently or aloud, at this time.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the dead and the dying, that they might fulfill your will for them and rest in the glory of your eternal love. We pray especially in loving memory of Linda Marin, for whom altar memorials have been given; and also in loving memory of Jacques DeJean, Pasquale Cassetta, Mary Heilner, Marion "Amy" McGilpin, and Russell W. McGilpin, for whom the sanctuary lamp burns. May they find their peace in your eternal kingdom.

You are invited to add your own prayers, silently or aloud, at this time.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our needs and those of others.
The congregation is invited to add their personal intercessions silently or aloud.

The Presider offers the Collects

The Collect of the Day
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace
O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace
Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance
Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Mission
Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Presider: You are invited to add your personal prayers and thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

Presider: Lord in your Mercy.
People: **Hear our prayers.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Welcome and Announcements

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

Anthem *Soon and Very Soon* *Andrae Crouch*

1. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
   Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
   Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
   Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King.

2. No more cryin' there
3. No more dyin' there
4. Soon and very soon.

Offertory Hymn 655 *O Jesus I Have Promised*

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3 *Old Hundredth, Isaac Watts*

The General Thanksgiving

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People

Almighty God, Lord of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Prayer during Transition
God of love, in this interim time, we pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, and patient in our discernment. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Dismissal & The Grace

Presider Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**
Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 596 *Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor*

Postlude

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please use this list in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns.
Contact office administrator at program@atonementwestfield.org or call 562-5461.

Altar Memorials are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Linda Martin.

Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jacques DeJean, Pasquale Cassetta, Mary Heilner, Marion "Amy" McGilpin, and Russell W. McGilpin.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

Diocesan Prayer for Grace Church, Great Barrington; Human to Human; Pittsfield Council of Churches.

For those suffering throughout the world especially from the ravages of war, violence, hate, environmental changes, and disease.

For these families and individuals Ted, Vicki, McKenzie Brooke Barnes, Shirley, Curt, John, Jim, Mary, Pam, Sara, Ann, Anne, Nyla, Ginny, Victoria, Lucas, Aidan, Jesse, Siobhan, Ginger, Ed, Barbara, Mike, Danny, Chris, Caryl, Frank, Jenny, Mark, Sally, Fred, Sue, Hala, Tom, Michael, Mark, Jessica, Mark P., Jim L., Kate, Rick, Lee, Teresa, Candi, John, Coralee & Gemariah; Nancy, Tracy Davis; Lily and her parents, Leianne, Fran, Madeline, Debra, Brad, Colin, Bill, Jimmy, Billy, Les, Sally, Denise, Heather, Pearl, Lily, Bill, Jim, Kathy, Fred, Tom, Shannon, Joan, Deborah, Matt, Darlene, Rick & family, Anne, Ann, Jean, Ruth, Thelma, Connie, Candy, Jeff, David, Christina, Sharon, Marcia, Jan, John, Addison, Hannah, Donna, Jack, Mickie, Chris, Josh, Tim, Mike, Juan, John, Sheila, Ann, Gary, David, Sabrina, Wendy, Bernie, James, Jeffrey

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

Sunday, November 29	First Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Morning Prayer *(in person and live streamed)* 10:30 am InGathering Potuck Breakfast/Coffee Hour 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15
Monday, November 30	*8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)* *4:30 pm Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)* *5:30 pm Girl Scouts (Upstairs Classroom)*
Tuesday, December 1	*12:00 pm Tuesday Morning Club (SMGR)*
Wednesday, December 2	*6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)* *7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)*
Thursday, December 3	*5:00 pm Girl Scouts (Upstairs Classroom)* 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal *7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)*
Friday, December 4	*10:30 am Winter Market Planning Meeting (SMGR)* *7:00 pm Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon (SMGR)*
Saturday, December 5 **SUNDAY SCHOOL** **WILL MEET**	*9:00 am Adult Children of Alcoholics (Chapel)* *4:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)* 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship & Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Molly Scherm *(in person and live streamed)*
Sunday, December 6	NO SUNDAY SERVICES THIS WEEK

SMGR= Saint Margaret's Guild Room (Parlor)

"Drawn in by Grace; Reaching out in Love"

God calls people of any age, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality to join us in worship and work in the world. God's grace draws us in—all of us. And together all of us reach out with God's love.

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The Rt. Rev. Miguelina Howell, *Bishop, The Episcopal Church of Western MA*

The Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe, *Presiding Bishop and Primate*

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ECOTA Happenings | November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent & InGathering



Episcopal Advent & Christmas Resources
Advent and Christmas are packed full of joy, special moments and visitors—and just plain busyness. It's easy to lose sight of the blessing and true Good News of these special seasons. The church has put together some resources to help all of us find time to take a breath, pray, remember our neighbors, strengthen our faith, and appreciate our blessings. On the counter outside the Sanctuary, you can find a Reverse Advent Calendar you can use to plan giving to the Little Free Food Pantry; an Episcopal Advent Word-a-Day Calendar; and a booklet about The Great O Antiphons that are traditionally prayed in Advent to prepare for Christmas. Additional Advent resources are also available online at https://www.communitiesforspiritualvitality.org/signsoflife and https://www.episcopalchurch.org/worship-prayer/seasonal-resources/advent-resources/.

Angel Tree & Star Tree ~ Give a Gift to a Child or Senior in Need
The Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program provides gifts to children who might not otherwise receive anything for Christmas. Western Mass Hospital is providing the same service for seniors. We are looking for 30 Salvation Army Angels and several Senior Stars to fulfill the wishes in these wonderful programs. The trees in the Narthex have paper angels & stars listing the gift wishes of kids and seniors in the programs. Take an angel, sign your name on the Angel Register beside the tree, and get shopping! For the kids, return your unwrapped gifts to ECOTA with the angel gift tag you took before December 13. You can donate wrapping material if you'd like. The Salvation Army will pick up, wrap, and distribute your gifts. Gifts for the seniors can be wrapped; please include a note that tells what is inside the package so the staff will know. Pick up your angel or star from the tree in the Narthex!

Westfield High School Community Closet Needs Personal Care & Hygiene Products
Students at the Westfield High School are seeking donations of toiletries and personal care items. Travel size is ideal. Here are examples of some of the things they need: hand lotion, hand sanitizer, lip balm, deodorant, warm, fuzzy socks, new underwear (male & female), two pocket folders, hair accessories, hair ties , hair clips, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, new makeup, hair brushes and combs, etc. If you can help, place your donations in the plastic tote just outside the sanctuary door

Comfort Basket Raffle to Support ECOTA's Ministries
Our talented Raffle Basket Design team has put together a beautiful Comfort Basket and they'll be raffling it in November to raise money to support ECOTA's ministries. Tickets are $5 each and they will be on sale before and after Sunday services. The winner will be drawn at our InGathering Breakfast/Coffee Hour on Sunday, November 29.

Women's Luncheon ~ Tuesday, December 8 @ 12:00 pm
Join us for our next Women's Luncheon on Tuesday, December 9 at 12:00 pm in the St. Margaret's Guild Room. Let's come together to share a good meal, good conversation, and good company—and a Christmas singalong with Jerry Noble! Bring a brown bag lunch and we'll provide coffee & tea and maybe dessert (if you aren't on the naughty list). Sign up in the Narthex.

Winter Market ~ Saturday, December 12 | 11:00am-3:00pm
Join us for a warm and wonderful Winter Market, put on by the organizers of the Westfield Farmers Market! It will take place indoors @ ECOTA, and it will be loaded with great handmade and artisanal gifts from a wide variety of talented local vendors.

ECOTA Coffeehouse ~ Wednesday, December 16 @ 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Good coffee (or tea). Good friends. Good music. Join Jerry & Kara Noble for all three at our next ECOTA Coffeehouse!

Christmas Cookie Sale ~ Sunday, December 20 after each Worship Service
Are you a sharp cookie? Or can you bake one? Then be sure to sign up for ECOTA's annual Christmas Cookie Sale on Sunday, December 20! Bakers are invited to delight the crowd with their favorite Christmas cookie recipes. Homemade cookies only, please (no store-bought ones). Cookie consumers will also be needed after each worship service on December 20 to buy the cookies to make this tasty fundraiser a success! If you can bake a tasty contribution, please sign up in the Narthex.

Calling All Shepherds, Sheep & Angels!
Children are invited to come to the church school to learn songs for our Christmas Eve Pageant at the 4:00pm service! Sunday School meets during our weekly services, and we need to fill many different roles for children of many different ages in the Pageant. Judy Harvester can answer your questions about Sunday school, and Jerry or Kara Noble can answer questions about the Christmas Eve Pageant.

Bishop Miguelina Howell Visit ~ Sunday, January 17, 2027 | 8:00am & 10am Worship Services
The Rt. Reverend Miguelina Howell, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, has accepted our invitation to preach and preside at both of our Worship Services us on Sunday, January 17. 2027. If you can help put together a coffee hour after the service, let the office know.

November & December 2026 Worship Services

Saturday, December 5
5:00 pm ~ Worship & Holy Eucharist
with The Rev. Molly Scherm

Sunday, December 6
NO SUNDAY SERVICES

Saturday, December 12
5:00 pm ~ Worship & Holy Eucharist
with The Rev. Jane Beebe

Sunday, December 13
NO SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, December 20
8:00 am & 10:00am ~ Morning Prayer
with ECOTA Worship Leaders

Thursday, December 24
4:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve Family Service
Christmas Pageant
with ECOTA Youth and Worship Leaders

Thursday, December 24
8:30 pm ~ Christmas Eve
Choral Festival Worship & Holy Eucharist
with The Rev. Rick Bellows, the
ECOTA Choir, and Guest Musicians
Music 8:30-9:00 pm
Worship service begins @ 9:00 pm

Saturday, December 26
5:00 pm ~ Worship & Holy Eucharist
with The Rev. John Marquis