



The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Eve

Church of the Holy Comforter – Vienna, Virginia
The Holy Eucharist Rite II

December 24, 2021 at 7:00 and 10:00 P.M.

Please adjust all electronic devices to silent settings.

THE PRELUDE

BRASS: “Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella”

Traditional, arr. Henderson

CHOIR: “Hallelu!”

Stephen Paulus

Down in a valley, sing hallelu,	Mary had a baby, sing hallelu,	What did she name him, sing hallelu,
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Down in a valley, sing hallelu!	Mary had a baby, sing hallelu!	What did she name him, sing hallelu!

CAROL: HYMN 115 “What child is this, who, laid to rest”

Greensleeves

Sung by all.

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| 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary. | 2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary. |
| 3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary. | |

CHOIR: “All this time”

William Walton

All this time this song is best: ‘*Verbum caro factum est.*’ (Transl. “The Word is made flesh.”)

This night there is a child yborn That sprang out of Jesse’s thorn; We must sing and say therefor, All this time...	Jesus is the childes name, And Mary mild is his dame; All our sorrow shall turn to game: All this time...
It fell upon high midnight: The starres shone both fair and bright; The angels sang with all their might, All this time...	Now kneel we down on our knee, And pray we to the Trinity Our help, our succor for to be; All this time...

CAROL: HYMN 100 (stanzas 1, 2, 4) “Joy to the world! the Lord is come”

Antioch

Sung by all.

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| 1 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 nature sing, | 2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy. |
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4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

BRASS: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Spiritual, arr. Henderson



THE ENTRANCE

AT THE PROCESSION, HYMN 83, (stanzas 1-3, 6) "O come, all ye faithful"

Adeste fideles

Sung by all, standing.

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

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"

Gloria

Sung by all.

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

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 WORD OF GOD

THE LESSON [*The people are seated.*]

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Mendelssohn

Sung by all, standing.

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

Luke 2:1-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and

praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE The Rev. Ann Gillespie

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon. The people stand for the Creed.

THE NICENE CREED [*Said by all.*]

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE [*All remain standing.*]

Adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book

The leader of the Prayers will begin with prayers for the church and the world. Throughout you are invited to add your own petitions either silently or aloud.

Intercessor Lord, you have called us to serve you.

People **Grant that we may walk in the light of your presence.**

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, ANTHEM: "Gloria in excelsis"

Antonio Vivaldi

(Sung in Latin) Glory to God in the highest.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer, p. 367

Celebrant
People
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant
People
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
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.

Celebrant *People*
A - men.

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 [*Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*]

BRASS: Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol

Percy Grainger, arr. Allen

CHOIR: "Brich an, o schönes Morgenlicht"

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Brich an, o schönes Morgenlicht,
Und lass den Himmel tagen!
Du Hirtenvolk, erschrecke nicht,
Weil dir die Engel sagen,
Dass dieses schwache Knäbelein
Soll unser Trost und Freude sein,
Dazu den Satan zwingen
Und letztlich Friede bringen!*

Break forth, O beauteous morning light,
And bring day to the heavens!
Thou shepherd folk, be not afraid,
For thee the angel telleth
That this the helpless little boy
Shall be our comfort and our joy,
Here for to conquer Satan
And peace at last to bring us!

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

Cradle Song

HYMN 79, (stanzas 1-3, 5) "O little town of Bethlehem"

St. Louis

AFTER THE DISTRIBUTION, HYMN 111 "Silent night, holy night"

Stille Nacht

1 Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

3 Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

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 109 (stanzas 1, 2, 4, 6) "The first Nowell the angel did say"
Sung by all, standing.

The First Nowell

1 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.

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

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>
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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>
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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 Uffelmann'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. 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@holycorforter.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@holycorforter.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.holycorforter.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 (holycorfortervienna).



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.holycorforter.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.holycorforter.com (Parish Life>Events) to register to give blood or to volunteer to welcome donors. Questions? Contact BBC@holycorforter.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.holycorforter.com (Learn & Serve>Outreach). Questions? Contact Joni Langevoort at 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 or Lynne Brents at 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. 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 (Learn & Serve>Youth).
Questions? Contact Denis McMullan at 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.

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 or Michele Khol at 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. Please contact Linda Meyers, Director, at 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 (Learn & Serve>Outreach) to learn more details and how you can help.