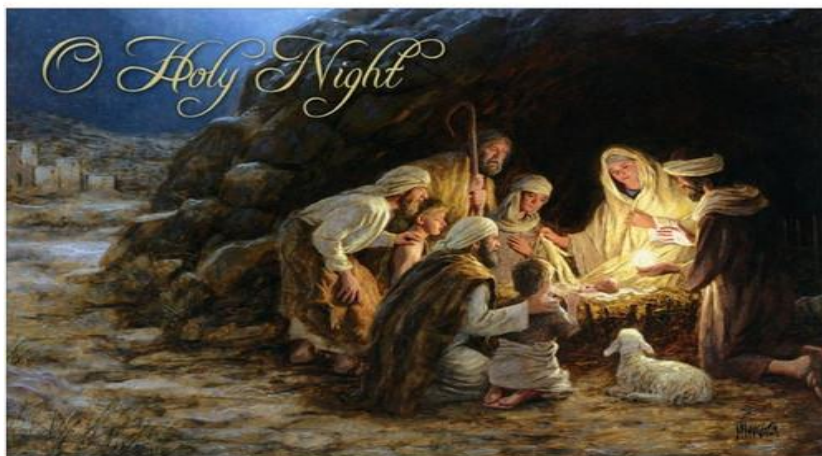


THE FEAST OF THE INCARNATION

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

With our Children's Setting of the Creche

December 24, 2025, 6:00PM



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Rector*

"For a Child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." -Isaiah 9:6

Christmas Eve, 2025~ The Feast of the Incarnation

Welcome, and God's peace be to you all this Christmas Eve. We are so glad that you are here to worship with us as we celebrate, with amazement and wonder, the birth of Jesus, who is the Messiah, our Redeemer. We share the gladness of the angels and shepherds who first worshipped our infant Savior as we tell these tidings of great joy to a world desperately in need of God's healing mercy and love.

Please know you are always completely welcome here for everything we do- our fellowship, our mission and outreach activities, our weekday services, and our regular Sunday worship at 10am. We hope and pray you will find this to be one of your spiritual homes. Please do not hesitate to let us know what your needs are, so that we may be present to you and continue to welcome you into our community. All our contact information is listed in this bulletin.

Our Worship follows the Episcopal tradition using the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal 1982, both of which you will find in the pews. We create a comprehensive bulletin for each service to make it easier to follow along and participate; if you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask someone near you. 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 wafer into the chalice) is not permitted.** 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.

*All blessings and love to you on this holy night and
always~ Mother Dina*

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 6:00PM

(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.)

Christmas Prelude Music - 5:45 PM

(Please do not enter or exit the nave while musicians are playing- please wait until between selections.)

Wexford Carol

arr. Christian Morris

Sung by St. Matthew's Choir

Bring a torch, Jeannette Isabella

Traditional Carol

Aaliyah Newton, violin

Manger Throne J.Miller, D.Daugherty (as performed by Third Day)

Patrick Ishler, piano; Rick Kerstetter, guitar; Mother Dina, vocals

Still, Still, Still

arr. Jason Tonioli

Patrick Ishler, piano

THE WORD OF GOD

***During this service, all the hymns (indicated in bold type) are intended to be sung by everyone.**

Processional Hymn

#83, The Hymnal 1982

"O Come all ye Faithful"

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Celebrant: Tonight we light all the candles of the Advent wreath.

The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, the third candle is JOY, and the fourth candle is LOVE. The center candle is called the Christ candle.

"For a Child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (*Isaiah 9:6*)

All say together: O God of hope, peace, joy, and love. As Mary and Joseph welcomed you into the world, now help us welcome you into our lives. Give us courage to hope; give us strength to seek peace; fill our spirits with joy and our hearts with love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.

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 Song of Praise

#96, The Hymnal 1982

“Angels we have heard on high”

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.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Lessons *The people sit.*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness~

on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their
shoulders, the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments
rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a Child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests
upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless
peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96 *Said in unison.*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *

ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

A Reading from Titus: Titus 2:11-14

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

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn "The First Nowell" vs.1-3, #109, The Hymnal 1982

We invite all children to proceed to the back of the church at this time to participate in the telling of the Gospel story as they set the Creche for us.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. Just as Christ is for everyone, so is the joyful telling of his birth for everyone.

The Gospel Story: The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ (as brought alive for us by our young people)

Narrator This night is like no other night. It is time to pray and sing our way to Bethlehem. The little town we seek sits in the hill country some ten miles south of Jerusalem and in the center of the village is a small inn. On this night, it is overflowing with people seeking a place to eat and sleep. Behind the inn is a dark stable, where a gray donkey chews his barley and weary oxen rest after the long day's working in the valley. Sheep are asleep nearby. All is quiet and still.

Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem", vs.1 (sung by all)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Narrator As night falls, two more travelers come slowly up the road. Look, there is a young woman about to be a mother, with her husband. They are Joseph and Mary from Nazareth! They have traveled for days to come to this city where King David was born so long ago because the Roman emperor wants to count them, so he can take their money as a tax. It is late, and Mary is so weary. Where will they sleep? There is no room in the inn. They decide to sleep with the animals.

Hymn: "Once in Royal David's City", vs. 1 (sung by all)

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

Narrator Stars brighten slowly in the sky. All creation holds its breath. Suddenly, from the stable, comes the cry of a newborn child! Mary gently wraps the baby in a blanket and lays him in the feed box that his father has filled with straw.

Hymn: “Away in a Manger”, vs. 1 (sung by all)

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Narrator In the hills outside Bethlehem, shepherds watch their shadowy sheep. All at once, the dark is lost in light, and in the midst of that light is something even brighter: the faces of angels. The fearful shepherds hear music in the sky, and a voice says clearly, “Do not be afraid. Listen! I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by all people. Today in the City of David a Savior is born! He is Christ, the Lord.” The angels are praising God and singing: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to all people, everywhere.” The shepherds run with joy across the fields to Bethlehem to the barn behind the inn. There, they find the Holy Family and the Baby himself in the center of all that love.

Hymn: “It came upon the midnight clear”, vs. 1 (sung by all)

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold. “Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all gracious King.” The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.”

Narrator So now we all come, following the star, to find Immanuel, which means ‘God-with-us.’ We come, as people have come through all the ages, to bring our own gifts to this Child who is God’s gift to us. Bring your gifts of starlight and of yourselves to place around the manger. Together, we enter the mystery of Christmas on this holy night, filled with overflowing joy, wonder, and love.

Hymn: “The First Nowell” vs. 4-6, #109, The Hymnal 1982

Sung by the congregation while the children are placing the starlights at the Creche and then going back to their seats.

The Homily

Mother Dina

A time of silence after the sermon 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 our President Donald Trump, our Governor Josh Shapiro, our Senator Lynda Schlegel-Culver, our State Representative Mike Stender, and our Mayor Josh Broschious.

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. Matthew's, Sunbury. In our Diocesan/Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for All Saints Episcopal Church, Selinsgrove, and The Episcopal Church.

For all who serve God in his Church.

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, Keith, Will, Helen, Lisa, Tina, Bob, Karen, George, Rose, Angie, Danielle, Jane, 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 Richard, April, and Carol.

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 Anthem “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” arr. E. M. Coman
St. Matthew’s Choir; Tina Schlegel, piano

The Presentation of the Offerings #380, vs. 3, The Hymnal 1982

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer D

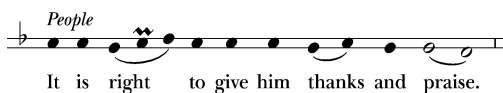
BCP 367 (S-120, The Hymnal 1982)

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

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.



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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

S-129, The Hymnal 1982

“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might”

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.**



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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-154, The Hymnal 1982

“Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us”

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

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

#79, The Hymnal 1982

“Away in a Manger”

#101, The Hymnal 1982

“It came upon the midnight clear”

#89, The Hymnal 1982

(As needed)

Prayer for Spiritual Communion *All 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.

“Silent Night” (sung by candlelight) #111, The Hymnal 1982
Accompanied by Rick Kerstetter, guitar; Fran Zartman, flute;
Aaliyah Newton, violin

The Christmas Blessing *The Celebrant says*
May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him,
bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and
brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the
Savior’s birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.
Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and
earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn “Joy to the World” #100, The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal *The Celebrant dismisses the People*
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude Music “Go Tell it on The Mountain” arr. Patrick Ishler

*Join us for light snacks and festive holiday drinks in our Social
Hall after the service. Spend a few minutes of fellowship and
Christmas cheer with your church family before heading home!*

Serving tonight’s liturgy

The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Celebrant and Preacher*
Patrick Ishler, *Music Minister*; and St. Matthew’s Choir

Mary Ann Loftus, *Thurifer*; Fran Zartman, *Flute*
David Hollabaugh, *SubDeacon*

Roy Casey and Dana Kelly, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Kenley Newton and Olivia Sanduta; *Youth Helpers*

Tina McGee, *Lector*; Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta, *Nativity Reader*
Barb Sauter, *Prayers of the People*; Barry Treon, *Greeter & Usher*

*Special thanks to **EVERYONE** who helped in countless ways to make possible this glorious celebration of the Birth of our Savior.*

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**PARISH NOTES for December 24, 2025**

**COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:** The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, Jan. 3th, 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 109 baby bottoms in December!**

**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 49 families in November!** The next Food Pantry will be held Saturday, December 27, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Any donations are greatly appreciated!**

**CARLA'S OFFICE HOURS:** Office hours for this week are Monday, Dec. 29, 10AM to 2PM, and Dec. 30, Tuesday, 10AM to 12PM.

**MOTHER DINA'S OFFICE/PASTORAL CALLING HOURS:** NO scheduled office hours between 12/26 and 1/2- I ask that you **PLEASE** text or call me immediately at (717) 481-0708 if you have a matter of pastoral urgency.

**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! No rehearsal 12/25 or 1/1.**

**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.

**YOGA CLASSES: NO YOGA on 12/25 and 1/1/26.** Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall every Thursday at 7:00PM. \$5.00 per class.

**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:

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| Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup> - David/Matt            | Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup> - <i>Need Volunteer</i> |
| Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup> - <i>Need Volunteer</i> | Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup> - Annual Meeting       |
| Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup> : <i>Need Volunteer</i> |                                              |

**MONTHLY MORNING BREAKFAST:** The monthly morning breakfast will be held on Jan. 4th at 9:00AM.

**UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS:** Details to follow closer to the time of the events. Please visit our website and Facebook page for more information.

Wed., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas morning service, 10:00AM

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

Sun., Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>: Monthly Breakfast Hour, 9:00AM

Sat., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>: Game Night, details to follow

Wed., Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>: Vestry Meeting, 6PM, Social Hall

Sun., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>: Adult Bible Study, 9AM

Sun., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>: Annual Meeting after worship

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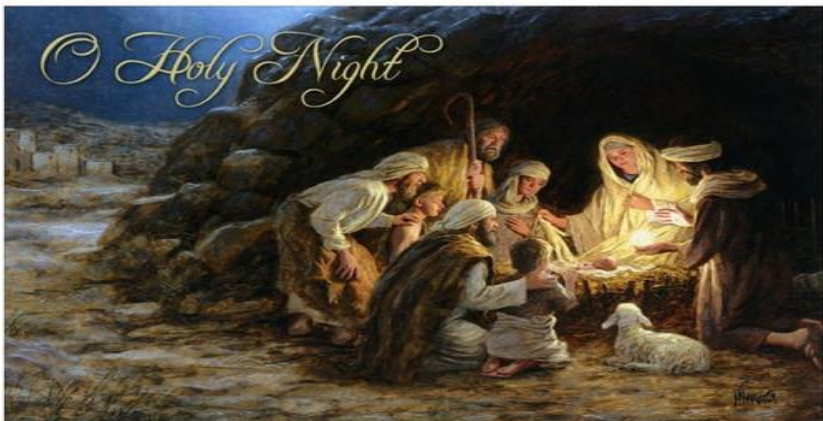
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