

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023, 10:00 am

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Please also note that our services are publicly livestreamed.



Purple was the traditional color of Advent, a color that represents penitence and fasting, as well, as royalty. Purple will continue to be the traditional color of Lent. But for Advent, we shall use deep blue, as other churches have come to do, because deep blue represents the Advent themes of expectation, hope and anticipation of the dawn of Christ. It is the color in the sky before the sun rises, encouraging us to keep watch for the promised light of Christ to break over the horizon, changing night into day. The use of blue has deep historical roots.

The origins of the Advent wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light. Christians kept these popular traditions alive to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. Traditionally, the wreath is made of four blue or purple candles in a circle of evergreens, with a central white candle lit on Christmas Eve and Day. The meaning assigned to each candle varies by tradition.

The Word of God

Prelude

"Winchester New"

arr. David Knight

Please stand as able, and join in singing,

Processional Hymn

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Hymn #76, vv. 1-5

On Then For To All Jor - dan's cleansed be art the praise, bank ev - every our sick stretch e - ter - nal the Bap - tist's breast from sin; va - tion, Lord, our and Son, to thee, whose

3 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en, straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre - re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

6 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings. pare a home where such a might - y guest may come. waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay. light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more. we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.
Music: "Winchester New," melody from "Musicalisches Hand-Buch," 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby, **Deacon:** The Rev. Celeste Stump

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God, ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,

All 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.

A ✠ appears where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshiper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

Please remain standing as able, and join in singing,

The Gloria

Gloria

S 280 (Powell)

7 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al -

13 might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

19 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the

26 sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our

32 prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most

High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932), S-280 The Hymnal, 1982

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. 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 for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

A family steps forward:

Leader Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE.

The candles are lit.

Leader "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace."
(Colossians 3:15)

People **Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls.
Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen.**

The First Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11

1st Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,
 O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
 lift it up, do not fear;
 say to the cities of Judah,
 "Here is your God!"
 See, the Lord God comes with might,
 and his arm rules for him;
 his reward is with him,
 and his recompense before him.
 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
 he will gather the lambs in his arms,
 and carry them in his bosom,
 and gently lead the mother sheep.

1st Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

Reader Let us read from Psalm 85 responsively (*the People reading the text in bold*).

Refrain Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness (Ps. 85), Michael Guimont



Lord, let us see your kind - ness, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

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Music: Michel Guimont, from "Lectionary Psalms: The Revised Grail Psalms,"

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1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Refrain

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Refrain

The Second Lesson 2 Peter 3:8-15a

2nd Reader A Reading from the second letter of Peter.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

2nd Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able, and join in singing,

The Sequence Hymn

Once He Came in Blessing

Hymn #53, vv. 1-4

Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re -
Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would
Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to
One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se -

4
dress - ing; came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most
win - us from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con -
claim him, but wilt trust him bold - ly, nor dost love him
cur - eth. Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re -

8
ho - ly; bore the cross to save us,
vert - us: not in tor - ment hold us,
cold - ly, he will then re - ceive thee,
lease us; let us here con - fess thee

12
hope and free - dom gave us.
but in love en - fold us.
heal thee, and for - give thee.
till in heaven we bless thee.

Words: Jan Roh (1485?-1547); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: "Gottes Sohn ist kommen," melody Michael Weisse (d. 1534); harm. Jack W. Burnam (b. 1946).

Please remain standing, as able, for

The Holy Gospel Mark 1:1-8

Deacon The Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

 "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
 'Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated for,

The Sermon The Rev. Jason Shelby

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please stand as able, and join in saying,

The Nicene Creed

**All 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 human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

Please remain standing, as able, for

The Prayers of the People (*the People read the responses in **bold***)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please kneel, as able,

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.

The Absolution

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. **Amen.**

Please stand, as able,

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

Welcome, Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

All **Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them**
 wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when
 discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the
 peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through
 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

"People, look East"

Besançon Carol, arr. Malcolm Archer

*People look east. The time is near of the crowing of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the heart and set the table.
People, look East, and sing today: Love the Guest is on the way.*

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look East, and sing today: Love the Rose is on the way.*

*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East, and sing today: Love the Star is on the way.*

*Angels, announce to man and beast Him who cometh from the East
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.*

St. Francis Choir

Offertory Hymn

If Thou But Trust in God

Hymn #635, vv. 1-2

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways,
Sing, pray, and keep his ways un-serv-ing; so do thine own part faith-ful-ly,

he'll give thee strength what-e'er be-tide thee, and bear thee through the e-vil days.
and trust his word, though un-de-serv-ing; thou yet shalt find it true for thee;

Who trusts in God's un-chang-ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
God nev-er yet for-sook in need the soul that trust-ed him in-deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
Music: "Wer nur den lieben Gott," Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

Please stand, as able, for,

The Great Thanksgiving

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name

Please join in singing,

Sanctus

Sanctus

Forest Green

The musical score is written for three staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and folk-like. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The first staff starts with a common time signature 'C' which is then changed to '4/4'. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: "Forest Green," Traditional English folk melody; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Please kneel or stand, as able, as the Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All 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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
 Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more
An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

3
crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
seed is plant - ed there: give up your strength the seed to
nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when winds are
light the bowl shall brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

6
a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen. Peo - ple, look
weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

9
East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
East and sing to - day: Love, the star, is on the way.
East and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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The Invitation

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God, Holy gifts, for Holy people.

For our online community—an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Communion of the People

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. **The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you.** Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask.*

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will also be available to pray with you, or you may just choose to light a candle.

Communion Hymn

Shalom

Dan Forrest

Duet: Jill Lynch, soprano & Anthony Lowe, tenor

Please kneel or stand, as able for,

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage, Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted. Honor all persons.

Love and serve the lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And, the blessing of God Almighty, The ✠ Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be with you always.

All Amen.

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please stand, as able, and join in singing

Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple,
Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth,
Make ye straight what long was crook - ed,

2
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
in the des - ert far and near;
make the rough - er pla - ces plain;

3
com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
call - ing us to be new re - pent - ance
let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

4
mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load.
since the king - dom now is here.
as be - fits his ho - ly reign.

5
Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a - way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

7
tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the all val - leys rise to meet him
and the flesh shall see the to - ken

8
and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
Music: "Psalm 42," melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. "Hymnal 1982."

Postlude:

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"

Blake/Prichard

Welcome!!

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome *all* people into our community – without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here.

*Please join us for coffee fellowship after the service.
The Ushers will direct you.*

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble:

Ana, Andrea, Christa, Jean Dicus, Daniel Dreiling, Pauline Duley, Elvis, Ceri Falk, Colette Furbush, Chris Goldsmith, Sally Hill, Loren, Mick Mohuchy, Patt Parker, Bruce Schaefer, Roxanne Wall, and for the people of the middle east, and victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

What's Happening!

Harbor Interfaith Services Christmas Dinner Donations — Dec 17th, to Church Office

Help make the holidays bright for the over 350 families served by HIS by donating food or toys to their Christmas Drive. Bring holiday foods, gift cards, toys for kids 1 month—18 years old to the church office by Dec 17th.

Christmas Eve Services & Children's Pageant — Dec 24th

Join us at the 4pm Children's Pageant & Service, and 9pm traditional Christmas Eve service.

Christmas Eve Concert — Dec 24th, 8pm

Come listen to the St. Francis Choir perform inspiring Christmas music & sing along to Christmas carols! For more info contact Mark Bennett, mark.bennett@stfrancispalosverdes.org

Christmas Day — Dec 25th, 9am

Celebrate the birth of Jesus with us on this holy day!

Ongoing

Bible Study on Zoom—Contacts: Jack Hailwood, john.w.hailwood@outlook.com or Suellen Esslinger, suellenesl@verizon.net

Yoga

Mondays from 11:30am –1:00pm - All Levels Hatha Yoga for Strength and Mobility.

Wednesdays 9:00-10:30am All Levels Gentle Yoga for Vital Mobility and Balance.
(free-will offering).

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Meditation—Thursdays 9:30-10:30am—in the Nason Chapel. Contact: Susie Zimmerman susiezimmerman@gmail.com;

AA—Thursdays & Sundays 7:30 pm, **Al-Anon**—Thursdays 7:00pm

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