



Church of the Holy Comforter

EPISCOPAL

Vienna, Virginia

December 24, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. & 10:00 P.M.



The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Christmas Eve

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

December 24, 2023 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: “Gabriel to Mary came”

14th c. Irish carol, arr. David Willcocks

Gabriel to Mary came,
And entered at her dwelling,
With his salutation glad
Her maiden fears dispelling,
“All hail, thou queen of virgins bright!
God, Lord of earth and heaven’s height,
Thy very Son,
Shall soon be born
In pureness,
The Savior of mankind.
Thou art the gate of heaven bright,
The sinners’ healer kind.”
“How could I a mother be
That am to man a stranger?
How should I my strong resolve,
My solemn vows endanger?”
“Pow’r from the Holy Ghost on high
Shall bring to pass this mystery.
Then have no fear:
Be of good cheer,
Believing
That still thy chastity
In God’s almighty keeping
Shall all unsullied be.”

Then to him the maid replied,
With noble mien supernal,
“Lo! the humble handmaid I
Of God the Lord eternal,
With thee, bright messenger of heav’n,
By whom this wondrous news is giv’n,
I well agree
And long to see
Fulfilled
Thy gracious prophecy.
As God my Lord doth will it,
So be it unto me!”
Hail! thou Mother of the Lord,
Who bring’st of gifts the rarest,
Peace to angels and to men,
When Christ the Lord thou barest!
Do thou, we pray, entreat thy Son
For us our long’d redemption
Himself to win,
And from our sin
Release us;
His succor for to give,
That, when we hence are taken,
We too in heav’n may live.

CAROL: HYMN 79, (stanzas 1-3, 5) “O little town of Bethlehem”
Sung by all.

St. Louis

- 1 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.
- 2 For Christ is born of Mary;
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

- 3 How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.
- 5 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!

(Sung in Spanish) Refrain

The Kingfisher guards the riverbank
As God kept the wolf from our lamb.

The rabid wolf tried to bite her,
But God Almighty knew how to defend her.
He wished to create her impervious to sin,
Nor was this maid to embody original sin.

The newborn child is the mightiest monarch,
Christ patriarchal invested with flesh.
He made himself small and so redeemed us:
He who was infinite became finite.

Many prophecies told of his coming,
And now in our days have we seen them fulfilled.
God became man, on earth we behold him,
And see man in heaven because he so willed.

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

*Greensleeves**Sung by all.*

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | |

BRASS: "Sussex Carol"

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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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |

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 FIRST 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 GRADUAL, 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 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. |
| 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. | |

THE SECOND LESSON [*The people are seated.*]

Titus 2:11-14

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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! | |

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

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, HYMNAL, S 152

Ambrosian chant

The Presider sings the first line; the congregation responds by singing the second line.

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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 Mummies' Christmas Carol

Percy Grainger, arr. Allen

CHOIR: "Infant holy, infant lowly"

Polish carol, arr. David Willcocks

Infant holy, Infant lowly,
 For his bed a cattle stall;
 Oxen lowing, Little knowing
 Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
 Swift are winging Angels singing,
 Nowells ringing, Tidings bringing,
 Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping
 Vigil till the morning new;
 Saw the glory, Heard the story,
 Tidings of a gospel true.
 Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow,
 Praises voicing, Greet the morrow,
 Christ the Babe was born for you!

HYMN 107 "Good Christian friends, rejoice"

In dulci jubilo

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

Cradle Song

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”

The First Nowell

Sung by all, standing.

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| 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

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!!

Pennywise will be closed on December 24, 25, and 26 to allow our volunteers to celebrate Christmas with their families. We will reopen on December 27 at 10 a.m. The Pennywise team wishes our Holy Comforter family all the love and blessings of this Holy Season.

In Need of a Wheel Chair Really Quick?

The Senior Saints have a medical item lending closet which can provide you with wheel chairs, canes, walkers, blood pressure cuffs, and numerous other items to help with your recovery or daily tasks. Contact Richard Fitzsimmons at rfitzs@gmail.com with questions or to lend.

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