

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Generous giving always results in God's blessing.

*"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food
will also supply and increase your store of seed
and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness" (2 Cor. 9:10).*

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CANTICLE 16 / THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called

the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and

the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN
DISRUPTED BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

AS WE PRAY, LET US REMEMBER:

✠ those in special need, especially Dianna & Kelly; James, Don, Doug; Bruce & Laurie; Wally; Kay; Michael; Jay; George; Kim & Dan; Al; Samantha; Charlie Kate & her family; Alfonso; Anthony; Larry & Leslie; Norrin; Kelsey; Brody; Shoney; Robert; Lori; Keira.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SIGN UP SHEETS
are in the Altar Flower notebook.
Deadline is Tuesday, December 18.
December Sundays are in need of dedications
— and almost all of 2019 Sundays!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



AFTER EACH SERVICE TODAY

FROM PATTIE PROSORY: POWWOW Volunteers – Many thanks, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! For December we had 157 Supporters and 34 Volunteers (including our Boy Scouts), and we earned \$188 for feeding our Veterans Ministry. Please mark your calendar for our next POWWOW—Saturday, January 5th. Blessings – Buz, Tracy and Pattie

FROM DAN BASCHE: Thanks to everyone all the tags have been taken! Here are some reminders: keep the tag with the gifts so we know who they belong to. Please wrap or put in a large gift bag. Most important, the gifts need to be returned by Sun. Dec. 16th (Mon. the 17th) at the latest because I have to get them to school so they can call the parents and give them a day or two to pick them up. You have done well- thank you very much. Call me (602-439-3594) if you have a question.

THE ORANGE-AIDES PRISON MINISTRY IS IN NEED OF BIRTHDAY CARDS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR. Please see if you have any extra you can donate. If you would like to know ways you can help or donate please touch base with Maryanne Vermillion or Pattie Prosory.

Today	<i>Holy Eucharist Rite I</i>	8 AM
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	<i>Holy Eucharist Rite II</i>	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
Wed.	<i>Holy Eucharist Rite II</i>	6:30 PM
	Vestry meeting (CH 3)	7:15 PM
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
Thu.	Women's Bible Study (PH)	3 PM
Fri.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—1 PM
Sat.	Men's Fellowship, Breakfast & Study	8 AM
	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—1 PM
Sun.	<i>Holy Eucharist Rite I</i>	8 AM
	Card signing between services (PH)	9 AM
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	<i>Holy Eucharist Rite II</i>	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Monday, December 24

Carol Sing (Joyful Noise Choir /Congregation) 6 PM
Christmas Pageant/Holy Eucharist Rite II 6:30 PM
Carol Sing (Chancel Choir/Congregation) 8:30 PM
Holy Eucharist Rite I 9 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Holy Eucharist Rite II 10 AM

FOOD PANTRY

pancake mix, syrup, boxed mac and cheese, cereal,
shampoo, conditioner

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please

fruit snacks, Cheez-its,
travel sized Goldfish, Rice Krispie treats