

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2024



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler

*Priest in Charge*

*"The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land." -Jeremiah 33: 14-15*

## *Advent*

The season of Advent invites us to live in that 'both/and' way of being so dear to our Anglican tradition, where we hold space for the fullness of more than one truth or reality. We turn our eyes toward the horizon, as we eagerly seek the Christ who is to come again; and we are also called to the present moment, where the kingdom of God is already stirring. Advent is a threshold season, a liminal place in the calendar, an in-between time of prayer and preparation, as the invitation for lighting our Advent wreath says. We are invited to attend to past, present, and future, all at once- if we are open to the prophetic wisdom that teaches us how the God of the ages is at work, we will be able to recognize the Christ when he comes again in the fullness of time, even as we attend to the here and now work of the kingdom on earth.

Advent is a season whose beloved imagery and hymns and stories awaken in us memories of all who kept this watch before us, of expectation that our Advent journeys will prepare us for the birth of our infant Savior- Immanuel, God with us, who will live and die as we do so he might be joined with us forever in the fullness of our human experience- in sorrow and rejoicing, in grief and in hope. We light candles in the quiet of winter dusk to symbolize the Light which will be born among us, we tell and retell the stories whose familiar characters have walked the road ahead of us, and we prepare our own souls to carry and birth this Light so that the world might know it more fully. We do this alongside a secular world who has raced ahead to the joy and wonder of the Child in the manger and the shepherds and the friendly beasts and all the heavenly host singing their Glorias- not to mention our children's joy at mall Santas right after Thanksgiving and our race to decorate and finish our gift-buying. I invite us all to stay present instead, to linger in the prophecy, the mystery and the quiet of this season, to take all the time we need to be truly ready for what this holy birth will mean. We have work to do while we wait, for each of us have been called to share in preparing the way.

*With Advent hope, peace, joy and love- Mother Dina*

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## Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:00 am

*(Directions to stand, kneel, etc., in our services should always be considered an invitation. If you find any of these to be challenging, please worship in whatever pose may work for you, knowing you are fully in God's presence.)*

### **The Ringing of the Bells**

*We ring the sacristy bells five minutes before each service to invite us into the respectful silence that settles our souls for this time of shared worship.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude Music “My Lord, what a mornin’ ” Traditional Spiritual**

**Processional Hymn** #57, The Hymnal 1982  
**“Lo! He comes with clouds descending”**

### **The Lighting of the Advent Candle**

*Readers:* The season of Advent is a time of prayer and preparation as we await the coming of our Savior.

*The readers continue:*

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory." *(from today's Gospel, Luke 21:25-27)*

*All say together:* O Come, O Come Emmanuel,  
You are the way, the truth, and the life.  
the Light that shines out against the darkness of this world.  
We see the signs that your kingdom draws ever closer.  
Help us to be alert at all times,  
ready to stand before the Son of Man when he comes.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The people and Celebrant say together*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Kyrie**

S-91, The Hymnal 1982

**“Lord, have mercy upon us”**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons** *The people sit.*

**A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah:**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 25:1-9** *Said in unison*

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Church at Thessalonica:**

**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

#56, vs. 1-2, The Hymnal 1982

**“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

**The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36**

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying

that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Homily**

Mother Dina

*A time of silence after the homily is held for reflection.*

**The Nicene Creed** *all stand and say together*

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People, Form VI**

BCP 392

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; remembering especially our President Joe Biden; our President-Elect Donald Trump, our Governor Josh Shapiro, our Mayor Josh Broscious, and our Senator Lynda Schlegel-Culver;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For ++Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and +Audrey, our Bishop; and

for all bishops and other ministers; for this gathering; and for all

ministers and people. *Today in our Susquehanna Convocation*

*Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul's, Bloomsburg. In our*

*Diocesan/Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Trinity Episcopal*

*Church, Jersey Shore, and the Province of the Episcopal Church*

*of South Sudan.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including those names we now lift up before you, including:

Mother Dina and family, Father Fred and family, Frances, Angela, Tanya, Weston, Mike, Richard, the Sterner family, Dawson, Ellen and family, Erika, Stan, Nancy, Frank, Tammy, Becky, Marley, Alexis, Tanner and family, Tyanne, Adam, Richard, Easton, Joan, Barry, Ariella, Roy, Cathy, Caitlin and Kevin, Greg and family, Ereda Garcia and Junior Jimenez, Eric, Brian, Bena, Alexa, Bishop Scanlan as she recovers from her foot surgery, Mike and Crystal, and for those whose needs are known to God alone. Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan, Kara, Melissa, Janice, and their co-workers. Also, please pray for all serving in our military, including Logan, and law enforcement.

*Silence, during which the People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**



We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially *Tony, baby Oliver, Dr. Kenneth, and John.*

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People* **Amen.**

**The Peace**

**BCP 360**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Offertory Hymn**

#59, The Hymnal 1982

**“Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding”**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Eucharistic Prayer D**

BCP 372

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

**The Sanctus**

#114, The Hymnal 1982

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

*The Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ.

Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with **St.**

**Matthew** and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

**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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**The Fraction Anthem**

S-164, The Hymnal 1982

**“Jesus, Lamb of God”**

*The Celebrant says* These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn.**

#318, The Hymnal 1982

**“Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face”**

**Post Communion Prayer**

BCP 366

*The Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People* Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*The Priest blesses the people.*

**Recessional Hymn**

#616, The Hymnal 1982

**“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, great David’s greater Son!”**

**The Dismissal** *The Celebrant dismisses the People*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude “Blessed be the God of Israel”** Annabeth McClelland Gay

Serving today’s liturgy

The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Celebrant and Preacher*

Patrick Ishler, *Music Minister*; and St. Matthew’s Choir

Mary Ann Loftus, *Thurifer*; Barb Sauter, *Eucharistic Minister*  
Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta, *Lector*  
Anissa and Olivia Sanduta, *Advent Candle Readers*  
Barry Treon, *Greeter and Usher*

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PARISH NOTES for December 1, 2024

**COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:** The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, Dec. 7th, 2024 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We're in need of volunteers to distribute diapers. Please contact Connie Kistler at [kistinpa@ptd.net](mailto:kistinpa@ptd.net). Monetary donations are very much welcomed, please give in an envelope labeled "Diaper Pantry." **Donations of diaper wipes, pull-ups, and sizes 5 and 6 are so appreciated and urgently needed- We covered 140 baby bottoms in November!**

**HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY:** Is the last Saturday of each month. Please contact John Blanchard, 570-286-5415, leave message to volunteer. Donations of canned soups, cereals, and canned fruit are welcome. **We fed 52 families in October!** The next Food Pantry will be held Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Any donations are greatly appreciated!**

**CHURCH SERVICE TIME is 10:00 AM.** Masks are now optional. Please follow any current COVID restrictions.

**CARLA'S OFFICE HOURS:** Office hours for this week are Monday, 10AM to 2PM, Tuesday and Wednesday, 12PM to 2PM.  
**MOTHER DINA'S OFFICE/PASTORAL CALLING HOURS:** SWITCHING TO TUESDAYS AS OF 11/19, 11:30- 5:00pm (or text/call (717) 481-0708 to plan a time to share together.) I LOVE hearing from you!

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY:** Please prayerfully consider participating in this vital ministry. If interested in guiding our young people in their faith, please contact Mother Dina or Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta, 570-898-2275.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** St. Matthew's is looking for altar servers of all ages for the ministries of: **Eucharistic Minister, Crucifer, Torch Bearers, Lector, Thurifer, etc.** Please contact Mother Dina if interested in participating in these or ANY of our other ministries!

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Rehearsals will continue to be Thursday

evenings at 5:30pm. All are welcome to join us - **NO MUSICAL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

**COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS:** Volunteers are needed each month to sign up for a weekly coffee hour session. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Choir Room. Any questions, please contact Carol Hixson. This month's sign-ups are:

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>- Lori and Carol

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>- Reception for Bishop's visit

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>- Dana Kelly                      Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>- Matt and David

Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>- Lynda Culver

**YOGA CLASSES:** Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall every Thursday at 7:00PM. \$5.00 per class.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Please notify Elaine Schlegel, or the Parish Administrator, Carla Treon, of anyone who needs prayers so they may be added for next upcoming Sunday.

**WALK IN LOVE:** On 12/1 we will be gathering after church: coffee hour goodies first, then we gather- for some formation centered around the excellent book "Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices", by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe. We are having some amazing conversations!! Come and join us- all are invited to be part of this.

**MONTHLY MORNING BREAKFAST:** The monthly morning breakfast will be held on Dec. 1st at 9:00AM.

**ST. NICK'S FESTIVAL:** Our Annual St Nicholas Festival will be Sat., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm. Auction baskets, sticky buns, baked goods, Lunch, Soups: Italian wedding, Chicken corn, Ham Pot Pie - can be preordered by calling the church. *Any donations to the auction baskets, baked goods, etc. are appreciated! Please speak with Anissa, Justina, Connie or Cynthia with questions.*

**BISHOP SCANLAN'S VISIT:** Bishop Scanlan will visit on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend. **Reception to follow the service!**

**ADVENT TUESDAYS:** Join us December 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> for an evening of fellowship and prayer centered around our Advent journey. We'll begin at 6pm with a simple potluck supper (please bring a dish to share), then process into the church for an Advent-themed Stations of the Cross, then end with Compline. Join us for

all or part of the evening- ask Nate Blanchard or Mother Dina if you have any questions.

**CUB/BOY SCOUTS BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:** Come have breakfast with the Scouts and Santa! 9AM-1PM, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. All you can eat pancakes, choice of sausage or bacon, fruit, and beverages. \$10 per ticket/13yrs and older; \$5 per ticket/4yrs up to 12yrs. Call Rose to get your ticket: 423-309-2706

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Adult Bible Study starts at 9:00AM on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please contact Nathan Blanchard.

**UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS:** Details to follow closer to the time of the events. Please visit our website for more information  
Sun., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>: Monthly Breakfast Hour, 9:00AM-10:00AM  
Sat., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>: St. Nick Festival, 10:00AM-2:00PM  
Sun., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>: Bishop Scanlan's visit to our parish!  
Sat., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>: Cub/Boy Scouts Breakfast w/Santa, 9AM-1PM  
Tues., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>: Advent Tuesdays Potluck Supper/Service, 6:00PM  
Sun., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>: Adult Bible Study, 9:00AM  
Sun., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>: Hanging of the Greens after the service  
Tues., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>: Advent Tuesdays Potluck Supper/Service, 6:00PM  
Sat., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>: Blue Christmas Service, 5:30 PM  
Tues., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Service of Holy Eucharist, 6:00PM  
Wed., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, 10:00AM

**VESTRY MEMBERS:** Fran Zartman, *Senior Warden*; Roy Casey, *Junior Warden*; Mary Ann Loftus, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Nathan Blanchard; Martha Bohner; Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta; Dana Kelly; Carol Lamparter; Pam Schlegel; Lynda Schlegel-Culver. Charlie Schlegel, *Senior Warden Emeritus*

**SEXTON** Sharon Baney

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# *The Cole Allen Diaper Pantry*



## *“Diaper Need”*

**We need volunteers to donate money, diapers,  
or to organize a diaper drive!  
With your help we can make a difference.**

Organizations, churches, schools, groups, and clubs – we will gladly provide collection baskets to assist with your diaper drive to support this great outreach program.

