

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2023



OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

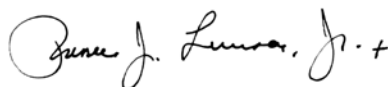
FROM THE RECTOR

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD,
JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "Come, follow Me..." (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 77 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

I want to personally invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.



The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., Rector

Prayers Before Worship

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

St. Martin's is a gun-free campus.

St. Martin's asks that anyone coming into a worship service not bring oversized or large backpacks.

**indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshipers*

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

DECEMBER 10

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Jane Ferguson

Lectionary-based Bible Study

8:55-9:25 a.m.

Chapel Reception Hall

Theology for Life with the Rev. Wesley Arning

"Blessed are Those who Know Their Need of God: A 12-week Survey of the Sermon on the Mount"

A Christian's Relationships: Family and False Prophets – Matthew 7:1-20

10:15-11 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

Family Life Class with the Rev. Alex Graham

"Advent Traditions: Part 2"

10:15-11 a.m.

Activity Center, Game Room

Seekers with the Rev. Nick Dyke

Lectionary-based Bible Study

10:15-11 a.m.

Activity Center, Aerobics Room

*For more information about Adult Christian Education, contact Amanda DeViney at
713-830-4110 or adeviney@smec.org.*

7-1-7 Students

Sunday Get-Togethers

For students in grades 6-12

10:15-11 a.m.

Student Life Center, Living Room

*For more information about 7-1-7 Students, contact Florence Ritchie at
713-985-3843 or students@smec.org.*

Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday School

For children through grade 5
10:15-11 a.m.
Children's Life Center

Childcare is available during all morning services for infants through three-year-olds.

For more information about Children's Ministry, contact Rocio Velazquez at 713-985-3807 or rvelazquez@smec.org.

Music Ministry

Young Singers of St. Martin's

For children and youth in grades 1-12
8:15 a.m. | Rehearsal in Children's Life Center
9:15 a.m. | Family Table service in Parish Life Center

For more information about Young Singers of St. Martin's, contact Carole Nelson at 346-335-8677 or cnelson@smec.org.

DECEMBER 11-16

Adults

Saintly Stitchers

Monday, Dec. 11
10 a.m.-noon | Activity Center, Upper Hall East

Saintly Stitchers fill St. Martin's with pew kneelers and other gifts for worship spaces. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@smec.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, Dec. 12
9-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room

Knit and crochet shawls to be blessed for those in need of prayer. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@smec.org.

Blanket Ladies

Wednesday, Dec. 13
10-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room

Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@smec.org.

St. Clare’s Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Dec. 13
Noon-3 p.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall East

St. Clare’s Guild undertakes a variety of needlepoint projects in worship spaces and for outreach programs. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@smec.org.

Church Tours

Wednesday, Dec. 13
11 a.m.-noon | The Church

The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church. To schedule a group tour or special tours of The Church windows, Christ Chapel or Campus gardens, please contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@smec.org.

Order of St. Luke (OSL) Healing Ministry Study Group

Wednesday, Dec. 13
4:30-6 p.m. | Children’s Life Center and via Zoom

Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as an OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or scox@smec.org.

St. Martin’s 20s & 30s

Wednesday, Dec. 13
7-9 p.m. | Children Life Center

Young adults meet weekly for a time of fellowship and study. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at 346-335-8680 or rwarning@smec.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Dec. 14
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal Hall

Sing a variety of traditional music in service to the Lord and our congregation. For more information, contact Dr. David Henning at 713-985-3820 or dhenning@smec.org.

Sterling's Market

Saturday, Dec. 16 | Rain or Shine

9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Corner of Woodway and Sage

Sterling's Market at St. Martin's Episcopal Church glorifies God through sharing the Gospel and the bounties of the earth with Parishioners, neighbors and visitors. For more information, contact Justin Avery at 713-985-3838 or info@sterlingsmarket.org.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, Dec. 14

7-8 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

This men's group meets for fellowship, mutual support and Bible study. For more information, contact the Rev. John Sundara at 713-985-3842 or jsundara@smec.org.

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, Dec. 14

8-9 a.m. | Welcome Center

Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at 346-335-8680 or rwarning@smec.org.

Women

Christian Life Study

Tuesday, Dec. 12 – Evening Group | 6:30-8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

This friendly and loving group of women meets over the course of the year to target various topics in the Bible to deepen faith. For more information, contact the Rev. Marty Bastian at Igallien@smec.org.

7-1-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, Dec. 13

6-8 p.m. | Student Life Center

Students in grades 6-12 connect with their peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Jane Ferguson at 346-335-8659 or jferguson@smec.org.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

VOLUNTARY“Savior of the Nations, Come” Dietrich Buxtehude

The Celebrant greets the People. Following the greeting, all stand.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*HYMN 56“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.; Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811–1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937); Public Domain.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE

(8 a.m.)

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

(9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)

Two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy". The second staff contains the lyrics: "up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us." The music consists of simple eighth and quarter notes.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(kneel)*

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 for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON2 Peter 3:8-15a

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN 66 (*vs. 1-2*)..... “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8

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.

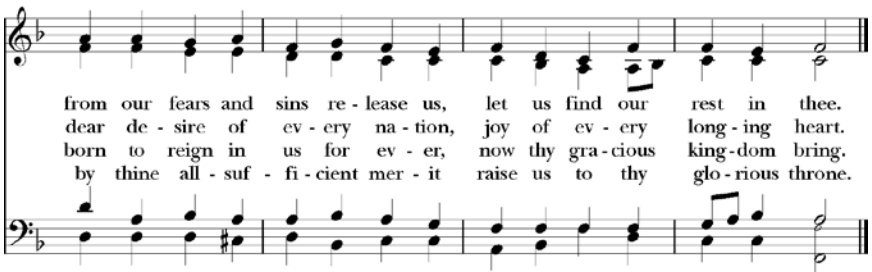
People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The remaining lectionary for the day is on pages 24-25.

HYMN 66 (vs. 3-4)..... "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"



1 Come, thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Is-rael's strength and con-so-la-tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e-ter-nal Spi-rit rule in all our hearts a-lone;



from our fears and sins re-lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de-sire of ev-ery na-tion, joy of ev-ery long-ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev-er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.
by thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON "Wait and Prepare"

The Rev. Lisa R. Neilson

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People

I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation
 came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the
 Virgin Mary,
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried;
 and the third day he rose again according to
 the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,
 and he shall come again, with glory,
 to judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
 who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
 who with the Father and the Son together
 is worshiped
 and glorified;
 who spake by the Prophets.

**And I believe one holy catholic and
apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission
of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(kneel) (responsively)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory to the world.

Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as thy own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy honor and glory. Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially __, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those in the hospital __; and give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of thy salvation. Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled, especially ___; and we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind. Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, our bishops; the Clergy of this Parish; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Church of Pakistan (United); for all bishops, priests and deacons. For Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; for all who serve in our armed forces and their families; for persecuted Christians; for an end to war and conflict; for all the blessings of this life.

I invite your own prayers and intercessions.

A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly or in the privacy of their hearts.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 29 for upcoming events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM*Messiah*, “And the Glory of the Lord”
George F. Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together, For the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

Text: Isaiah 40:5.

AT THE PRESENTATION

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Doxology)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

DOXOLOGY..... *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*stand*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

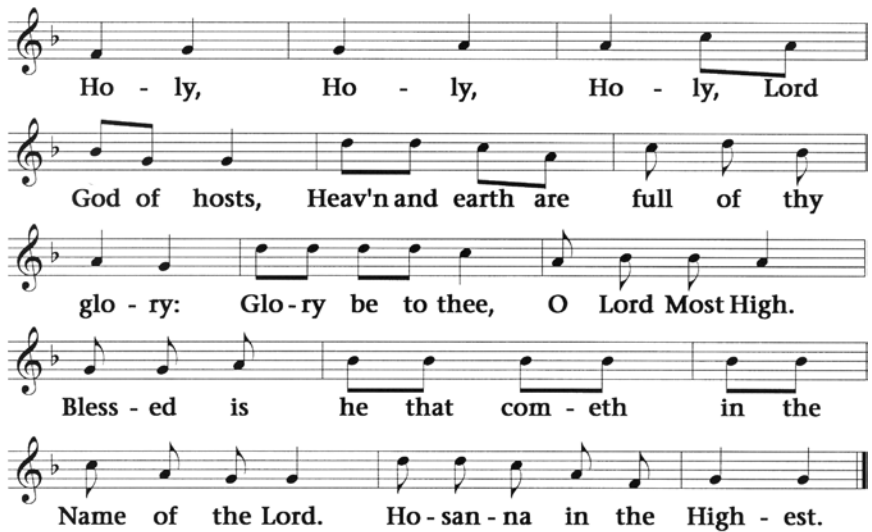
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord
God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy
glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

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The Celebrant continues (kneel)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

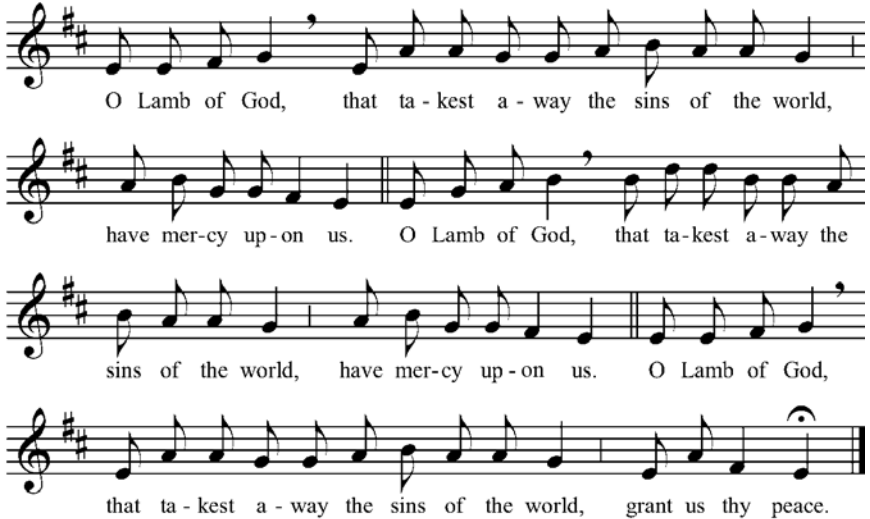
Celebrant and People

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.

(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,
have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God,
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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Then may be said by the Celebrant and People

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Invitation.

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so on this occasion. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, cross your arms over your chest and the Clergy will give you a blessing. Please tell the Clergy administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

AN THEM “What Sweeter Music”

John Rutter

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol for to sing the birth of this our heavenly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string! Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honour to this day that sees December turned to May. Why does the chilling winter’s morn Smile, like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a meadow newly shorn thus on the sudden? Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be: ‘Tis he is born, whose quickening birth gives life and lustre, public mirth, To heaven and the under-earth. We see him come, and know him ours, who, with his sunshine and his showers, turns all the patient ground to flowers. The darling of the world is come, and fit it is, we find a room to welcome him. The nobler part of all the house here is the heart, which we will give him; And bequeath This holly, and this ivy wreath, To do him honour; who’s our King, And Lord of all this reveling. What sweeter music can we bring than a carol for to sing the birth of this our heavenly King?

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HYMN “Jesus, Remember Me”

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

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HYMN 58 “Lo! He Comes”

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,
 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,
 claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788); Music: *St. Thomas*, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711–1786); harm. att. Vincent Francis Novello (1781–1861).

HYMN "As the Deer"

As the deer pant - eth for the wa - ter, so my
You're my friend and you are my broth - er ev - en
I want you more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly
soul long - eth af - ter you. You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I
though you are a King. I love you more than an - y oth - er, so much
you can sat - is - fy. You a - lone are the real joy - giv - er and the
long to wor - ship you. You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To
more than an - y - thing.
ap - ple of my eye.
you a - lone may my spir - it yield.
You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

Words and Music: Martin Nystrom; CCLI Song #1431; © 1984 Maranatha Praise, Inc.; All rights Reserved. CCLI #805314.

After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel)

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

At 9 and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 542 “Christ is the World’s True Light”

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
 2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
 3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
 the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
 cast out our pride and shame that hin-der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875–1959), alt.; Music: *St. Joan*, Percy E. B. Collier (b. 1895); Copyright: Words: By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal. Alleluias are omitted during the season of Advent.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland”
Johann Sebastian Bach

Personal prayers are available at the west Side Chapel after this service.

RECOGNITIONS



To mark a special occasion with an altar flower dedication,
visit bit.ly/smecaltarflowers or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam
at relhakam@smec.org.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 40:1-11

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;

READINGS FOR THE DAY

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.

THE PSALM Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

- 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.
- 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.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Individuals are included on the Continuing Prayers list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

Robin Adair	Ryan Logan
Bobbie Adams	Bella Martin
Carolyn Alban	Ronnie Martin
Katie and Harvey Altmann	Janet McDaniel
Ally Babineaux	Barbara McMahan
Shelly Bain	Margaret Milner
Kathy Beadnell	Clarine Naskrent
Bob Beeley	Stuart Nixon
Cory Blackman	Ann Noel
Kenny Brown	Deborah Oliver
Cole Cattan	Andrew O'Malley
Debbie Chernosky	Bob Paddock
Doug Clarke	Jim Paddock
Hallie Cooley	Judy Peach
Michael Craig	Betty Polando
Gail Davis	Joseph Powell
Ross Dunn	Ted Reed
Kiersten Dyke	Marjorie Reeks
Jim Easterling	Phyllis Reinhardt
Stacey and John Elliott	Monica Rivera
Nancy Ellison	John Davis Roady
Charles Flores	Joe Rodriguez
Julie G.	Suzzy Schuwerk
Catherine Gonzales	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Nancy Gore	Clif Shoemake
Ann Halverson	Bob Spencer
Amy Heath	Paul Therrien
Mollie Hill	Mary Watters
Marilyn Ingham	Eric Zoerb
Mary and Jim Jennings	Atticus
Mary Anne Kannard	Henry
Candi Keebler	Laura
Dick Kilday	Lynne
Anne Kurtzahn	
Reggie Lang	
Rhea Latta	
Bruce Michael Lee	
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Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the weeks after Easter and All Saints' Day. The list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@smec.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Prayers for those on Active Military Duty in the Armed Forces:

Lt. Col. Wesley J. Hunnell

Capt. Jack Mullen

2nd Lt. Alex Mullen

Lt. Paul Piana

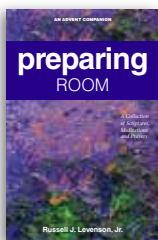
Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant

Please be advised that each year the week after Veterans Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Military Service Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@smec.org.

SERMON NOTES

Advent Resources

Prepare for this solemn and wonderful season with these special resources:



“Preparing Room” by the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

- Scriptures key to telling the Christmas story as it centers on Jesus
- Brief meditations to help readers step more deeply into the Advent story
- Reflections on how to prepare just a bit more room for the King
- Prayers for Judeo-Christian tradition or by the author



“Advent Wreath Devotional” by Laura and Russ Levenson

The “Advent Wreath Devotional” in both adult and children’s versions provides a framework within which to traverse the Advent season.

Available for sale through St. Martin’s Gift Shoppe.
Contact Barbara Shoemaker at bshoemaker@smec.org or 713-985-3840 for more information.



Cocoa & Carols



SUNDAY, DEC. 10

10:15 a.m. • Children’s Life Center

All children Sunday School classes will gather for a fun-filled morning to celebrate the coming of Jesus. During the Sunday school hour, children will listen to a story, enjoy hot cocoa and sing Christmas carols.



For more information, contact Ashley Monachelli at amonachelli@smec.org or 713-985-3816.

A graphic for a Christmas event. The background is a dark blue night sky with white stars and a large, glowing white moon. In the foreground, there are dark blue silhouettes of houses and a sleigh pulled by reindeer flying across the sky. The text 'Christmas Crash' is written in a large, white, bubbly font with a blue outline, positioned in front of the moon.

Christmas Crash

SUNDAY, DEC. 10

**5 – 8 p.m. • Student Life Center
For Students in Grades 6–12**

Students are encouraged to bring a friend for an awesome night of games, contests dinner and prizes. Wear a tacky Christmas sweater, reindeer antlers or a festive Christmas outfit!

*Please bring a \$5 wrapped gift for the
White Elephant exchange.*

For questions, contact Florence Ritchie at fritchie@smec.org or 713-985-3843.

A graphic for a Taizé prayer service. The background is a landscape at sunset or sunrise, with a blue sky transitioning to orange and yellow near the horizon. The text 'Taizé' is written in a large, white, cursive font, and 'PRAYER SERVICE' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it.

Taizé

PRAYER SERVICE

SUNDAY, DEC. 10
5 p.m. • Christ Chapel

This quiet and prayerful time apart from the bustle of holiday activities will nourish your soul as you continue preparations for the birth of Christ anew in your heart this Advent season!

For more information, contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at relhakam@smec.org or 713-830-4146.

SUNDAY, DEC. 10
7 P.M.
PARISH LIFE CENTER



WAYNE & FRIENDS

BORN IS THE KING!

Wayne Watson, St. Martin's Director of Contemporary Music, opens the Christmas season with a gathering of talented musicians who will perform an unforgettable concert filled with instrumental Christmas classics, carols and modern Christmas compositions.

All are welcome! Bring family and friends!

For more information, contact Amanda DeViney at adeviney@smec.org or 713-830-4110.

Joyful Living JOYFUL GIVING

2024 Stewardship is here! Please join us and prayerfully consider what St. Martin's means to you and your family and make an annual commitment in the form of an annual pledge. We are grateful for your stewardship pledges. Your generosity makes everything possible.

To make your pledge online, visit
bit.ly/smec2024stewardship

Questions? Contact Ashley Pratka, Director of Development,
at apratka@smec.org or 346-335-8658.

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



Poinsettia Sleevling

Monday, Dec. 11 | 8:30 a.m.–noon
Meet at 7:30 a.m. in Parking Lot to Carpool

The Brookwood Community is delivering all 50,000 poinsettias to the Houston area and needs your help with sleevling. Spend the morning at Brookwood with fellow St. Martin's members.

Contact Tracee Tindol at outreach@smec.org
or 713-985-3811 to sign up.

2024 WHCSA Basketball League at St. Martin's



Registration closes December 10!

- 8-Game schedule runs January–March.
- Pre-K (age 4) through 5th Grade (age 11) may register.
- Registration (\$245) includes uniforms and pictures. Coaches and volunteers also needed!



Register today at bit.ly/smecbball2024



For questions, contact Emily Lermann, Director of Basketball Operations, at 239-410-8749 or emily.lermann@fitcasa.com.

To learn more about the Activity Center, contact Sarah-Hampton Cambas at 713-985-3835 or scambas@smec.org.



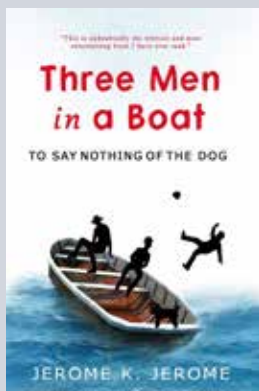
EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, Dec. 12 | 7-8:30 p.m.
Children's Life Center, Room 109 and
Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinliteveningzoom

While operating within the framework of Christian theology, Faith in Literature seeks to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

This month, we discuss "Three Men in a Boat" by Jerome K. Jerome.

For more information, contact Amanda DeViney at adeviney@smec.org or 713-830-4110.



The Giving Tree



CHRISTMAS CARD PROGRAM



The Giving Tree is a branch of St. Martin's Outreach Ministries, offering Parishioners and the surrounding community the opportunity to honor a loved one on a special occasion through a heartfelt gift that empowers a worthy organization while touching hearts and changing lives.



Order cards at bit.ly/christmasgivingtree.

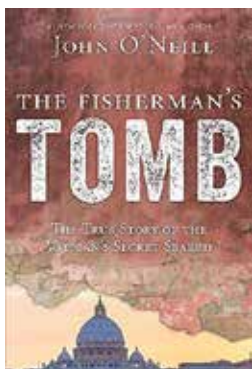


Deadline to order is Wednesday, Dec. 13.

For assistance, contact Tracee Tindol at outreach@smec.org or 713-985-3811.



DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Dec. 13
Children's Life Center, Room 132 and
Via Zoom | bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom

While operating within the framework of Christian theology, Faith in Literature seeks to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

This month, we discuss "The Fisherman's Tomb"
by John O'Neill.

For more information, contact Amanda DeViney at 713-830-4110 or adeviney@smec.org.



**Houston
Boychoir**

Winter Concert



SATURDAY, DEC. 16
4 P.M. • THE CHURCH

Celebrate the holiday season with the Houston Boychoir. Listen to traditional Christmas music from three choirs that make up the group: the precious Preparatory Choir, the delightful Chamber Choir and the amazing Olde Boys.

For more information, contact Carole Nelson at cnelson@smec.org or 346-335-8677.



A Festival of
LESSONS and CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

TRADITIONAL SERVICE
 11:15 a.m.
THE CHURCH

Keith Lathrom
 klathrom@smec.org
 713-985-3815

FAMILY TABLE
 9:15 a.m.
PARISH LIFE CENTER

Carole Nelson
 cnelson@smec.org
 346-335-8677

RIVERWAY
 11:15 a.m.
PARISH LIFE CENTER

Amanda DeViney
 adeviney@smec.org
 713-830-4110



A Family
Christmas Celebration!

SUNDAY, DEC. 17
10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center

You are invited for a family Christmas party and reception for the Young Singers of St. Martin's.

Children will wrap shoe boxes that will be filled with necessities for the Houston International Seafarers Center.

For more information, contact Ashley Monachelli at amonachelli@smec.org or 713-985-3816.





ST. CLARE'S NEEDLEPOINT GUILD



Do you love to needlepoint?

Consider joining St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild. This guild welcomes stitchers of any skill level and teaches needlepoint from basic stitches to detailed and advanced work.

SUNDAY, DEC. 17

1–4 p.m.

Activity Center Upper Hall East

St. Clare's also meets during the week. For more information, contact **Amanda DeViney** at 713-830-4110 or adeviney@smec.org.



[st.claresneedlepoint](https://www.instagram.com/st.claresneedlepoint)



[St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild](https://www.facebook.com/St.Clare'sNeedlepointGuild)

DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIVES

Monday, Dec. 18
9 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Student Life Center

Schedule your next appointment.

bit.ly/smechloodrive

Walk-ins Welcome!



Receive a cozy, limited edition hoodie! (while supplies last)



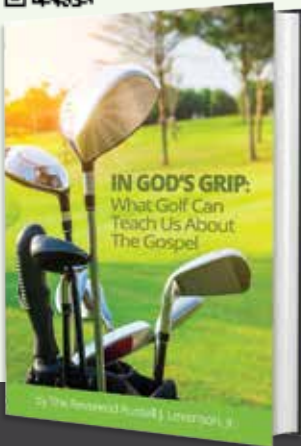
**Gulf Coast Regional
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Questions? Contact Justin Jacobson Avery
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— Dr. Doug Sweeney, Dean of Beeson Divinity School

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Year-End Contributions to St. Martin's Episcopal Church



The Internal Revenue Service requires that, in order to be tax deductible in 2023, cash, check or credit card contributions to St. Martin's Episcopal Church must be received by the Church or postmarked by the United States Postal Service **no later than Friday, Dec. 29, 2023**; this includes any payments to your 2023 pledge, prepayment of your 2024 pledge and payment of your Building for the Ages pledge. The Finance staff is required to check the postal cancellation dates on all receipts in early January to ensure our legal compliance to this rule.

For more information, contact Debbie Hutchison at
dhutchison@smec.org or 713-985-3803.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Sunday, Dec. 24

Family Table Services | 9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

Come to the first family friendly Christmas Eve service with Holy Eucharist.

11 a.m.* • The Church (No Eucharist)

Music and Nativity Liturgy. This shorter family-friendly service recounts a live Christmas story reenactment.

**The service will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube channels.*

Traditional Services | 1, 3:30*, 6 and 8:30 p.m. • The Church

Holy Eucharist; festive music by the Parish Choir, Gloria Dei Organ, brass and timpani.

**The service will be livestreamed on Facebook and Youtube channels.*

Riverway Contemporary Service | 6:30 p.m. • Parish Life Center

Join Riverway, a casual, modern service with Holy Eucharist. We will gather and celebrate the birth of our Lord. All are welcome.

The service will be livestreamed on Riverway's Facebook page.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Monday, Dec. 25

Traditional Service | 11 a.m. • The Church

Holy Eucharist; Celebrate our Lord's birth with traditional service with hymns, anthems and the Parish Choir.

CHILDCARE

For infants to 3-year-olds will be provided at the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services as well as the 1, 3:30 and 6 p.m. services.

For more information, contact Barbara Piana at
bpiana@smec.org or 713-830-4116.



Navigating Grief and Stress During the Winter Holidays (and Beyond)

DECEMBER 13

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