

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 A.M. THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

DECEMBER 19, 2021

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10:30 A.M. THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Hymnal

Prayer Book

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	Introit: Advent Wreath Prayer No. 4; Malcolm Archer	
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	New Testament Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10	
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	The Gospel: Luke 1:39-55	
	Before the Gospel the people respond: <i>Glory to you, Lord Christ.</i>	
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	The Dismissal (The people respond: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>)	
	Voluntary: Magnificat primi toni: Fünf Fugen (Nr. 1); Johann Pachelbel	

Celebrants: The Rev. Lisa Frost-Phillips; The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth
Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Frost-Phillips
Acting Director of Music & Organist: Dr. Jason Wright
Eucharistic Visits: Rowen & Jan Grant (Bill & Deb Kodros; 10:30); Daisy Huffman (Dale Games; 10:30)
Readers: Ellen McRae (8:00); Rich Harris (10:30)
Ushers: Frank Casadonte & Eileen Camp (8:00); Conrad Fulkerson (10:30)
Nursery Attendant: Jane Fischer; Nursery Volunteer: Rebecca Gallegly (10:30)
Coffee Hour Host: Frank Casadonte & Eileen Camp (8:00); Sam & Maria Costello (10:30)
Altar Guild: Jean Bartholomew, Judy Snyder, Betty Wolfe
IT Guild: Video: Jim Parsley; Zoom Master: Paul Enquist; Zoom Host: Mary Rocap

FEEDING GOD'S PEOPLE FROM THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Welcome to St. Matthew's. We hope while you are here you will be nourished, welcomed, and sustained. We consider St. Matthew's a place of hospitality, peace, and renewal, where people can come to be fed through worship and the sacraments; through the care and compassion of our members; through our welcome of the stranger in our midst; through our service to the larger community of Hillsborough and the world. We invite you to be part of the feast.

TODAY

Nursery Care for children five and under is provided from 7:55-11:45am in the Nursery on the top floor of the Hayden Building.

The flowers on the altar are given by Judy Snyder to the glory of God and in memory of her husband, Bob Snyder.

Today is Kate Wisz's last official day as our Diocesan Intern. She has been a blessing to St. Matthew's— supporting so many levels of our programming: youth activities, enhanced seating around the property, the creation of the labyrinth, offering yoga and post-partum dula services, and much more.

Advent Wreath Prayer Text: *Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle: to you be praise and glory forever! Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary; grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and Savior of all. Blessed be God forever.*

Anthem Text: *My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN GENERAL

Poinsettia Distribution throughout the Parish: This year, we are going to send 35 of the poinsettias used to decorate the church to parishioners unable to attend service because of COVID. Please sign up to be a St. Matthew's Poinsettia Deliverer. It will be a blessing for so many in the parish. Sign up outside Mary's office. We will assign you a delivery the week before Christmas.

No Morning Prayer or Compline Services on December 24.

Christmas Poinsettia Donations: We welcome financial contributions in any amount to help with the cost of decorating the church for Christmas. If you wish to make the donation in memory or honor of someone, please provide that information with your donation by tomorrow, December 20 to the church office. The Flower Donation Binder is on the credenza in the Parish House foyer.

This Week's Schedule (More Information is on the "This Week at St. Matthew's" weekly e-mail)

Sunday (12/19): Advent Four

- In-Person Holy Eucharist, Rite I (church); 8:00am followed by Coffee Hour
- No Education Hour: Sunday Forum, Godly Play, Growing in Christ, or Youth
- Choir; 9:15am
- In-Person Holy Eucharist, Rite II (church AND linked with Worship Zoom); 10:30am
- Pageant Rehearsal; 1:00 pm
- Youth Christmas Party; 4:00pm

Monday (12/20):

- Poinsettia Donations due; 5:00 pm
- Education for Ministry; 6:30pm
- Compline (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Tuesday (12/21):

- Morning Silence (Worship Zoom); 7:30am Gathering for Silent Meditation
- Staff Meeting; 11:00 am
- Compline (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Wednesday (12/22):

- Morning Prayer (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- Holy Eucharist (church); Noon
- Newsletter deadline; 5:00pm
- Choir; 7:00pm
- Compline (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Thursday (12/23):

- Church decorating with the Altar Guild; 1:00 pm
- Compline (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Friday, December 24: Christmas Eve

- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant & Festival Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist with Prelude beginning at 8:30 (plus Zoom); *This service includes choral anthems, congregational hymns, and works for strings and organ.*

Saturday, December 25: Christmas Day

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite One *(with music)*

Sunday, December 26: First Sunday after Christmas

- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols (one service only)
- *No Education Programs at 9:15*

Please remain fully masked for the duration of the church service. You may pod sit with your family or with friends (if all are vaccinated), otherwise please maintain social distancing.

Help for the Holiday's: A Bereavement Workshop Offered by Jehanne Gheith: Jehanne, a trained bereavement counselor, will lead a final workshop offering grief education through interactive activities and some co-creation of strategies for the holidays. The second workshop will be Tuesday, January 11, 6:30-8:00pm. Please email Jehanne at gheith7@me.com to sign up. The workshop will on Zoom.

Decorating the Church for Christmas: The Altar Guild will be decorating the church for Christmas on Thursday, December 23, beginning at 1:00p.m.; everyone is welcome to come and help. Please let Mary Ann Plambeck or Kathy von St. Paul know if you are coming. Contributions of greenery are much appreciated! And it helps to bring clippers as well. Thank you.

Orange Congregations in Mission: Providing Beef Stew to Orange Congregations in Mission Food's Pantry is a commitment St. Matthew's has made and kept for years now. We have collected 120 cans so far this month; 55 to go. You can bring your donated cans to the church anytime.

In this season of Advent, where we wait and watch and pray for the coming of Christ in our world, here are two specific and concrete ways to participate in serving Christ through sharing:

- To support disaster relief for the people of Kentucky, you can make a donation online to the Episcopal Relief & Development [HERE](#) or you can send relief checks to Episcopal Relief & Development at P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. Or, to Team Kentucky Relief fund, <https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/Finance/WKYRelief>. To mail in a donation, make your check to **Kentucky State Treasurer**. In the memo line please note the donation is for the "**Team Western Kentucky Tornado Relief Fund**." Send check to Public Protection Cabinet, 500 Mero Street, 218 NC, Frankfort, KY 40601.
- Episcopal Farmworker Ministry (EFwM)- a joint ministry of the NC and Eastern NC diocese- has received a challenge grant: if they get \$5,000 in new donations, they will receive an additional 5x (\$25,000!!) matching grant! Here the link to make a donation to the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry: <https://episcopalfarmworkerministry.org/donate/>

ST. MATTHEW'S PRAYER LIST

We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family: Mildred Pruessing, Lois Horn, Tom Vail, Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Laura Middlebrooks, Sandra Poffenbarger, Ludie White, Robert Locke, Carol Parrent, Janice Stratton, Kathy Coward, Suzanne Powers, Sandy McBride, Ed & Mary Ann Southern, Jim Burton, Rich Harris, Nancy & Don Harris, and Glenn Sumner.

And these others for whom our prayers are desired: Betsy Zaragoza, Harry Dula, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Chip Joyner, John Logan, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Bob, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Jeannine Beardslee, Evelyne Accad, Amalia, Maddie Powers, Allie, John & Rachel Hougom, Richard Stevens, Karl & Janice Eicher, Coleman Sale, Boardman Lloyd, Bill, Andy, Drew, Sean Turnell, Sally Weaver, Joe Barnes, Millie Hinkle, Benny Whitted, Jayne Jackson, the Burdette family: Mary Beth, Joel, & Amy, Sandra Marks, Melanie Maupin, the Tuckers and Spurllocks, Doug and Robbie Harnish, Vi Rancer, Judy Hogberg, Kenan Wright, Mike Morris, Reece, Harlon, Jim Hill, Donna, Anita Salazar and her family, Janet Case, Judy Dingfelder, and Pastor Donald Holman.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord will come and will not keep silent, gathering us into the kingdom of his love. In confidence that the turmoil of the present age will usher in the new order of God's reign and dominion, let us offer our prayers, responding to each petition by saying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Channel our vision, Holy God, that the perplexities of this age may call forth our creative response as we await the age to come; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, O God, and put on the armor of light, that we may be signs of hope to the hungry, the homeless, and all who live with anxiety about their future; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Eternal Wisdom, pour upon the leaders of this nation and every nation wise judgment needed and awaken them to the truth and power of your word; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

God of Hope, bless those who are sick and suffering with your healing and wholeness, especially Mildred, Lois, Tom, Molly, Jim, Rowen & Jan, Ann, Anne, Daisy, Tom, Champe, Keyon, Andy & Barrie, Laura, Sandra, Ludie, Robert, Joseph, Carol, Janice, Kathy, Suzanne, Sandy, Ed & Mary Ann, Jim, Rich, Nancy & Don, and Glenn; and for the Rev. Gloria Lasco and members of St. James AME church in Mayfield, KY, which was hit hard by the recent tornado and all others affected by the it; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Be with those who have died, Gracious God, especially Bob in whose memory the flowers are given; former parishioner Jackie Weatherspoon, and the feminist poet and social activist, bell hooks. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort all who grieve; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

God-with-us, your presence in our lives continues to bless us abundantly and we offer to you our prayers of thanksgiving. May we ever be grateful and bless others as we have received; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

God of earthly rhythms, arouse us to the movements of the natural order and to the spiritual voices of this Advent season, instilling within us a deep longing for the birth of Christ within our hearts; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

We invite your personal prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings, either silently, or out loud . . .

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.