



Week of December 13—December 19, 2020

CASTING OUR NET

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear People of St. Stephen's,

We are finishing up Advent in style! This week, on **Wednesday, December 16 at 7 PM**, Cindy Bernardin will lead us in a service of scripture, prayer and reflection via Zoom and Facebook.

The style part? Cindy has prepared ADVENT GOODY BAGS with things to use in the service for you to pick up outside of the parish house starting this afternoon. If you cannot make it to the parish house by Wednesday, at your request, we will drop off a goody bag on Wednesday.

This **Sunday, December 27**, we will be having our Candle Lighting Service at 11 AM, a brief outside Eucharist live streamed at 11:30 (we have one more slot available if you wish to physically attend), and then a very brief Communion service at Noon, 12:15, 12:30, 12:45, and then 1 PM. There are slots available for Noon, 12:30, 12:45 and 1 PM. Please sign up with your name and number of people in your vehicle via Google Sheets [here](#) on your laptop or PC. If you sign up via table or phone, you will need to download Google Sheets app first (free at your app store) and then sign up. If none of these work, please call the office on Wednesday and Margie will put your name. A separate email with more detailed instructions will be sent to those who signed up later in the week. In the event of inclement weather, we will re-schedule for Sunday, December 27th. Please note, that this event is the result of a special conversation with the bishop and, depending on our Covid 19 numbers, it may be the only opportunity for physical communion in the next few months.

Communion Sign up					
December 20					
Time	Family/ Unit 1	Family/ Unit 2	Family/ Unit 3	Family/ Unit 4	Family/ Unit 5
11:00 AM	Online Candle Lighting	Online Candle Lighting	Online Candle Lighting	Online Candle Lighting	Online Candle Lighting
11:30 AM	Carol Stratton	Diemers (2)	Hucks (2)	Halls (2)	
12:00 PM					
12:15 PM	Meyer (2)	Phyllis Westfall	Linda Warrum	Annette Buckland	Backs (2)
12:30 PM					
12:45 PM	Staubitz (3)	Gerards (2)			
1:00 PM	Whites (3)	Mumford (3)			

Please arrive at your scheduled time (or shortly before) and pull into one of the numbered spaces in front of the parish house.

On **Christmas Eve**, the doors for our Christmas service via Zoom will open at 7:45 PM and we will go live on Facebook with carols beginning at 8:00 PM. After the carols and service (save one of those candles from the Advent Service for Silent Night!), we will have a Christmas Toast, so have a beverage of your choice ready for some words of cheer. There will be no led service on Christmas day, but bulletins will be available at the Parish House Door for those who wish to Morning Prayer on their own.

Alleluia, the year of 2020 is almost over. It is almost over indeed, Alleluia!
God's peace,

Beth+

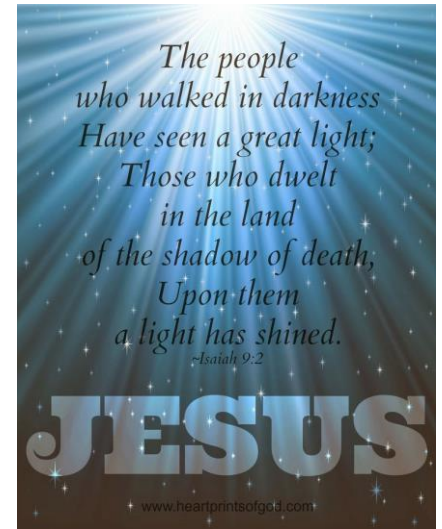
LITURGICAL CALENDAR

December 20, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

December 27, 2020

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 147
Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
John 1:1-18



We ask for Continued Prayers:

The church, its members, and its mission; The nation and all in authority; The welfare of the world; EB; Wayne; The Gerard family; Charles, Sally & Scott Huck; Sheila, Greg & Ivy; Rachel, Karen, & Trevor; Eli Haddix; Health Care Personnel; Teachers & Therapists; Those Suffering from the effects of COVID; Odessa; Ron; Traci & family

And for those serving in the Military:

EB; Alex; Caitlyn; Brady; Jackson; All who serve

And for Safety in Travel for:

All truck drivers and delivery persons

Those who have died:

Mike Gerard; Charlie Pride; Those who have died from COVID 19; Those who have died from violence

For those who celebrate Birthdays in Dec:

December 6 – Vicki Harris
December 6 – Mark Sellars
December 7 – Mike Staubitz
December 18 – Sara Pfister
December 25 – David McFarland
December 28 – Shane Harris

For those who celebrate Anniversaries in Dec:

December 16 – Robin & Rita Davis
December 30 – Bish & Liz Mumford

And for those serving in our Diocese,

including Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows; our companion Diocese Brasillia, their Bishop Mauricio, and the people and Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's in Mithon

Blessings:

Will passing his instrument rating checkride; Claire's safe arrival home; The anniversary of Rita & Robin Davis on Dec 16th & Sara Pfister's birthday on Dec 18th this week; Birth of Nico.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

In compliance with the IRS, contributions to St. Stephen's Church must be received in the church office by the following end dates in the year 2020

Deadlines: Dec 23, 2020 – **online** contributions
Dec 30, 2020 – hand delivered and **dropped off**
Dec 31, 2020 – **postmarked**, if in mail delivery

These dates are to be used for all contributions to be listed on the 2020 giving statements. Thank you for your attention to these bookkeeping dates.

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