

# CHRISTMAS EVE 2023

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## 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

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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 worshippers*

# HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

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## FESTIVE CHRISTMAS MUSIC

**BRASS VOLUNTARY** ... “Lo How a Rose e’er Blooming”  
Johannes Brahms

**INTROIT** ..... “Ding Dong! Merrily on High”  
Charles Wood

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heav’n the bells are ringing: Ding dong!  
Verily the sky is riv’n with angels singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!  
E’en so her below, below let steeple bells be swungen. And io, io, io, by  
priest and people sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Pray you dutifully  
prime your matin chime, ye ringers. May you beautifully rime your  
evetime song, ye singers Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Text: G.R. Woodward.

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

**HYMN 83** ..... “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

1 O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O  
2 God from God, Light from Light e-ter-nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion,  
\*4 See how the shep-herds, sum-moned to his cra-dle,  
\*5 Child, for us sin-ners poor and in the man-ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem;  
2 lo! he ab-hors not the Vir-gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci-ti-zens of heaven a-bove;  
4 leav-ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
5 we would em-brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
 born this happy morning;  
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
 Word of the Father,  
 now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

Words: John Francis Wade (1711–1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802–1880) and others; Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711–1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

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

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*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.**

# HYMN AT THE GLORIA

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813–1882), alt.; Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887–1958);  
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# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect (kneel)*

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LESSON ..... Titus 2:11-14

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

HYMN 79 ..... “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835–1893); Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner (1831–1908).

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**THE GOSPEL** ..... Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The remaining lectionary for the day is on pages 28-29.*

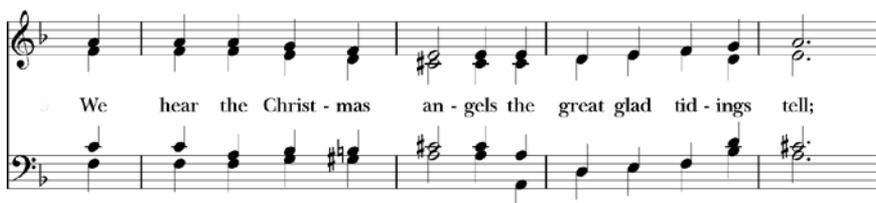
**HYMN 79** ..... “O Little Town of Bethlehem”



O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835–1893); Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner (1831–1908).

*Please be seated.*

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**THE SERMON** ..... “*The Gift That Makes You Whole*”  
*The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.*

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SOLO “O Holy Night” .....Adolphe Adam  
*Annamarie Zmolek, soloist*

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior’s birth; long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born. Truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love and his Gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his Name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise is holy Name. Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we, his power and glory ever more proclaim.

Words: Cappeau de Roquemaure, edited by Carl Deis. Music: Adolphe Adam.

THE NICENE CREED (*stand*)

*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)*

*Minister and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly  
serve thee;

**That thy Name may be glorified by all people.**

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 Episcopal Church in the Philippines; for all bishops, priests  
and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our  
Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; and 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 thy will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in thy sight.**

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested; for those who are hospitalized; and for those on our continuing prayer list; have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We pray for those who have died; give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We give thee thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Christmas flowers; and we praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.**

In this moment of silence, let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **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.*

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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

*Please see page 30 for Christmas flower dedications.*

*Please see page 43 for upcoming events.*

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## THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ..... “Gloria”

John Rutter

Gloria in excelsis Deo Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

*Glory in the highest to God and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we adore thee, we glorify thee. We give thanks to Thee for thy great glory.*

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# AT THE PRESENTATION

## DOXOLOGY ..... *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise him all crea - tures here be -  
low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -  
bove ye heaven - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*Refrain*  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711); Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. Ralph Vaughan William (1872-1958).

## 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.**

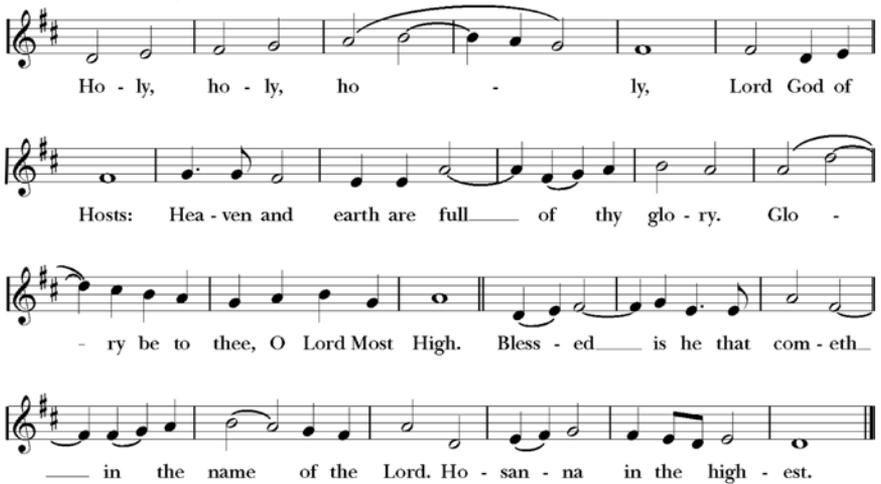
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

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

*Celebrant and People*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven 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.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880–1968); Copyright: By permission of Oxford University Press.

*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.*

*Cantor sings*

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.

*Congregation sings*

**No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

*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.*

**ANTHEM** ..... “O Little Town of Bethlehem”  
Bob Chilcott

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth; for Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

Text: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893). Music: Bob Chilcott (b. 1955) © 2011 Oxford University Press.

HYMN 93 ..... “Angels From the Realms of Glory”

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
 beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

*Refrain*

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light:  
 ye have seen his na - tal star: come and wor - ship,  
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1854), alt.; Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813–1879).

HYMN 105 ..... “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;  
 2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came  
 3 “Fear not, then,” said the an - gel, “Let noth - ing you af - fright;  
 4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,  
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same;  
 this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,  
 and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.  
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.  
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might.”  
 this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

*Refrain*



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

Words: London Carol; Music: God Rest You Merry, Melody, *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1850.

HYMN 89 ..... "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that  
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with  
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the  
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing  
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heav - en - ly  
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heav - en - ly  
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they  
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn  
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its  
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and  
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Words: E.H. Sears; Music: *Carol*, R.S. Willis.

**HYMN 87** ..... “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!  
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt.; Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831–1915).

**HYMN 99** ..... “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and  
 ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

*Verses*

Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their  
 2 The shep - herds feared and  
 3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -  
 trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang and  
 man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

*Repeat Refrain*

hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.  
 out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.  
 God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Words: African-American spiritual 19th cent.; adapt. John W. Work (b. 1901); Music: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, Afro-American spiritual, 19th cent.; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935); Copyright: Music: Arrangement © 1984, Horace Clarence Boyer.

HYMN ..... “Away in a Manger”

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, The  
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing; the Ba - by a - wakes, But  
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay Close

lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The  
 lit - tle Lord Je - sus— no cry - ing he makes. I  
 by me for - e - ver, and love me, I pray. Bless

stars in the sky— looked down where He lay; The  
 love Thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky, And  
 all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care, And

lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay;  
 stay by my side un - til mor - ning is nigh;  
 fit us for hea - ven, to live with Thee there.

Text: Anon. (v. 1-2 Kirkpatrick, 1885; vs. 3 Charles H. Gabriel, 1892); Music: *Mueller*; arr. John Weaver.

*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.**

*Please remain kneeling.*

**HYMN 111** ..... “Silent Night”

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,  
  
 all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - dian beams from thy ho - ly face,  
  
 Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy  
  
 peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792–1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820–1885); Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787–1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824–1910).

**THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING**

*All stand.*

HYMN 100 ..... "Joy to the World"

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 #3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts; Music: *Antioch*, G.F. Händel.

# THE DISMISSAL

*A Minister says the dismissal*

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**BRASS VOLUNTARY**  
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”  
arr. Rich Mays

## ST. MARTIN’S BRASS

Mark Hughes and Rich Harris, trumpets  
William VerMeulen, horn  
Ryan Rongone, trombone  
David Kirk, tuba  
Matthew Strauss, timpani

# SERMON NOTES

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# OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

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## THE OLD TESTAMENT ..... Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

# OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

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## THE PSALM ..... Psalm 96

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

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Our St. Martin's Church family  
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Linda and Joe Henkel, Cora and Charlie Henkel  
*by Linda and Donald Bendure*

Our children and grandchildren  
*by Pam and the Rev. John Bentley*

Kahler, Kristian, and Conrad Marlow  
*by Carolyn Biedenbarn*

The April 2024 nuptials of Hailee Binet and Eric Rutledge  
*by Heidi and Todd Binet and family*

Mr. and Mrs. Bill J. Harris  
*by Debbie Harris Bolen*

The Ball, the Brown and the Stouffer families  
*by Caroline and Will Brown*

Keith Lathrom, our Parish Choir Director  
*by Sharon Lee and Arthur Brumley*

Nicole, William and Isla, Blakely and Andrew  
*by Diane and Bill Campbell*

Our parents, and Isla Scott  
*by Nicole and William Campbell*

Our children and grandchildren  
*by Virginia and Jack Chandler*

Our grandchildren, Judson, Max, Patrick and Victoria Collie  
*by Barbara and Bob Collie*

Will, Ben, Mary Evans, Tripp and Tucker Cravens, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chriss  
*by Susan and Ben Cravens*

Marilyn H. Ligon, Emily and Holcomb Crosswell and our children, Clayton, Chapman and Hollings Crosswell  
*by Heather and Brady Crosswell*

Our children, Laura Grace Serna and Geoffrey Trevor Davis, Jr.  
*by Ellen and Geoffrey Davis*

C.C. and Granddaddy and Cita and Trapper  
*by Key Doyle*

The marriage of Jerry Johnston Duff and John Carns Ryan  
*by Cheryl and Brad Duff*

Our children, Andrew and Charlie Dunlap  
*by Katy and Kevin Dunlap*

## Flowers for Christmas



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Our children and grandchildren, the Bridger Dunlap families

*by Joan and David Dunlap*

Our children and grandsons, Amy, Jeremy and Joshua Bullard; and Jean Marie, Cutter, Milam and Wells Howard

*by Kathy and Dan Ellwood*

Elizabeth Ann Evans

*by Courtney and Connor Evans*

Our grandchildren, John, Collin and Reese Merchant

*by Mary K. and Doug Forshagen*

Pat and Karen Foster

*by Kimberly, Zach and Kyle*

Joe Tillmanns

*by Dee Frappier*

George, Florence, Gracie, Charles, John, Monroe and Helen

*by Helen Fraser*

Our family and friends

*by Bette and John Fryar*

My godson, Edwin Ault and his brothers; my grandson, Jacob Monesson and his father, Ted; and the Tellepsen family

*by Susan Goldston*

Our wonderful St. Martin's Clergy and Staff

*by Lamar and Warren Hall*

Dan Hassay

*by Nancy Hassay*

Our children and their families, Annabella, Jamie, George and Thomas; Madeline, John Edward, Jack and Elizabeth; Molly, Clark, Emma and Caroline

*by James Hibbert*

Anna, Alice, Ellen, Henry, August and Margaret  
*by Marnie and Lee*

Our sons, William and Ford

*by Megan and Will Holstien*

Kathy and Dan Ellwood

*by Amy, Jeremy and Josh Bullard, Jean Marie, Cutter, Milam and Wells Howard*

Our children, Jack, Paul and Mary

*by Sarah Jane and Jack Howell*

Our children, grandchildren, extended family and friends

*by Mary and Bill Hughes*

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*by Jim Johnson*

Mary Louise Johnson, Allie, Larry and Lars Sarahan, Elizabeth Johnson and Rebecca Johnson

*by Kathy and Alex Johnson*

Margaret Connors

*by Patty and Brad Jones*

Our son, David and his fiancée, Christina and our daughter, Jordan, and her husband, Clay; and our grandsons, James and Hill

*by Pat and David Jones*

Elisabeth Justl; Karen Justl; Joey Zerbe; Suzanne Warlick; Barbara and Peter Justl; Katie, Nicholas, Theodore, and Oliver Justl; Caroline, Ryan and Greyson Levins; and Charles Warlick, Jr.

*by Catherine, Chris, Adele and Chelsea Justl*

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Lance Richard Kannard and Scott Matthew Kannard, and my grandchildren and great-grandchildren

*by Mary Anne Matthews Kannard*

Our family, friends, the Parish Choir and those in service at St. Martin's

*by Cynthia Doerr and Jay Karahan*

Laura, William, Wilson and Carter Kelsey; Margaret, Jeff, Patrick, Clara and Thomas, Cameron and Keeton Connor-Wilkenson; and Mavis P. Kelsey III

*by Ann and Tom Kelsey*

For our children and grandchildren, Katherine, Oliver, Oliver IV and Caroline; Shannon, K.C. and Conrad; and Elizabeth, Sean, Sarah and Kimberly

*by Barbara and Charles Kraft*

Our families

*by Mr. and Mrs. Chris Krieg*

The Church and our family

*by Debby and Bob Liddell*

Our grandchildren, Graham Selzer, Layne Junell and Charles Junell

*by Graham B. Luhn*

Our six grandchildren, John, Matthew, Charlotte, Luke, Lachlan and Parker

*by Sande and Dwight Lyman*

Our granddaughters, Greer, Margot and Bonnie

*by Stacey and Ted Lyons*

Madeleine, Mary Dyer and Rebecca Mabry

*by Cynthia and Chad Mabry*

Elsie and Bill Cothran and Harrison, Bennett and Parker Manley

*by Blair and Clay Manley*

My precious great-grandchildren, Morgan and Sidney Oliver; Whitton, Easton, Rory and River Pearce; Grayson and Nolan Menniti

*by Bunny McClendon*

Church In The Field volunteers

*by Candace and Ken McCain*

The Wright and Boudreaux families

*by Cathy McCulley*

My sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Jim Shaffer

*by Dr. Janet P. McDaniel*

Our wonderful parents, Susan and Tom McMahan

*by Catherine, Susannah and Vance*

My husband, Jim Miller

*by Suzanne Miller*

My four sons and their wives and my 10 grandchildren, Lily, Trey, Caroline, Anderson, Charlotte, Henry, Lucas, Clara, Annabelle and Adele

*by Nancy Moncrief*

Our children and grandchildren

*by Jane and James Munoz*

Betty Morgan and Marjorie Nelson; Lucy, Jake, Leigh and Jeff Williams; and Shep, Laney, Laura and Wes Persia

*by Tricia and Richard Nelson III*

Dale and Bill Sumers; Harper, Madison, Evelyn and Wyeth Wiedeman; Lucy, Jake, Leigh and Jeff Williams; Shep, Laney, Laura and Wes Persia; and Tricia and Richard Nelson III

*by Marjorie Nelson*

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Our children and grandchildren

*by Jacque and Buck Ogilvie*

Our precious children, Madeleine, Michael, Max and Matthew

*by Brittany and Richard Owen*

Our children and grandchildren

*by Heather and Paul Palmer*

Blaine and Will Parkey; Anna and Yiannis Gazis; and Wiley and Bennett Parkey

*by Dana and Bob Parkey*

Family and friends

*by Cynthia and Al Partlow*

Pete, Mary Cary, Sam, Kate and Charlie

*by Susan and Antone Peterson*

Our children, grandchildren, friends and St. Martin's

*by Susan and Mike Phelps*

Our grandchildren, Rosalie Wright and Jackson Taylor

*by Susan and Bob Porter*

Christmas blessings for the Pringle and Doyle families

*by Mary Lou Pringle and Peter Doyle*

Barbara and David Quackenbush

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My mom, Elizabeth Rape and my godsons, Beck Jackson and William Franklin

*by Whitney Rape*

Friends and family, and especially, our nine grandchildren

*by Beth and Bobby Reeves*

Anita and Fred Schall and Grazier and Toy Rhea III

*by Mollie Schall and Lauren, Copeland, James and Grant Rhea*

Our children, Ellen and Nathan Rigney; and Julie and Daniel Hilton; and our grandchildren, Topper, Rose, Mackie and Spencer

*by Liz and Robert Rigney*

Our family, friends and our many blessings

*by Debbie Robinson, Will, Haley and Perry Thanheiser, Jordan and Chris Rocheleau, Duncan and Meagan Robinson*

Our children and grandchildren

*by Drs. Mary Katharine and John Roff III*

My son, Brian, daughter-in-law, Jenny, and grandsons, Owen and Lake

*by Ben Sanders*

The Ray and Enyart families and Janet McDaniel

*by their parents and grandparents*

Our children and grandchildren, and in honor of Elizabeth Adkins Cummings

*by Martha Ann and Byron Snyder*

Morgan, Maddie, Avery and Will

*by Gigi, Aunt Gail, Uncle Reid and Aunt Susan*

The marriages of our children and their spouses, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Solomon Strode; and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edgar Smith, Jr.

*by Peggy and Mike Strode*

Marjorie S. Nelson and all of our wonderful family

*by Dale and Bill Sumers*

Her children and grandchildren and St. Martin's Episcopal Church

*by Cynthia Trigg*

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The Clergy and Staff of St. Martin's

*by Jeanene Trout*

Our sons and their families

*by Edith and H.J. "Van" van Wageningen*

Shirley and Skip Allen and Barbara McMahon

*by Mary Waters*

Nelda Roberts, Anna Record, Susan Quinn,  
Mary Covell, Barbara Shoemaker and the  
Gift Shoppe volunteers

*by Cindy Weatherly*

Carolyn and Nick Barker and James, Hannah,  
Grayson and Shiloh Webb

*by Kathryn and James A. Webb*

All the Whilden children, grandchildren and  
great-grandchildren

*by Mary and Bobby Whilden*

My brother-in-law, Paul Therrien

*by Patti Wilburn*

My children and grandsons, Derry, Richard,  
Mary Lee, Brady and James Wilkens

*by Sandy Wilkens*

The Hedges and Dwyer families

*by Mary and Will Williams*

Kirsten, Lance, Haley, Matthew, Greer,  
Margot and Bonnie Gilliam

*by Karen Womack*

Our children and grandchildren, Mindy and  
Clark Samuelson; Annie, Emily and Tripp  
Samuelson; Katie and Blake Moorman;  
Raleigh, Rivers and Lottie Moorman;  
Meredith and John Wooldridge; Jack and  
Molly Wooldridge; and Mary Carolyn  
and Raleigh Wooldridge; our mother,  
grandmother and great grandmother,  
Marjorie Bintliff Johnson

*by Ann and John Wooldridge*



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FOR  
EPIPHANY**



*Join us in January as we begin a new series, “Just for Epiphany.”*

The small group discussions will focus on the Letter of James. Participating in the four-week Bible study provides a meaningful opportunity to meet fellow Parishioners and builds a sense of community.

*Registration runs Dec. 28 – Jan. 12 at [bit.ly/justforsmallgroups](https://bit.ly/justforsmallgroups).*

For questions, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning or Kathy Johnson, Director of Membership, at [smallgroups@smec.org](mailto:smallgroups@smec.org).

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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.

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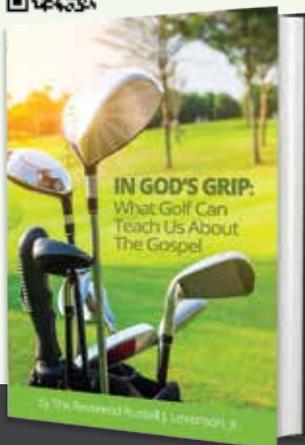
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## The Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, Jan. 7

9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

The rite of Holy Baptism is a special occasion for St. Martin's — a service of joy that underscores the communal aspect of worship and expresses God's presence in the midst of His people. Whenever possible, St. Martin's welcomes new members into the Body of Christ on festal days that emphasize the meaning of our Baptism. People of all ages and stages of life are invited to enter into a lifelong journey with Christ through the sacrament of baptism.

For more information, contact Rocio Velazquez at [velazquez@smec.org](mailto:velazquez@smec.org) or 713-985-3807.



## THEOLOGY for LIFE



**DR. DAVID PETERSON**

### DAVE ON THE LIFE OF DAVID:

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**Testament's Most Famous Characters**

Sundays, Jan. 7, 14 and 21

10:15–11 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

Among the Old Testament's diverse cast of characters, the man named David is one of the headliners. His life with God was a roller coaster. No one is more heroic, and no one is more shattered than King David. His life is an illustration of experiencing God across life's full gamut.

In these sessions, we will consider how David experiences God in his call, in the pain of his disastrous failure and God's discipline and their eventual reconciliation. The Bible pays David the high compliment, as "a man after God's own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14). We will consider what that means.

Question? Contact Amanda DeViney at [adeviney@smec.org](mailto:adeviney@smec.org) or 713-830-4110.



## ACOLYTE APPRECIATION DINNER

Sunday, Jan. 7 • 4 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

Acolytes who serve in Family Table and The Church – along with their families – are invited to a dinner that will recognize their contributions which enhance our worship services.

Planning to attend? Sign up at [bit.ly/acolytedinner](https://bit.ly/acolytedinner).



## FEAST OF LIGHTS SERVICE

Sunday, Jan. 7 • 6 p.m. • The Church

Parishioners and friends are invited to this beautiful candlelight Epiphany service that also celebrates St. Martin's Acolytes' and their devotion to supporting worship. The highlight will be a sermon given by a senior Acolyte.

*For more information about the dinner or service, contact the Rev. Jane P. Ferguson at [jferguson@smec.org](mailto:jferguson@smec.org) or 713-621-3040.*

ST. MARTIN'S PRESENTS

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**Mrs. Elizabeth Dukes**

*Vestry Representative*

*1 p.m.*



**Mr. Will Hedges**

*Vestry Representative*

*3:30 p.m.*

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