



# The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

## Christmas Eve

Church of the Holy Comforter – Vienna, Virginia  
Living Crèche and Holy Eucharist Rite II

December 24, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

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*Please adjust all electronic devices to silent settings.*

### OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Prelude on *Allein Gott in der Höh* (Hymn 421)  
Toccata in F Major  
Prelude on *In dulci jubilo* (Hymn 107)  
Praeludium Pastorale (super gamut descendens)

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Johann Pachelbel  
Dietrich Buxtehude  
John Stainer

### THE ENTRANCE

AT THE PROCESSION, HYMN 83, (stanzas 1-3, 6) “O come, all ye faithful”  
*Sung by all, standing.*

*Adeste fideles*

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| <p>1 O come, all ye faithful,<br/>joyful and triumphant,<br/>O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;<br/>come, and behold him,<br/>born the King of angels;<br/>O come, let us adore him,<br/>O come, let us adore him,<br/>O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.</p> <p>2 God from God,<br/>Light from Light eternal,<br/>lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;<br/>only-begotten<br/>Son of the Father;<br/>O come, let us adore him,<br/>O come, let us adore him,<br/>O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.</p> | <p>3 Sing, choirs of angels,<br/>sing in exultation,<br/>sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;<br/>glory to God,<br/>glory in the highest:<br/>O come, let us adore him,<br/>O come, let us adore him,<br/>O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.</p> <p>6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,<br/>born this happy morning;<br/>Jesus, to thee be glory given;<br/>Word of the Father,<br/>now in flesh appearing;<br/>O come, let us adore him,<br/>O come, let us adore him,<br/>O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.</p> |
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### CHRISTMAS ACCLAMATION

*Presider* The glory of the Lord has been revealed:  
*People* **And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.**  
*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

SONG OF PRAISE, HYMN 96, (stanzas 1-3) “Angels we have heard on high”  
*Sung by all.*

*Gloria*

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| <p>1 Angels we have heard on high,<br/>singing sweetly through the night,<br/>and the mountains in reply<br/>echoing their brave delight.<br/>Gloria in excelsis Deo;<br/>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</p>  | <p>2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?<br/>Why these songs of happy cheer?<br/>What great brightness did you see?<br/>What glad tidings did you hear?<br/>Gloria in excelsis Deo;<br/>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</p> |
| <p>3 Come to Bethlehem and see<br/>him whose birth the angels sing;<br/>come, adore on bended knee<br/>Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.<br/>Gloria in excelsis Deo;<br/>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</p> |  |

## THE COLLECT OF THE NATIVITY

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

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LIVING CRÈCHE

### INTRODUCTION

**CAROL: HYMN 79** (stanza 1) “O little town of Bethlehem”

*St. Louis*

*Sung by all.*

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

### MARY IS VISITED BY AN ANGEL

**CAROL: HYMN 89**, (stanza 1) “It came upon the midnight clear”

*Carol*

*Sung by all.*

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heaven’s all-gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.

### THE FRIENDLY BEASTS

**CAROL: HYMN 100** (stanza 1) “Joy to the world! the Lord is come”

*Antioch*

*Sung by all.*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

### THE CHRISTMAS STORY

**CAROL: HYMN 105** (stanza 1) “God rest you merry, gentlemen”

*God Rest You Merry*

*Sung by all.*

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay;  
remember Christ our Savior  
was born on Christmas Day,  
to save us all from Satan’s power  
when we were gone astray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!

### THE SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS

**CAROL: HYMN 109** (stanza 1) “The first Nowell the angel did say”

*The First Nowell*

*Sung by all.*

The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

## THE MAGI

CAROL: HYMN 128 (stanza 1) "We three kings of Orient are"

*Three Kings of Orient*

*Sung by all.*

We three kings of Orient are,  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain,  
moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading,  
still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!

## THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CAROL: HYMN 79 (stanza 5) "O little town of Bethlehem"

*St. Louis*

*Sung by all.*

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.** [*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.*]

## THE RECTOR'S WELCOME

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The people remain seated while an offering is received to support Holy Comforter's work of sharing God's love with the world. As the offering is brought forward to the altar, all stand. Today you are invited to contribute to a Special Offering that will go to Holy Comforter's Outreach Ministries. Please use the green envelopes in the pews to designate your offering to Outreach Ministries.*

AT THE OFFERTORY, VOLUNTARY: Prelude on *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen* (Hymn 81)

Johannes Brahms

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer, p. 367*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Presider 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. [*The Presider continues.*]

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:

SANCTUS, HYMNAL, S 125

Richard Proulx

*Sung by all.*



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Presider continues and gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ and prays over the bread and wine.*

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*People* **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

*The Presider continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People* **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

#### INVITATION *[The People are seated.]*

*As Jesus welcomed all to his table, so do we at Holy Comforter. The bread and the wine are the central symbols of God's presence and we invite you to share in the Eucharist in whatever way feels comfortable to you, regardless of age or tradition. We also offer gluten-free bread—just let the priest know. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms in front of your chest. The Holy Eucharist is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, a mutual indwelling of Christ in us and us in him. Come to the table and be joined into Christ's ministry of love and reconciliation.*

#### COMMUNION MUSIC *[The hymns are sung by all; they may found in the blue Hymnal 1982.]*

HYMN 115 "What child is this, who, laid to rest"

HYMN 101 "Away in a manger, no crib for his bed"

*Greensleeves*

*Cradle Song*

**AFTER THE DISTRIBUTION, HYMN 111 “Silent night, holy night”**

*Stille Nacht*

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| 1 Silent night, holy night,<br>all is calm, all is bright<br>round yon virgin mother and child.<br>Holy infant, so tender and mild,<br>sleep in heavenly peace.<br>Sleep in heavenly peace. | 2 Silent night, holy night,<br>shepherds quake at the sight,<br>glories stream from heaven afar,<br>heavenly hosts sing alleluia;<br>Christ, the Savior, is born!<br>Christ, the Savior, is born! | 3 Silent night, holy night,<br>Son of God, love’s pure light<br>radiant beams from thy holy face,<br>with the dawn of redeeming grace,<br>Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.<br>Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. |
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**THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER** [*Said by all.*]

**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.**

**THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING**

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**AT THE CLOSING, HYMN 87 “Hark! the herald angels sing”**

*Mendelssohn*

*Sung by all, standing.*

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| 1 Hark! the herald angels sing<br>glory to the newborn King!<br>Peace on earth and mercy mild,<br>God and sinners reconciled!<br>Joyful, all ye nations, rise,<br>join the triumph of the skies;<br>with the angelic host proclaim<br>Christ is born in Bethlehem!<br>Hark! the herald angels sing<br>glory to the newborn King!                      | 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;<br>Christ, the everlasting Lord;<br>late in time behold him come,<br>offspring of the Virgin’s womb.<br>Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;<br>hail, the incarnate Deity.<br>Pleased as man with us to dwell;<br>Jesus, our Emmanuel!<br>Hark! the herald angels sing<br>glory to the newborn King! |
| 3 Mild he lays his glory by,<br>born that we no more may die,<br>born to raise us from the earth,<br>born to give us second birth.<br>Risen with healing in his wings,<br>light and life to all he brings,<br>hail, the Sun of Righteousness!<br>hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!<br>Hark! the herald angels sing<br>glory to the newborn King! |  |

**DISMISSAL** [*The people respond,*]

**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY:** Prelude on *In dulci jubilo* (Hymn 107)

Johann Sebastian Bach

## ***Christmas Flowers are given in Loving Memory***

Joan Wood .....	<i>by David, Richard, and Charlotte Wood</i>
Frank Gamboa .....	<i>by Linda Gamboa</i>
Betty Fitzsimmons, Al Yost, and John Yost .....	<i>by Richard and Barbara Fitzsimmons</i>
Jim Mixer.....	<i>by the Mixer and Olena Families</i>
Perry Alers, Stanley Moorehead, and Lois Baty.....	<i>by Amy Brown</i>
Elaine and Heather .....	<i>by Peter Brownrigg</i>
Barbara Mackey and Roger Neighborgall .....	<i>by Russ and Christa van der Veer</i>
Raymond, Virginia, and Charles King .....	<i>by the Garrods</i>
Yoko Shimooka .....	<i>by Allison and Scott Shimooka</i>
Our parents: Vivian and Glenn, and Tee and Saeed.....	<i>by Linda and Kamran Khan</i>
Gus Lee .....	<i>by Phyllis and Chris Lee</i>
Joanna and David Gillespie, and Jane Grimes .....	<i>by Ann Gillespie</i>
Kitty, Tom, and Neil Sullivan .....	<i>by Liz Bleich</i>
Frank and Peggy Miller .....	<i>by Peggy Miller</i>
My father, John Boerger .....	<i>by Patti Boerger</i>
Our parents: Chuck and Carolyn, and Barney and Cameron.....	<i>by Jackie and Barney Thomson</i>
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Our parents .....	<i>by Don and Anita Webster</i>
Our son-in-law and our parents .....	<i>by Russ and Sue Smith</i>
My parents-in-law: Joseph and Kathleen Long .....	<i>by Patti Boerger</i>
Neal Creswell.....	<i>by Jay and Shelia Creswell</i>
Kathy, and our parents.....	<i>by Helen and John Mertz</i>
Frank and Jeanne Crum .....	<i>by the Crum Family</i>
Larry Williamson .....	<i>by Norma Williamson</i>
Our beloved husband and father Don Harrison .....	<i>by Wesley, Rob, and Drew Harrison</i>
My sister Betsy Tierney .....	<i>by Patsy Norton</i>
Our parents .....	<i>by Charles and Karen Graybeal</i>
Sara Robinson and Peggy Robinson .....	<i>by Sherryl and Bob Dorch</i>
Judith's brother Christopher A. Armstrong .....	<i>by Judith and Douglas Bowers</i>
Jay and Alice Creswell, and Ray and Dot Lowder .....	<i>by Jay and Shelia Creswell</i>
Denis O'Sullivan and Merry J. McGuire .....	<i>by Susan and Randy McGuire</i>
Catherine Cammiso .....	<i>by Marty, Sarah, Libby, Jessie, Danielle, and Jeff</i>
Our parents: Lee and Elmer Purnell, and Anita and David Malone .....	<i>by the Malone Family</i>
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Our daughter-in-law Courtney Bass, and our brothers Fred Zettle and Earle Marvin .....	<i>by Lorna and George Bass</i>
.....	
Our beloved Trentino .....	<i>love, Dad, Mom, and Julia</i>
My brother Michael Brooks.....	<i>by Christine Brooks</i>
Tante Tini, Aunt Bunny, Uncle Jo, Uncle Jan, Angus, Patrick, Paladin, and Spurgy.....	<i>by the Daman Family</i>
.....	
Our sweet Evan and Dolly Douglas .....	<i>by Scott and Lisa Arnold</i>
Rose and Walter Boone, Dorothy and Paul Schmitt.....	<i>by Mark and Jennifer Schmitt</i>

## *Christmas Flowers are given in Thanksgiving*

Sixty years together with Frank.....*by Linda Gamboa*  
Family and friends .....*by Anita and Barry New*  
God's many blessings .....*by Joan Johnson*  
Our children and all of our loved ones .....*by Russ and Christa van der Veer*  
Tabby and Baxter .....*by Allison and Scott Shimooka*  
Our family .....*by Don and Dottie Stone*  
The love and support of this Holy Comforter community.....*by Lolly Mixter*  
Our daughters: Natasha and Samantha .....*by Linda and Kamran Khan*  
Our children and grandchildren .....*by Don and Anita Webster*  
The blessing of family and friends .....*by Chuck and Jill Clopton*  
Our family and friends .....*by Helen & John Mertz*  
Our friends and family .....*by the Crum Family*  
My wonderful sons: Rob and Drew .....*by Wesley Harrison*  
Our grandsons Sam & Henry, and the continued good health of our family .....  
.....*by Charles and Karen Graybeal*  
Nancy Dorch .....*by Sherryl and Bob Dorch*  
In joyous gratitude for our children: Chris, Chad and Cassi, their spouses, and our  
grandchildren.....*by Judy and Carl Riedy*  
Our family, especially our beloved Grace .....*by Dave and Lisa Wood*  
Our wonderfully caring Clergy and Staff.....  
.....*by Grateful Parishioners*  
Our children: David, Erin and Mark, Michael and Stefanie, and our grandchildren: Hazel,  
Charlotte, Connor, Emma, Luke, Tobin, Elliott, and for the many blessings of family,  
friends, and the Holy Comforter community .....*by Lorna and George Bass*  
Oma, Opa, Grandma, and Grampy .....*by the Daman Family*  
Our family and friends .....*by Mom and Dad*  
Our Clergy and Church Staff .....*by the Leak Family*  
Kaitlin and Emma, our parents Tish Moreno and Scott and Shirley Arnold, and all our  
family and friends .....*by Scott and Lisa Arnold*  
Dorothy M. Doty.....*by Pamela and Glenn Rosenthal*  
Past and Present Saints of Holy Comforter .....*by Grateful Parishioners*  
Sarah, Marybeth, Emily and Olivia .....*by Mark and Jennifer Schmitt*  
Our friends and family.....*by Kari and Dan Govan*  
The life of Sarwat Hussein.....*Kavita and Shobha*

# Prayer List for December 26, 2021

We Pray for those who are sick, in need, preparing for or recovering from surgery, especially the following parishioners and family members:

## PARISHIONERS & IMMEDIATE FAMILY

- All youth who are struggling in this uncertain time
- All those looking for work
- George Burghardt's healing
- Bob and Pat Bruce as they mourn the death of Bob's father
- Ann Streit as she mourns the death of her husband
- Christine Brooks' successful recovery from surgery
- Luanne Obert's continued healing
- Judith Bowers as she mourns the loss of her brother Christopher
- Frances Sullinger's continued healing
- Nikki Ryan's continued remission
- George Baker's comfort and Robyn's strength and comfort
- Barbara Maniha's continued healing
- Leslie Barnhart as she teaches in Portugal
- Rucj Uffelman's peace and comfort as he lives with Parkinsons
- Vivienne Smith's healing
- Flory Albertson's healing
- Sylvia Kinsolving's healing
- Mark Coppedge's healing and peace of mind
- Wesley Harrison's healing

## EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND FORMER PARISHIONERS

- Abby's healing
- Baby Alfie's healing
- Larry Bleich's successful recovery from surgery
- Pat Casadei for healing and strength throughout her cancer treatment
- Lauri Herman as she undergoes cancer treatment and David's comfort
- Martha Catul's healing
- Sandy Dixon's healing as she undergoes cancer treatment
- Kim Jennings' healing
- Kerry Thomson's continued healing following surgery
- Sally Gorham's healing
- Tracey as she battles cancer
- Larry Boltz's healing and Pamela's strength
- Martha Wilcox's healing
- Karen Lowder's healing and comfort
- Antoinette Becht's peace and comfort
- Rebecca Horahan's healing and comfort
- Heidi Ross's healing
- Laura Stevenson's healing
- Michael's and Georgine's healing
- Doug Mitchell's healing
- Bill and Mary Ann Arnold's peace and comfort
- Eileen Krenz' peace and comfort
- Deliah Sitorius' healing as she undergoes cancer treatment
- Kathryn's healing and Mark, Peggy and Maryetta Anschutz' comfort
- Pat Mickle's hope and healing
- Mary's peaceful moments and less confusion

## WE PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS, BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN, SERVING OUR COUNTRY AWAY FROM HOME:

Army Captain Chiara Botello (granddaughter of Christine Langford), Navy Fireman Charles Boyle (nephew of Linda and John Boyle), Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Jonathan Bertera (son of Bill and Nancy Bertera), Air Force Captain Cameron Jones (son of Philip and Celestine Jones), Army Majors Erik and Michael Kiser (nephews of Barbara Kiser), Navy Lieutenant Curtis Khol (son of Curtis and Michele Khol), Marine Sergeant Adam Link (grandson of Patti Wessel), Marine 1st Lieutenant Ryan McCormic (nephew of Cassandra Bosco), Navy Lieutenants Lillian and Jack Montana (daughter and son-in-law of Philene and Paul Ware Dunn), and Army Captain Josh Smithers (great-nephew of Ann Buxton). We also remember in prayer the people of Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, and everyone affected by war and violence.

## WE PRAY FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS:

Lisa Bentley (Jan), granddaughter of Richard and Barbara Fitzsimmons; Becca Paulini (Mar), daughter-in-law of Kathy and Joe Paulini; Lauren Pflugrath (Mar), daughter-in-law of Linda and John Boyle; Loey Bleich Newman (Apr), daughter of Liz and Larry Bleich; Sarah Sutton Lester (Apr), daughter of Frank and Theresa Sutton.

*To place names on the Prayer List, please contact Shelia Creswell at [screswell@verizon.net](mailto:screswell@verizon.net). Names will remain on the list for four weeks unless directed otherwise.*



## To Our Visitors and Newcomers

*Thank you for joining us. We hope you'll return often.*

- **Masks** are required for indoor worship/activities; optional for outdoor worship/activities.
- **Holy Eucharist is offered on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.** The service includes readings, prayers, a homily, and communion (bread only—gluten-free available).
- **Holy Eucharist is offered on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** The service includes hymns, readings, prayers, a homily, and communion (bread only—gluten-free available). This service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook.
- **Children's Chapel:** Before the gospel, children who would like to go are invited to follow the acolyte with the dove cross to the Chapel, where a children's book about faith is read and time for conversation, prayer, and response is given. Children are returned to the Sanctuary for the Peace.
- **The Nursery** for children through age 4 is open Sunday, 9 a.m.–noon. The nursery is located downstairs and is accessed by the stairwell next to the entry to the Sanctuary.
- **Coffee and Fellowship Hour** happens Sundays following the 9:30 a.m. service.
- **Sunday School for children 4 years old–6th Grade** happens 10:45–11:30 a.m.: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (4-year olds and kindergarten) Room 309; Godly Play (1st–4th graders) Room 313; Faith in Action (5th and 6th graders) Lilian Croy Room. Questions? Contact Brynn Pacitti at [bpacitti@holycomforter.com](mailto:bpacitti@holycomforter.com).
- **Sunday School for youth 7th–12th Grade** happens 10:45–11:30 a.m.: Middle School meets in old library. High School meets in McGill Hall. Questions? Contact Denis McMullan at [dmcullan@holycomforter.com](mailto:dmcullan@holycomforter.com).
- **Parents:** Books and crayons are available at the back of the Sanctuary.
- **Large print** is available at the back of the Sanctuary: Rite I and II Eucharist Hymnal selections and the Book of Common Prayer and Bibles.
- **Braille** copies of the Book of Common Prayer are in the back of the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Restrooms** are located on every level.
- Help us get to know you by visiting our Welcome Center at [www.holycomforter.com](http://www.holycomforter.com), where you can sign up for our mailing list. Or complete a newcomer card found in the pews.
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram ([holycomfortervienna](http://holycomfortervienna)).



## 2022 Annual Pledge – Growing in Gratitude

Show your gratitude and commitment to our faith community with an annual pledge! Send in your pledge form, or pledge online at [www.holycomforter.com](http://www.holycomforter.com).

*The Church Office will be closed December 24–January 2. During that time, please use the pastoral care line (703-216-1864) should you need emergency clergy support—this number is also on the outgoing message on our Church Office voicemail when there is no one available to answer the phone.*

### Laptop Needed

If you have an unused laptop that you can donate to the church, we could use it for various online activities. Windows 10 operating system required. We can “clean it up” to meet our needs. Please email Randy McGuire or call (703) 463-1573, thank you.

### Blood Drive

**Wednesday, December 29; 10 a.m.–3 p.m.; Ministry Center**  
*Sponsored by Becoming Beloved Community*

Help save a life! Give blood! Unable to give blood but want to participate in this important ministry? Volunteer to welcome donors. Visit [www.holycomforter.com](http://www.holycomforter.com) (Parish Life>Events) to register to give blood or to volunteer to welcome donors. Questions? Contact [BBC@holycomforter.com](mailto:BBC@holycomforter.com).

The Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade. The dangerously low blood supply levels have forced some hospitals to defer patients from major surgery, including organ transplants. Your blood donation is desperately needed this holiday season.

### Apply for Outreach Grants

**Applications Due By December 31**

Holy Comforter's Outreach Team is accepting applications for grant funding from organizations that serve God's people in need. Download the Grant Application Form at [www.holycomforter.com](http://www.holycomforter.com) (Learn & Serve>Outreach). Questions? Contact Joni Langevoort at [jlangevoort@gmail.com](mailto:jlangevoort@gmail.com).

### Coffee Hour & Mini Classes

**Sunday, January 2; 10:30 a.m.**

On January 2 Body & Soul Fitness will host Coffee and Fellowship Hour with health snacks for the new year! Come dressed to work out! We'll offer three 20-minute sample classes beginning at 11:30:

- Cardio-Strength with GOLD options
- Power Strength (no cardio)
- Strength and Flexibility (no cardio)

Questions? Please contact Linda Khan at [LindaKhan@BodyandSoul.org](mailto:LindaKhan@BodyandSoul.org) or Lynne Brents at [lynne.brents@verizon.net](mailto:lynne.brents@verizon.net).

### Choral Evensong for Epiphany

**Thursday, January 6; 7:30 p.m.**

Holy Comforter's Choristers will be joined by women of the Adult Choir in presenting a service of evensong in celebration of the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. This beautiful and brief choral liturgy will include works by Dietrich Buxtehude and Minister of Music, David Kelley. A reception will follow. Join us and bring a friend!

### Senior Saints BYO Lunch

**Friday, January 7; 11:45 a.m.; Ministry Center**

Following the meeting and lunch, parishioner and Occupational Therapist, Zara Harris, will talk about her venture to help train Haitians to become Occupational and Physical Therapists so that they can help fellow Haitians affected by frequent catastrophic weather and political events.

## Holy Comforter Celebrates 125 Years!

*We give thanks for the faith and works of the “cloud of witnesses” before us who, from a small mission parish in downtown Vienna to our current 14-acre site have made possible the opportunities we now have for ministry to the community around us.*



### How has Holy Comforter Changed Your Life?

Youth and adult parishioners are needed to record short videos that recall how Holy Comforter has impacted their lives. The videos will be combined into a short movie that will be shown during our 125th Anniversary Celebration in May 2022. If you are interested in sharing your story with a youth, or if you are a youth interested in conducting a short interview, please let Denis McMullan know at [dmcnullan@holycorforter.com](mailto:dmcnullan@holycorforter.com). An outline script and instructions will be provided. Interviews can be arranged in the Ministry Center or at a location of your choice.

### Life Skills for College and Career Beginning Monday, January 17

11th–12th Graders are invited for eight classes that help prepare for college and career. Classes include guest speakers and testimonies from college students and graduates who will share tips and advice.

- Starts January 17 (continues on the 3rd Monday of each month)
- 7–9 p.m. in the Ministry Center
- Dinner provided at 7–7:30 p.m.
- No cost (come to all or some)
- Topics include Top Ten Tips, Find Your Fit, Networking, Interviewing, Financial Planning, Relationships, Living on Your Own, Self-Care (spiritual, mental, and physical well-being)
- Friends welcome

Sign up online at [www.holycorforter.com](http://www.holycorforter.com) (Learn & Serve>Youth).  
Questions? Contact Denis McMullan at [dmcnullan@holycorforter.com](mailto:dmcnullan@holycorforter.com).

### Book and Movie Club: *Caste* Monday, January 17; 7 p.m. on Zoom *Sponsored by Becoming Beloved Community*

Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through a deeply researched narrative of real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings. The book is available for \$15 in both print and on Kindle. Please read ahead of time, and we'll discuss during the Zoom call. **Two copies of *Caste* are also available in the Holy Comforter library.**

### Episcopal 101

Episcopal 101 is a class for newcomers and old-timers alike—anyone who seeks a deeper relationship with God and to learn more about the Episcopal Church. It will meet on Zoom on Monday evenings, starting on January 31 from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m.

Over the course of 14 sessions we will dive into the theology and history of the Episcopal Church, scripture, and the Book of Common Prayer. We'll explore different forms of prayer and learn about the ministries of Holy Comforter. At the end, some will choose to be baptized, confirmed, or received into the Episcopal Church, but that is not a requirement. We are limiting participation to 20 people. All are welcome in this safe space to ask all of your questions. Come and experience the presence of the living Christ in one another, even on Zoom!

The class syllabus as well as the link to registration will available soon at [www.holycorforter.com](http://www.holycorforter.com).

### PENNYWISE THRIFT SHOP

The Pennywise Thrift Shop was created as a fund raising endeavor of Church of the Holy Comforter in 1961. The Shop is located at 214 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna, VA.

Happy Holidays! Everyone at Pennywise Thrift Shop wishes you a happy holiday season and a joyful new year! Pennywise is looking for kitchen donations! If you have anything please drop your donations off to the shop. Thank you so much for your support! Questions? Please contact Judy Boott at [judithboott@gmail.com](mailto:judithboott@gmail.com) or Michele Khol at [kholcm@verizon.net](mailto:kholcm@verizon.net).

### Holy Comforter Preschool and Kindergarten Registration Opens January 10 Registration Closes January 14

Holy Comforter Preschool and Kindergarten will open its registration for the 2022–2023 school year for Two 1/2s, Threes, Pre-K, and Kindergarten classes. We spiritually serve children to follow in God's way and learn in a supportive, energetic, and loving setting. Registration forms can be found at [www.holycorforterpreschool.com](http://www.holycorforterpreschool.com). Please contact Linda Meyers, Director, at [lmeyers@holycorforter.com](mailto:lmeyers@holycorforter.com) if you have any questions.

### Hypothermia Relief Shelter Prepare Meals! Serve Meals! Greet Guests! Drive FACETS Van! Provide Funds for 30+ Guests!

Holy Comforter is gearing up to host our one-week Hypothermia Prevention Shelter from January 30 to February 6, 2022. In partnership with FACETS, our Ministry Center will host 30+ guests who live and work without a home.

Unlike last year, where guests were housed in a central location and we brought food and supplies to them, our parish will provide a warm place to sleep and nourishing meals. In addition, our shelter will offer much needed personal supplies (toothpaste/brushes, socks, soap/shampoo, etc.), Smart Trip cards, gasoline cards, and provide entertainment such as music, games, books, and magazines. A bin to drop off supplies will be available soon in the narthex.

Please visit [www.holycorforter.com](http://www.holycorforter.com) (Learn & Serve>Outreach) to learn more details and how you can help.

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