



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, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

Please adjust all electronic devices to silent settings.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

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 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

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.



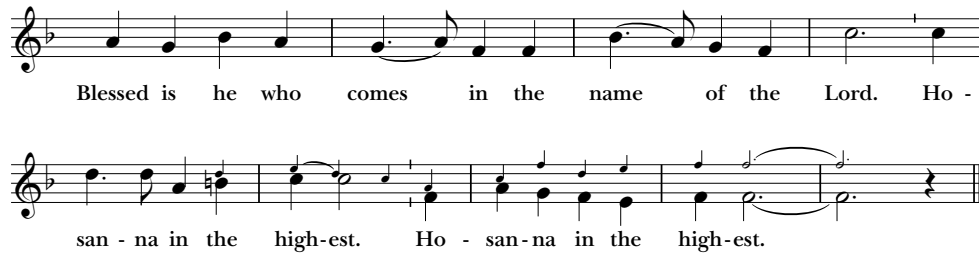
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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”

Greensleeves

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

Cradle Song

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

Stille Nacht

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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!</p> | <p>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.</p> |
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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"
Sung by all, standing.

Mendelssohn

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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! | |

DISMISSAL [*The people respond,*]
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Christmas Flowers Given in Loving Memory

- Debbie's parents: John Buhl and Elizabeth Sullivan Buhlby *Debbie & Tom Bacigalupo*
Our parentsby *Susan & Charlie Lyons*
Our parents and grandparentsby *Anita & Don Webster*
Raymond, Virginia, and Charles King.....by *the Garrod Family*
Kacie Fisher Overbyby *Nora El Sebaey*
Joan Wood.....by *David and Richard Wood & Charlotte McClure*
Our parentsby *Jackie & Barney Thomson*
Mike and Yoko Shimookaby *Allison and Scott Shimooka*
Larry Williamsonby *Norma Williamson*
Our beloved husband and father Don Harrisonby *Wesley, Rob, and Drew Harrison*
John and Caroline Johnston & Frank and Emily Reynolds by *Stacey & Kevin Reynolds*
Don Stoneby *Dottie Stone*
Frank, Jeanne and Bodhiby *the Crum Family*
Our parentsby *Charles and Karen Graybeal*
Loved onesby *Pam and Dan Riordan*
Our beloved family – Sam, Joyce and Trentino by *Katherine, Bill, and Julia*
Frank and Peggy Millerby *Peggy Miller*
Tom and Kitty Sullivan, and Neil Sullivan.....by *Liz Bleich*
Kathleen Kelleyby *the Adult Choir*
Our parents, Cathy and Clodyby *Helen and John Mertz*
Elaine and Heatherby *Peter Brownrigg*
Beloved family and friendsby *the Lussier and Johnson Families*
Gusby *Phyllis and Chris Lee*
Jim Mixterby *the Mixter and Forseter Families*
Our siblings who have passed.....by *Judy and Carl Riedy*
Glenn and Vivian Hudson, Tee Muenzer, Saeed Khanby *Linda and Kamran Khan*
Denis A. O'Sullivan, Tim McGuire, Denis F. O'Sullivan, Merry Jo McGuire, Bob McGuire,
.....by *Susan and Randy McGuire*
George Baker.....by *his Loving Family*

Christmas Flowers Given in Thanksgiving

Family and friends.....*by Sheryl & John Watson*
Family and friends.....*by Claudia & Bill DeCicco*
Our children*by Susan & Charlie Lyons*
In thanks and appreciation for the staff and families of HC Preschool and Kindergarten.....
.....*by Linda Meyers*
Our children, grandchildren, and extended family*by Anita & Don Webster*
Our children and grandchildren*by Jackie & Barney Thomson*
Baxter, Tabby, and Sam*by Allison & Scott Shimooka*
James and Pam Boulware , & Jean and Gary Boam*by the Boam Family*
Brooke and Brandon*by Stacey and Kevin Reynolds*
My family*by Dottie Stone*
Our family and friends*by the Crum Family*
Our 59th wedding anniversary, 59 years together*by Hazel and Joe Carter*
Family, friends and clergy of Holy Comforter*by Anita and Barry New*
Our granddaughter Clara*by Debbie and Dick Banks*
God's many blessings*by Joan Johnson*
The blessing of our wonderful family, friends and clergy*by Jill and Chuck Clopton*

The marriage of Ann Christian Barton and Jonathan Matthew Scheibel
.....*by Mary Ann and Bryan Barton*
Mark, Naomi, and Henry; Margaret, Ali, Sam and Sara *by Charles and Karen Graybeal*
Our family*by Lisa and Dave Wood*
The birth of Cassian Williams Herbel*by Amy Brown*
Joe and Helen Harris, and Gilly and Robert MacDonald*by the Harris Family*
Family and Friends*by Helen and John Mertz*
Declan and Hazel Lands, and Remigio Melchiori*by Karen Dawn and Chris Mihm*
Our children and grandchildren and the love they bring to our loves*by Judy and Carl Riedy*
Our family and our Holy Comforter community*by Linda and Gary Becht*
Our daughters Natasha and Samantha*by Linda and Kamran Khan*
Dorothy Doty*by Pamela and Glenn Rosenthal*
This incredibly warm and loving church community*by Lolly Mixer*

Prayer List for December 24, 2023

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

PARISHIONERS AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY

- All youth who are struggling in this uncertain time
- All those looking for work
- David, John and Andrew Kelley as they mourn Kathleen's death
- Catherine Lincoln as she mourns the loss of her cousin
- Carl Reidy's successful recovery from surgery
- Clyde Clark's healing
- Cassandra Bosco's healing following surgery
- Dallas and Gayle Bethea's healing
- Dorothy Doty's healing
- Luanne Obert's successful treatment for leukemia
- Bill Boyle as he recovers from cancer treatment
- Nora El Sebaey's support, healing and comfort
- Ann Streit's healing
- Wesley Harrison's healing
- Tucky Hostettler's healing
- Christine Langford's continued healing
- Dabney Hart's healing
- Quincy Doyle Behning's healing
- Frances Sullinger's continued healing
- Sylvia Kinsolving's healing
- Mark Coppedge's healing and peace of mind

EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND FORMER PARISHIONERS

Prayers for Healing:

Elys McLean; Roger Neighborgall, Jr; Gerry Brinza; Diane Okrent; Carol King and Rich Sapio; Dan and Barbara Smoot; Linda Hakerem; Rossana Carney; Alison Smith; Karen Bigenwald; Mike Siluk; Loretta; Sylvia Sutton; Sandy Nuzum; Emily; Sandy Haslam; Caryl Creswell; Anne Coffey; David Herman; Clare and her son Calvin; Abby; Sally Gorham; Tracey; Larry Boltz; Martha Wilcox; Michael and Georgine.

Prayers for Comfort:

Nancy Anderson; Bill and Mary Ann Arnold; Eileen Krenz; Mary.

Other Prayers:

Sandra's and her family's safety and well-being living in Israel.

We Pray for parishioners and family members, military and civilian, serving our country away from home:

Army First Lieutenant Kyle Coker (son of Elys McLean and Chris Coker); Airman Princess Ann Cordero (daughter-in-law of Barbara Kiser); Midshipman Fourth Class Andrew Turner, USNA (son of David Turner and Liz Williams); Air Force Airman First Class (A1C) Matthew Bacigalupo (son of Debbie and Tom Bacigalupo); Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Jonathan Bertera (son of Bill and Nancy Bertera); Army Captain Chiara Botello (granddaughter of Christine Langford); Navy Petty Officer Charles Boyle (nephew of Linda and John Boyle); Army First Lieutenant Richard Gannon (son of Rich and Sarah Gannon); Air Force Major Cameron Jones (son of Philip and Celestine Jones); Navy Lieutenant Commander Curtis Khol (son of Curtis and Michele Khol); Army Majors Erik and Michael Kiser (nephews of Barbara Kiser); Navy Lieutenant Commanders 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 Ukraine, Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Isreal, and Palestine and everyone affected by war and violence.

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.

Visitors and Newcomers

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

- **Holy Eucharist on Saturdays at 5 p.m.** includes readings, prayers, sermon, and communion (gluten-free available).
- **Holy Eucharist on Sundays, at 9:30 a.m.** includes hymns, readings, prayers, sermon, and communion (gluten-free available). Livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook.
- **Holy Eucharist on Sundays, at 11:15 a.m.** includes hymns, readings, sermon, and communion (gluten-free available).
- **Children's Chapel** happens during the 9:30 a.m. service. 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** follows the 9:30 a.m. service.
- **Sunday School for children 4 years old–6th Grade** meets 10:35–11:30 a.m. Register at bit.ly/HoCoChildRegistration23-24. Questions? Contact Susan McGuire at smcguire@holycomforter.com. **We offer 3 classes:**
 - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** - (4-year olds and kindergarten) Room 309 (3rd floor)
 - Godly Play** - (1st–4th graders) Rooms 310 and 313 (3rd floor)
 - Faith in Action** - (5th and 6th graders) Lilian Croy Room (1st floor)
- **Sunday School for youth 7th–12th Grade** meets 10:35–11:30 a.m. Register at bit.ly/HoCoYouthRegistration23-24. Questions? Contact Denis McMullan at dmcullan@holycomforter.com. **We offer 2 Clases:**
 - Middle School** - old library (1st floor)
 - High School** - McGill Hall (2nd floor)
- **Parents:** Books and crayons are available at the back of the Sanctuary.
- **Large print** is available at the back of the Sanctuary (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.
- **Visit our Welcome Center** at www.holycomforter.com or complete a newcomer card found in the pews.
- **Follow us on Facebook.**

Special Holiday Schedule:

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24

- **11:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist with Children's Living Crèche*
- **12:30 p.m.** Christmas Communion in Cars
- **4:00 p.m.** Holy Eucharist with Children's Living Crèche*
- **7:00 p.m.** Festival Choral Eucharist with Brass Quintet
- **10:00 p.m.** Festival Choral Eucharist with Brass Quintet (**incense**)

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25

- **10:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist with Organ Music and Carols

NOTE: There will be no worship service on Saturday, December 30.

New Year's Eve – Sunday, December 31

- **10:30 a.m.** Christmas Lessons and Carols and Holy Eucharist – Extend your Christmas Season with more chances to sing some favorite carols.

* *Nursery care available for ages 4 and under*

More Worship and Education Opportunities

- **Monday** - Centering Prayer - 1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday** - Men's Bible Study - 6:45–7:45 a.m.
- **Tuesday** - Women's Bible Study - 6:45–7:45 a.m.

Please visit www.holycomforter.com (Worship>Worship) for more details.

Drive-Thru Communion

If you are unable to come to church on Sunday, and would still like to receive Drive-Thru Communion in your car, please contact the Church Office by Friday the week before.

Communion at Home

If you would like a pair of Eucharistic Visitors to bring Communion to your home once a month or once every other month, please contact the Church Office at 703-938-6521.

Flower Donations for the Sanctuary and Chapel

We welcome the gift of flowers at the Sanctuary Altar for weekly services. The cost is \$50, tax deductible, as a gift to the Church. Following services, the flowers will be delivered to home-bound parishioners. Please download the form at www.holycomforter.com (Worship) and submit to the Church Office two weeks prior to your requested date along with your check. You may pay online at bit.ly/HoCoPayOnline (select "Flowers" from the Fund menu). For questions or if you wish to give flowers for the Chapel, please contact Lolly Mixer at lollymix@gmail.com.



Use Your Smartphone to Give!

Scan the QR code provided to the right. Just point your smartphone camera at the QR code, then follow the prompts. Give it a try! It's fast and easy! Thank you.

2024 Annual Pledge - Moving Together

Our 2024 pledge campaign calls us to move together in financially supporting the mission of Holy Comforter and our community. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge today. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex. You can also pledge online at bit.ly/HoCoPledge2024.



2nd Saturday Church and Dinner

Saturday, Jan. 13; 5 p.m.

Join us in the Chapel for a family-friendly service including special guitar music! A dinner of spaghetti and meatballs, bread, salad, and fellowship will follow in the Ministry Center. Please RSVP for dinner at ttsu.me/7z7sce so that we can make sure we have enough. All ages are welcome. We'll also have ways for all to contribute to the service. If you are interested in joining our musicians, please contact Susan McGuire at smcguire@holycorforter.com or Denis McMullan at dmcullan@holycorforter.com.

Senior Saints Meeting, Lunch, and Music

Friday, Jan. 5; 11:45 am; Ministry Center

The OLLI Tallwood Trio will entertain us with Alan Wenberg on piano, David Hurst on drums, Eric Henderson on bass, and accomplished torch singer, Nancy Riley. OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) at George Mason offers learning opportunities in a stimulating environment in which older adults can share their talents, experiences and skills; explore new interests; discover and develop latent abilities; engage in intellectual and cultural pursuits; and socialize with others of similar interests. **Bring your own lunch. Desserts and beverages will be provided.**

Six-Session Bible Study on *Philippians*

Thursdays, 7:15–8:15 p.m.; Zoom

(Beginning Jan. 11)

led by Anna Wallich, Th.M.

This study will touch on history and context as we explore St. Paul's words of encouragement and advice to his beloved church in Philippi, seeking to understand what his words mean for us as we live out our own callings in the world today. Please contact Anna Wallich at spdirectionmin@gmail.com if you are interested in joining this study.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There's been a dramatic increase in the number of individuals seeking FACETS meals. We're now serving around 200 meals at a time, so we really need cooking and delivery volunteers. The time commitment is once per month for about 1.5 hours. **We will be cooking and delivering the next meal Sunday, January 14. To help, please contact Laura Gori at laurasgori@gmail.com.**

Youth Ministries is in need of hats, gloves, and socks for our FACETS delivery on January 14. Please deposit your new and gently used winter hats and gloves, and new socks in the box in Narthex.

All-Parish Game Night

Saturday, February 10; 6–9 p.m.

Reserve Saturday, February 10 for the return of our All-Parish Game night! We'll have dinner, dessert, and board games for all ages. And we're excited to offer our first HoCo Chili Cook-off as part of the fun! Watch this space for more details soon.

Hypothermia Prevention Shelter

Jan. 21–28, 2024

In partnership with FACETS, our Ministry Center will host 30+ guests who live and work without a home. Each day of Holy Comforter's week, we will provide a hot meal for dinner, a warm comfortable space to sleep for the night, breakfast in the morning, and a "to go" lunch. ***We are in urgent need of your help:***

- **First**, visit www.holycorforter.com (Learn & Serve>Outreach) to volunteer (make a meal, serve meals, and greet guests, drive the FACETS van, etc.). A training session with additional details will be held on January 14 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- **Second**, donate much-needed funds to support our guests for Metro Smart Trip Cards and other needed supplies. Visit www.holycorforter.com (Give<Give Online) and select "Hypothermia Shelter" in the Fund dropdown menu.
- **Third**, provide much-needed personal supplies (toothpaste/brushes, socks, soap/shampoo, etc.). Look for the big green bin marked "Hypothermia Shelter" in the Narthex.

Please visit www.holycorforter.com (Learn & Serve>Outreach) to learn more, or contact Alex Graham at agraham160@aol.com.

Apply for Outreach Grants!

The Outreach Team is currently accepting applications for grant funding from organizations that serve God's people in need. Download the short Grant Application Form at www.holycorforter.com (Learn & Serve>Outreach) or pick one up in the Church Office. If you know of an organization that would benefit from our parish's assistance, please share the Grant Application Form with them. **Applications are due December 31!** Questions? Contact Zara Harris at zrharris@mac.com.

Episcopal 101 Expands

During the winter months Episcopal 101, our introductory class for newcomer and old-timers alike, will meet once a month for expanded sessions which the whole parish is invited to attend. In January we will focus on prayer, in February on music in the church (with David Kelley as our guest presenter), and in March on Holy Week and Easter. If one or all of these sound interesting to you, please keep an eye out for announcements with further details after Christmas.

PENNYWISE Thrift Shop

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

Still shopping? Looking for stocking stuffers? Pennywise may be that "port is a storm" for your gift list and your budget. On top of our traditional good values, starting today, December 22, all holiday will be 50% off! Check us out!!

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