

First Sunday after the Epiphany and Holy Baptism

January 8th, 2023



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler

Welcome Canon Streeter

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We are delighted to have you with us!

Please follow all COVID-19 restrictions.

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

First Sunday after the Epiphany and the Baptism of our Lord
Holy Eucharist Rite II
The Baptism of Mori Jean Lenig
10:00 am

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Processional Hymn 76

Opening Acclamation BCP 299

See Insert

The Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading

The Psalm

New Testament Reading

Gospel Hymn 121

The Holy Gospel

The Sermon The Rev. Canon Christopher Streeter

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate BCP 301

Renewal of Baptismal Vows BCP 304

Prayers for the Candidate BCP 305

Thanksgiving over the Water BCP 306

The Baptism BCP 307

The Peace BCP 308

Offering Hymn 488

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

The Sanctus (S-129) Hymnal

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

Agnus Dei (S-164) Hymnal

The Holy Communion

Communion Hymn 339

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

Recessional Hymn 569

The Blessing

The Dismissal

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

- 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.
- 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.
- 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!"

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.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be

baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

SUNDAYS after Epiphany

January 8th, 2023

PARISH NOTES

COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY: The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, February 4, 2023 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We're in need of volunteers to distribute diapers. Please contact Connie Kistler at kistinpa@ptd.net. Monetary donations are very much welcomed. Please give to the Treasurer, Tom Culver, in an envelope labeled Diaper Pantry. **Donations of diaper wipes and pull-ups are appreciated.** We covered 32 baby bottoms in December.

HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY: Is the last Saturday of each month. Please contact Nancy Shipman at 570-286-0430 to volunteer. Donations of canned fruits & vegetables are welcome. The next Food Pantry will be held Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Any donations are greatly appreciated.**

CHURCH SERVICE TIME: Church service time is **10:00 AM**. Masks are now optional.

OFFICE HOURS: Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10AM to 2PM, and Thursday, 10AM to Noon.

CHILDREN MINISTRY: Please consider your participation & role in this vital ministry. If interested in working to teach our children and guide them in faith, please contact Anissa, 570-898-2275

ALTAR SERVERS: St. Matthew's is looking for altar servers of all ages for lay ministries of: **Eucharistic Minister** (someone who helps with communion from the altar and distributes the chalice), **Crucifer** (someone who carries the cross in procession) or **Lector** (someone who reads the lessons and the “prayers of the people”), and for the

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ministry of **Thurifer** (someone who dispenses incense with the thurible.) Please contact Anissa DeCaprio-Sanduta if interested.

LAY MINISTRIES: Anyone interested in participating with any of the Lay Ministries, please contact any Vestry member or speak with Mary Ann Loftus.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Interested in singing with the Choir? Choir rehearsals are held every Sunday after the Service. All are welcomed!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Adult Bible Study starts at 9:00AM on Jan. 15th. Any questions, please contact Nathan Blanchard.

VESTRY MEETING: The monthly Vestry Meeting will be held on January 18th at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall.

ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON: A Luncheon for the Annual Meeting this year is scheduled for Jan. 22nd, 2023 after the service. New Vestry members will be elected along with representatives for the Annual Convention. Anyone interested in running for Vestry, please notify Mary Ann Loftus or Pam Schlegel.

CHICKEN 'N WAFFLE DINNER: We will be having a Chicken 'N Waffle Dinner "All You Can Eat" on Jan. 24th, 4:00pm - 6:30pm. Take-outs available. Meal includes: homemade waffles, chicken 'n gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, and applesauce. Dessert included. **\$10.00 a meal/adults; \$6.00 a meal/12yrs & under; under 3yrs/FREE.**

YOGA CLASSES: Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall every Thursday starting at 7:00PM.

UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS: Details to follow closer to the time of the events

Sun., **Jan. 15th:** Adult Bible Study, 9:00AM

Wed., **Jan. 18th:** Vestry Meeting, 6:00PM

Sun., **Jan. 22nd:** Annual Meeting & Brunch, After the Service

Tues., **Jan. 24th:** Chicken 'N Waffle Dinner, 4:00PM-6:30PM

Sun., **Jan. 29th:** Morning Prayer, 10:00AM

Sun., **Feb. 5th:** Monthly Breakfast Hour, 9:00AM

Sun., **Feb. 5th:** Children's Activity Sunday, 9:30AM

Tues., **Feb. 14th:** Pancake Dinner, 4:00PM-6:30PM

Wed., **Feb. 15th:** Vestry Meeting, 6:00PM

Sun., **Feb. 19th:** Adult Bible Study, 9:00AM

VESTRY MEMBERS

Fran Zartman (2020-2022, 2022-2024)*

Roy Casey (2021-2023)

Cyn Reid (2020-2022, 2022-2024)*

Pam Schlegel (2021-2023)

Nathan Blanchard (2021-2023)

Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta (2021-2023)

Carol Lamparter (2022-2024)

Martha Bohner (2022-2024)

Lynda Schlegel-Culver (2022-2024)

Senior Warden: Mary Ann Loftus

Junior Warden: Roy Casey

Clerk of the Vestry: Cynthia Reid

Senior Warden Emeritus: Charlie Schlegel

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION IN 2022

Cyn Reid

Barb Sauter

(* indicates that the person must wait one year before running for vestry again in the final year of election)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Stephen, Frances (Fran), Angela, Stan, Alexis, Tanya, Steve K., Weston, Church of the Redeemer, Mike B., Noelle, Christian, and Vera. Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan D., Kara, Melissa, Janice and their co-workers. Also, please pray for all the departed, especially Bryan.

(* Please notify Elaine Schlegel, or the Secretary, Carla Treon, of anyone who needs prayers so they can be added for the next upcoming Sunday.)

DONATIONS:

**You can now donate to Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church
"on line" at the link listed: <https://diocesepa.org/stewardship>

Or you may continue to mail your contributions to:

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All tithes and offerings are greatly appreciated