

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2025



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

32 N. Front St.

Sunbury, PA 17801

570-286-7002

The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, Rector

"There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod: Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!"

The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low; make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!"

(From today's processional hymn- #75, The Hymnal 1982)

Welcome, and God's peace be to you all. Your presence makes the love of Christ more real to each one of us and we're so glad you're here! We have created a comprehensive bulletin with the intention of making it easier to follow along and participate. You will need your Hymnal to sing the hymns and service music- **both are sung by everyone!**

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you wish to receive communion, place your hands together to receive the bread and you may take a sip of wine directly from the chalice. We also have individual cups available that contain a small amount of wine and a wafer (the consecrated bread); please put your hands in front of you as if you were praying if you'd like this option. **Intinction (dipping the bread in the chalice) is not allowed.** Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward to the altar and cross your arms.

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. 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.

I invite us all to stay present- to linger in the prophecy, the mystery and the stillness, rather than the hectic demands of the secular world in this season, so that our souls can take all the time we need to be truly ready for this holy birth.

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

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:00AM

(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 "Deep River" Trad. Spiritual, arr. Carl Haywood

Processional Hymn #75, The Hymnal 1982
"There's a voice in the wilderness crying"

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: In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

(from today's Gospel, Matthew 3:1-3)

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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 Isaiah: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat
straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *Said in unison*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name forever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Church at Rome: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

#56, vs. 3-4, The Hymnal 1982

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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 Donald Trump, our Governor Josh Shapiro, our Mayor Josh Brosnious, our State Representative Mike

Stender, 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 Sarah, Archbishop-Elect; ++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.
 Andrew's, Lewisburg. In our Diocesan/Anglican Cycle of Prayer,
 we pray for Trinity Episcopal Church, Jersey Shore, and The
 Church of Bangladesh.*

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, the Sterner family, Dawson, Erika, Nancy,
 Becky, Easton, Ariella, Ereda, Junior, and Brendaly, AmberLynn,
 Daya, Arabella, Derick, Noelle, Dean, Fred, Tatum, Mary,
 Christina, Carlos, Elizabeth, Theresa, Tricia, Carol, Barry, Keith,
 Doug, Will, Helen, Lisa, Tina, Bob, Karen, George, 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,
 all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need,
 sickness, or any other adversity. Also, please pray for all serving in
 our military, especially **Ann, and Jayden**, law enforcement, and first
 responders. *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 Debbie, Tardius, and Richard*. 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

#76, The Hymnal 1982

“On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”

The Presentation of the Offerings

#380, vs. 3, The Hymnal 1982

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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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, forever 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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Agnus Dei

S-157, The Hymnal 1982

“O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world”

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 Hymns

#65, #66, The Hymnal 1982

“Prepare the way, O Zion”

“Come, thou long expected Jesus

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

The people and Celebrant pray together

Dearest Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we all cannot receive communion in the consecrated bread and wine, we pray you to come into our hearts.

We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

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

“Jerusalem”

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

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*; Dana Kelly, *Eucharistic Minister*

David Hollabaugh, *Subdeacon*; Tina McGee, *Lector*

Amber and Derick Kuczynski, *Advent Candle Readers*

Barry Treon, *Greeter and Usher*

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PARISH NOTES for December 7, 2025

**COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:** The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 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, December 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Any donations are greatly appreciated!**

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| <b>CHURCH SERVICE TIME</b> is 10:00 AM. Masks are now optional. Please follow any current COVID restrictions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>CARLA'S OFFICE HOURS:</b> Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10AM to 2PM, and Thursday, 10AM to Noon.<br><b>MOTHER DINA'S OFFICE HOURS:</b> Tuesdays, 11:30am until 5pm or so. Call, text, or email me <u>any time</u> to plan a conversation, pastoral visit, or to share any other need you may have. <b>I love hearing from you!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b> St. Matthew's is always eager to welcome altar servers <b>of all ages</b> for the ministries of: <b>Eucharistic Minister, Crucifer, Torch Bearers, Lector, Thurifer, etc.</b> Please contact Mother Dina if interested in participating in these or ANY of our other ministries!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>CHOIR REHEARSALS:</b> Choir rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 5:30PM. All are welcome to sing with us- no musical experience necessary! <b>SING WITH US FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS:</b> 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:<br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div>Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>- Tina McGee</div> <div>Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>- Daiana</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div>Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>- Lori &amp; Carol</div> <div>Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>- David &amp; Matt</div> </div> |
| <b>YOGA CLASSES:</b> Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall every Thursday at 7:00PM. \$5.00 per class.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:</b> Please notify Elaine Schlegel, or the Parish Administrator, Carla Treon, of anyone who needs prayers so they may be added for next upcoming Sunday.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>MONTHLY MORNING BREAKFAST:</b> The monthly morning breakfast will be held on Dec. 7th at 9:00AM-10:00AM.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>ADVENT WEDNESDAYS:</b> Join us December 10 <sup>th</sup> and 17th 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, David Hollabaugh 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. 13. 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

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** Join us for this candlelit service on Dec. 20th at 6:00PM- it is a safe and holy space to hold those things which draw us away from the joy and hope of celebrating our infant Savior. There will be prayers, gentle music, a litany of remembrance, and Holy Communion. Please invite others to join us!

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Adult Bible Study starts at 9:00AM on Dec. 21st. 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. 7: Morning Breakfast, 9:00AM-10:00AM

Weds., Dec. 10: Weekday Eucharist, noon; Compline, 8:00PM

Weds., Dec. 10: Advent Wed. meal/service, 6:00PM

Sat., Dec. 13: Cub/Boy Scouts Breakfast w/Santa, 9AM-1PM

Sun., Dec. 14: Hanging of the Greens

Weds., Dec. 17: Advent Wed. meal/service, 6:00PM

Sat., Dec. 20: Blue Christmas Service, 6:00PM

Sun., Dec. 21: Adult Bible Study, 9:00AM

Weds., Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service of Holy Eucharist, with Children's Setting of the Creche, 6:00PM

Thurs., Dec. 25: Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, 10:00AM

Sun., Dec. 28: Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism, 10:00AM

**VESTRY MEMBERS:** Fran Zartman, *Senior Warden*; Martha Bohner, *Junior Warden*; Mary Ann Loftus, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Ric Haines, Carter Ishler, Dana Kelly; Carol Lamparter; Tina McGee, Lynda Schlegel-Culver.  
Charlie Schlegel, *Senior Warden Emeritus*

**SEXTON** Sharon Baney

## DONATIONS:

All tithes and offerings are most greatly appreciated, as we rely on your prayerful generosity to care lovingly for our physical space and to keep ourselves vital and active in our community through our worship, our witness, our outreach, and our presence.

You may now donate to Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church "online" at the link listed: <https://diocesecpa.org/stewardship>

Or you may continue to mail your contributions to:

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Sunbury, PA 17801

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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.

