



# The First Sunday after the Epiphany

## The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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

January 7, 2024 at 9:30 A.M.

*The liturgy follows the Book of Common Prayer, beginning at page 299.*

**OPENING VOLUNTARY:** Variations on *Salzburg* (Hymn 135)

Johann Pachelbel

### THE ENTRANCE

**AT THE PROCESSION, HYMN 135** “Songs of thankfulness and praise”  
*Sung by all, standing.*

*Salzburg*

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
*Presider* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**  
*Presider* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

### THE WORD OF GOD

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

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 29** *Afferte Domino*

David Kelley

*The cantor sings the refrain, which is then repeated by all. Thereafter, the cantor sings the verses, and all join on the refrain, as indicated.*



- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. [*Ref.*]
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;



- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. [Ref.]
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD\*  
all are crying, "Glory!" [Ref.]
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace. [Ref.]

#### THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 132** (stanzas 1, 3, 5) "When Christ's appearing was made known"

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

*Sung by all, standing. During the singing of the Sequence Hymn, children through second grade may follow the Dove Cross to Children's Chapel.*

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Jon Strand

*A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.*

### **PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES**

CONNOR JOHN HETRICK & CHARLOTTE PARKER CALLAWAY

*Presider*

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

**I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Presider*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Presider*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Then the Presider asks the following questions*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* **I do.**

*After all have been presented, the Presider addresses the congregation, saying*

*Presider* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Presider* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People*     **I will, with God's help.**

#### PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*The Presider then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader*     Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*     Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*     Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*     Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*     Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*     Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*     Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Presider says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Presider*     The Lord be with you.

*People*     **And also with you.**

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

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

*Presider*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Presider touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **THE BAPTISM**

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Presider, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying*

*N.*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*N.*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*The Presider then says*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

**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.*]

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.*

**AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM: "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day"**

Traditional

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance To see the legend of my play, To call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.  Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance; Thus was I knit to man's nature, To call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.	In a manger laid and wrapped I was, So very poor, this was my chance, Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, To call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.  Then afterwards baptized I was; The Holy Ghost on me did glance, My Father's voice heard I from above, To call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.
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**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** [*The people stand.*]

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

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, MASS OF THE HOLY COMFORTER**

David Kelley

*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.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. 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, MASS OF THE HOLY COMFORTER**

David Kelley

*Sung by all.*

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, 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, al - le -  
lu - ia, 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 and unfermented grape juice as alternatives—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.*

**HEALING PRAYERS**

*Anyone wishing for healing prayers—whether for yourself or for another or for our hurting world—is invited to come to the prayer station in the back of the nave after receiving communion. You need only say as much as you wish, and anything said will be held in confidence.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC** [*Sung by all.*]

HYMN 121 “Christ, when for us you were baptized”

*Caithness*

HYMN 116 “‘I come,’ the great Redeemer cries”

*This Endris Nyght*

**SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

*Presider* In the name of God and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.**

**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 BLESSING**

**AT THE CLOSING, HYMN 448** (stanzas 1-3, 6) “O love, how deep, how broad, how high”  
*Sung by all, standing.*

*Deus tuorum militum*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY:** Prelude on *Erhalt uns, Herr* (Hymn 132)

Georg Böhm





# Prayer List for January 7, 2024

**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](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/HoCoChildRegistration23-24). Questions? Contact Susan McGuire at [smcguire@holycomforter.com](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/HoCoYouthRegistration23-24). Questions? Contact Denis McMullan at [dmcullan@holycomforter.com](mailto: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](http://www.holycomforter.com) or complete a newcomer card found in the pews.
- **Follow us on Facebook.**

## 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](http://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](http://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](https://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](mailto:lollymix@gmail.com).

## Join the Eucharistic Visitor Ministry

Eucharistic Visitors (EVs) bring both Holy Communion and our church community to home-bound parishioners twice each month. Pairs of our trained EVs leave from the Sunday service taking consecrated bread and wine from our altar to those who have requested a visit. Interested in learning more? Please contact the Rev. Jackie Thomson at [jthomson@holycomforter.com](mailto:jthomson@holycomforter.com).

## Seeking Young Singers to Join the Chorister Program!

Our Chorister program is open to boys and girls in 2nd through 12th grade. Choristers rehearse on Thursdays, 5–6 p.m. in the Chapel with Minister of Music, Dr. David Kelley and Miss Lolly Mixer—learning music theory and vocal skills—and sing on Sunday mornings with the Adult Choir. We have a fun dinner together once or twice a month following rehearsal. No previous musical experience is required but good reading skills are helpful. More information is available at [www.holycomforter.com](http://www.holycomforter.com) (Worship>Music) or by contacting David Kelley at [dkelley@holycomforter.com](mailto:dkelley@holycomforter.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](https://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](https://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@holycomforter.com](mailto:smcguire@holycomforter.com) or Denis McMullan at [dmcullan@holycomforter.com](mailto:dmcullan@holycomforter.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](mailto: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](mailto: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.***

## Expanded Episcopal 101 Class on Prayer

On Tuesday evening, January 16, the whole parish is invited to an expanded session of Episcopal 101, our introductory class for newcomer and old-timers alike. Parishioner Mike Croghan will offer a survey of various kinds and practices of prayer: individual and corporate, written and extemporaneous, silent, spoken, and sung, for praise, penitence, and petition. We'll meet in person in the Chapel from 7:15 to 8:30, and no advance registration is needed—all are welcome to attend.

## 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. ***Here's how you can help:***

- **First**, visit [www.holycomforter.com](http://www.holycomforter.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.holycomforter.com](http://www.holycomforter.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.holycomforter.com](http://www.holycomforter.com) (Learn & Serve>Outreach) to learn more, or contact Alex Graham at [agraham160@aol.com](mailto:agraham160@aol.com).

## Last Chance to 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.holycomforter.com](http://www.holycomforter.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](mailto:zrharris@mac.com).

## 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.

## 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.

Happy New Year! With your help, Pennywise is looking forward to a robust 2024. We do not take our mission lightly, and we are grateful for your support. As you put away your holiday decorations and are reorganizing your storage closets, or if your plans for the new year include downsizing; Pennywise welcomes your treasures and wearables that need a new home. We also welcome your support in the shop. Please contact Judy Kilkenny at [kilkennyjudy@gmail.com](mailto:kilkennyjudy@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering. Or sign up online at <https://ttsu.me/4gbyzp> for Sunday afternoon shifts.

## 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](mailto:rfitzs@gmail.com) with questions or to lend.

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