

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023 – 10:15 a.m.



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church
*Serving our community, the world, and each other
through the love of Jesus Christ*

Welcome! We are a diverse community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us, strengthened, nurtured, and guided by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Some of us were born into the Episcopal Church, some of us were received into it as adults, and some of us are discovering it for the first time. We come from various occupations, family configurations, educational backgrounds, interests, and talents. We have found hospitality here, and invite you to join us.

Our religious tradition is best known for the beauty of its Anglican music and liturgy. Contemporary issues are tested by the standards of scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. The conscience of the individual is highly respected, and corporate worship is the means by which Christ shapes our moral values, nurtures and guides our spiritual formation, shapes the character and community of the faithful, and equips us for mission and ministry. If you are not currently active in another congregation, please accept this invitation to worship with us, and to make our church your own.

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10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Prelude *Savior of the Nations, Come* A. N. Vetter

Hymn 59 *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding* Merton

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Kyrie S-88 M. Robinson II

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

People The Lord be with you.
Celebrant **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

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;

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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

People

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (S-411)

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O | God; *
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 you are | saying, *
for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts | to you.
9 Truly, your salvation is very near to those who | fear you, *
that your glory may dwell in our | land.
10 Mercy and truth have met to | gether; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each | other.
11 Truth shall spring up from the | earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from | heaven.
12 You, O God, will indeed grant pros | perity, *
and our land will yield its | increase.
13 Righteousness shall go be | fore you, *
and peace shall be a pathway for your | feet.

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2 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand in body or spirit

Hymn 53, vss. 1-2

Once he came in blessing

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

Mark 1:1-8

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed,

“The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hymn 53, vss. 3-4

Once he came in blessing

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

Sermon

Mr. Nathan Harpine, Seminarian

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the
needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Mark and Gayle our Bishops; and
for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in
eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers for Birthdays & Anniversaries

All those with Birthdays and Anniversaries this week are invited to come forward for prayer.

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

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Table

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

Carol of the Advent
Ellen Riddle, soprano solo

P. Dietterich

Hymn 60 vs. 6

Conditor alme siderum

**To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer

The people remain standing, as able. The Celebrant faces them and sings

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant, followed by the People. The second staff is for the Celebrant, followed by the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant, and the fourth staff is for the People.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Christ of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus WLP 852 Holy, holy, holy Lord

W. B. Roberts

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might, Heav'n and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel, as able. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through Christ, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, bring all things in harmony under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Barnabas, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant

**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

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

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

LEVAS 149 *In remembrance of me*

B. Red; arr. R. F. Douglas

Hymn 54 *Savior of the nations, come*

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Celebrant

Let us pray.

**Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn 76, vss. 1-3

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

M. Martin



In Our Prayers

For our Clergy:

Presiding Bishop: The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry
Bishops: The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Assistant Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Susan Ellyn Goff, The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick, and
The Rt. Rev. David Jones, Visiting Bishops
Rector: The Rev. John Bolin Shellito
For our Vestry, Wardens, Staff, and Seminarian
Our Sister Parish: Iglesia Episcopal San Juan Bautista, Palma Soriano, Cuba

In the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer:

For the Church of Pakistan (United); for Santa Maria, Falls Church; St. James', Louisa; St. James' and Mt. Vernon, Alexandria.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation (as of December 6, 2023):

Bernard Blair	Lee Gibbs	Cindy McLaughlin	Trisha Serven
Jean Anne Braddon	James Harris	Jack Miller	Frank Spink
Charles Camp	Roger Hefferan	Helen Mosher	Kathleen Stark
Cricket Camp	Gertrude Jones	Shirley Newman	Karen Steidel
Margot Donnelly	Sharon Jones	Nancy Peyton	Mareea Wilson
Charlie Flaherty	Alusine Kanu	Beth Phillips	Dana Wiseman
Betty Jo Fortune	Joy Lyles	Anne Radway	Dave Wright
Bob Frye	Tom Lyles	Grace Rampersaud	Mary Yeaman
Rotha Frye	Bob Macfarlane	Norma Ricketts	
Preston George	Maria Macfarlane	Barbara Rigden	
Joan Gibbs	Blair MacKenzie	Ann Sayles	

And for:

Audrey, Joyce, Valerie, William (Shirley Newman); **Emily, Edward, Brianna & Family** (Theresa Merchant); **Cesar** (Tom Lyles); **Mary, Renata** (Ann Sayles); **Garth, Kathy, Mary, Robert** (Anne Radway & Jonathan Barber); **Amy, Courtney** (Barbara & Jack Miller); **Gerry** (Beth Campbell & Dick Crutchley); **Kim, John, Don, Kerry, Corinne** (Beth Harper); **President Volodymyr Zelensky** (Bible Study); **Molly, Morgan** (Cindy McLaughlin); **Rosa, Nicole, Erin, Josh, Tracy, Ivory, Judy, Lorraine, Judy** (Cricket & Charles Camp); **Bonnie** (Diana & Tim Greer); **Michelle, Marlana** (Ellen Riddle); **Heath** (Helen Mosher); **Angie** (James Harris); **Patricia** (Kathleen and Larry Stark); **Janet** (Katie Westerlund); **Noel+, Teresa** (Len LeRoy); **Josiah, Pam, Dave** (Marcel Lisi); **Lori** (Margot Donnelly); **Mary** (Maria & Bob Macfarlane); **John, Floyd** (Mary Riggs); **Louis, Al & Family** (Molly Newling); **Sophia, Charles, Simone, Ingrid** (Norma Ricketts); **Bill, Bucky, Kathy, Clai, Sharon & Family, Bill** (Sharon Jones); **Rachel, Family of Jose, Josefa, Mary, Susan** (Sheena Friend); **Carl** (Richard Hayhurst).

And for those enrolled in institutions of higher learning: **Jacob** Dugger; **Kyle** Hitchman (Marcel Lisi); **Ken** McKeever; **Garrett** Patterson; **Genevieve** Phillips; **Joey** Robbins (Grace Robbins);

And for those deployed: **Aaron** Elliott (Sheena Friend).

And for the faithful departed: **Angie** Frazier (Cindy McLaughlin); **Jose** Esguerra (Sheena Friend).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Short Stories by Jesus* Advent Forum Series ▪ Sunday, December 10th**

This week we continue our Advent series, “Short Stories by Jesus,” with a session titled, “The Good Samaritan.” Our journey will involve watching a short video and engaging in group discussion. We hope to see everyone in the Richardson Room at 9:15 a.m. in person, or virtually through Zoom.

Christmas Caroling ▪ This Afternoon, December 10th at 3 p.m.

St. Barnabas’ is hitting the road on December 11 at 3:00 p.m. to sing Christmas carols for our shut-ins. Meet in the parking lot; return afterward for hot chocolate!

Christmas Flower Dedications Due Today, December 10th

If you wish to contribute to the flowers decorating the church for the Christmas season, please complete the attached form and return the form and payment (\$15 is the suggested donation) to an usher or to the Parish Office today.

Coats and Christmas Gifts for ASYP Students ▪ Gifts Due 12 Noon Monday

Thank you to all who signed up to purchase coats and Christmas gifts for the Annandale Safe Youth Project (ASYP) students. Please remember that gifts are due back to church by **noon tomorrow, Monday, December 11th**. These gifts will be presented at their holiday party on Thursday, December 14th (4- 6 p.m.). Items can be dropped off in the Parish Library.

Please be sure to affix the student’s name to the exterior of the wrapped gifts. Gift bags are welcome, as are wrapped gifts. Each gift should be individually marked with the student’s name.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Randy Jones, 2023 ASYP Tutor Coordinator, or the Parish Office: 703-941-2922 or stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com.

“You must know that there is nothing higher and stronger and more wholesome and good for life in the future than some good memory, especially a memory of childhood, of home. People talk to you a great deal about your education, but some good, sacred memory, preserved from childhood, is perhaps the best education. If [a person] carries many such memories with [them] into life, [they are] safe to the end of [their] days, and if [one has] only one good memory left in one's heart, even that may sometime be the means of saving us.” Fyodor Dostoevsky, The Brothers Karamazov

Upcoming Wednesday Worship ▪ December 13th at 10 a.m. in the Library

All are invited to a mid-week service of Morning Prayer on Wednesday, December 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the Library.

Greening of the Church, Part 1: The Narthex and Entry ▪ Sunday, December 17th

After the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, December 17th, all are invited to join in helping us get started with greening our church, beginning with the church entryways and the Narthex.

Lessons & Carols with Awarding of the Dean's Cross to Ellen Hawkins ▪ Sunday, December 17th

All are invited to participate in a service of Lessons & Carols with Awarding of the Dean's Cross on Sunday, December 17th at 4:30 p.m. at Virginia Theological Seminary. Ellen Hawkins, daughter of our retired Rector, the Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins, will be the recipient of this prestigious award. The Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, is scheduled to attend, and the award will be presented by the Dean of the Seminary, the Very Rev. Ian S. Markham.

Established in November 2008, the Dean's Cross award recognizes outstanding leaders who embody their baptismal vows to "strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being." Selected annually by the Seminary Dean in consultation with the Chair of the Board, the Honorees receive a handmade silver cross, modeled after the Seminary Chapel cross, and a certificate. (vts.edu/mission/the-deans-cross-award)

The service will be held in Immanuel Chapel on the grounds of Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria.

Greening of the Church, Part 2: Completing the Sanctuary ▪ Sunday, December 24th

After a 9:00 a.m. combined service on Sunday, December 24th, we'll put the finishing touches on greening our Sanctuary. Please join us!

Not too late! Stewardship Campaign for 2024

It's not too late to submit your Stewardship pledge for 2024. For questions, please contact Behn Ayala or the Parish Office.

"They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream."
Jeremiah 17:8



Advent and Altar Flowers

The four weeks of Advent represent Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, in that order. It is a time of preparation for the birth of Christ. With this time in mind, the church does not place living flowers behind the altar as we do for most of the year, but rather live greens and holly representing this anticipation. The greenery will stay in place until the Sunday closest to Christmas – the birth of Christ – when they will be replaced (in the case of St. Barnabas') by the exuberance of poinsettias. We hope you enjoy them.

With gratitude, the Flower Guild

Please Submit your 2023 Reimbursement Requests Now

Please turn in any reimbursement requests, including the reimbursement form and original receipts, to PJ Kennedy, Maria Bottlick, or the Parish Office as soon as possible. The deadline is 12/28/2023 so that these expenses can be posted to the appropriate budget and not run into 2024. If you need a copy of the form or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PJ or the Parish Office at stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com or 703-941-2922.

Save the Date! Musical Opportunity ▪ Monday, January 15th

Would anyone like to get a glimpse of powerful modern gospel music as it is being prepared? Alfred St. Baptist Church in Alexandria has invited any and all St. Barnabasians to attend a rehearsal of their Voices of Triumph choir on Monday, **January 15**. Please contact David Palmer (stbarnabasmusic@outlook.com) if you need a ride. We plan to arrive at Alfred St. between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. The evening begins with devotions and then... music!

Annandale Christian Community for Action

Challenge Campaign - ACCA's annual fundraiser is under way now through January 31, 2024. Donations support ACCA's programs, including emergency rent and food assistance to neighbors in need and the Child Development Center. To donate, please make a check payable to ACCA Inc. (note Challenge Campaign in the memo line) and mail it to 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003 or give it to Camille. You can donate to ACCA online via [SpurLocal](#) or PayPal.

To volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Ken or Camille Mittelholtz.

New Name for Diocese of Virginia Website

As announced at Convention, our website name is no longer thediocese.net. Our online home is now www.episcopalvirginia.org. Why the change? It's a better representation of who we are and a friendlier way for church seekers to find the Diocese and its churches through a generic search.

Accordingly, all diocesan staff addresses now follow the format of first initial, last name, @episcopalvirginia.org. Questions? Contact Erin Kamran at ekamran@episcopalvirginia.org.

E-Communiqué 11/29/2023

Support for Ukraine through ERD

Support Episcopal Relief & Development in providing humanitarian aid in response to the crisis in Ukraine. By donating to the Ukraine Crisis Response Fund, you will help meet critical needs for people fleeing the violence, including food, cash, blankets, and hygiene supplies. To donate through ERD, please visit episcopalrelief.org/Ukraine-crisis.

Prayers for Family, Friends, and Others

If you would like to add names of family, friends, or others to the parish Prayer List (published Thursdays and in the Sunday bulletin each week), please contact the Parish Office. If you might be interested in this ministry, please contact the Rector or the Parish Office. Thank you.

Forward Day by Day November/December/January Issue Available - Paper and Online

Forward Day by Day, a booklet with daily devotions and scripture is available in either regular or large print for you to pick up. Please contact the office if you would like one or more copies mailed to you (703-941-2922 or stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com).

Forward Day by Day also is available to read on the web at:

https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/forward_day_by_day.php?d=22&m=3&y=2021

Land Acknowledgement Text, Approved at St. Barnabas' Annual Meeting

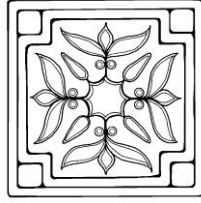
The congregation approved the following language for a Land Acknowledgement for St. Barnabas' church by congregational vote at our Annual Meeting on November 19th. Much gratitude for Beth Harper and Molly Newling taking the lead with researching and drafting this text, and for the Vestry putting it to the congregation.

We remember and honor the Indigenous people of the world, especially the Piscataway Conoy Nation, whose land we now occupy in this region that was once their home, and that was taken from them. We give thanks for them and their care for this land. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us; rather, we are charged with stewardship of the Earth, and are all members of our Creator's family. We ask God to help us learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people, particularly the original Indigenous inhabitants.

Updated Guidelines: Intinction by the Lay Eucharistic Minister

For those who would like to dip the Eucharistic bread in the wine, rather than receive by drinking from the shared cup, there has been an update in the Diocesan policy. It is now the guideline for the Diocese of Virginia that the bread is to be handed to Chalice, who will dip the bread in the wine, and then either hand the now dipped wafer back to the person at the Altar Rail, or place the bread and wine directly on their tongue if a parishioner indicates that preference. Experts have determined that intinction by parishioners holds a higher risk than drinking directly from the common cup because fingernails are a repository for pathogens not found in saliva. At 10:15 a.m., due to the larger gathering, St. Barnabas' plans on continuing to offer a separate cup for Intinction. As always, receiving Communion in one form only is also equally valid (i.e., receiving only the Bread or only the Wine). Your assistance with this adjustment to our administration of Communion is deeply appreciated.

Emergency Pastoral Care For after-hours emergency pastoral concerns, please contact the Rev. John Bolin Shellito at 571-402-2218.



Christmastide at St. Barnabas'

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

9:00 a.m. Combined Service of Holy Eucharist
Followed by Greening of the Church (Nave)

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2023

4:30 Choral Prelude followed by
Festival Holy Eucharist

9:00 p.m. Compline via Zoom

Christmas Day

December 25, 2023

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 31, 2023

10:15 a.m. Service of Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist
(no 8 a.m. service this day)

The Baptism of Our Lord

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Epiphany Pageant at 10:15 a.m.

January 7, 2024

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Upcoming:

Bishop's Visitation

February 4, 2024

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 10	The Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
9:10 AM	Cherub Choir – Lyles Room (until 9:30 AM)
9:15 AM	Christian Formation for All Ages
10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist with Choir
11:30 AM	Youth Choir – Lyles Room
1:00 PM	Oneness Mission Church (until 3:30 PM)
3:00 PM	Christmas Caroling
5:30 PM	Ladies Night Out Al Anon – J2A Room (until 7 PM)
5:30 PM	Ryders’ Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9 PM)
Monday, December 11	
10:00 AM	Serenity Seekers Al-Anon – Library (until 11:30 AM)
7:00 PM	Building & Grounds – Zoom
Tuesday, December 12	
3:45 PM	ASYP – Richardson Room (until 6 PM)
7:00 PM	Education for Ministry - Zoom
Wednesday, December 13	
10:00 AM	Wednesday Worship – Morning Prayer (Library)
1:40/2:40 PM	Greek/Hebrew Class – Lyles Room
3:45 PM	ASYP – Richardson Room (until 6 PM)
6:15 PM	Covenant, Christ, and Christianity – Library
7:30 PM	Adult Choir – Lyles Room (until 9 PM)
8:30 PM	AA Barnabas Group – Richardson Room
Thursday, December 14	
3:45 PM	ASYP Holiday Party – Richardson Room (until 6 PM)
6:30 PM	Ryders’ Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9 PM)
7:30 PM	Pipe Band – Lyles Room
Saturday, December 16	
10:00 AM	Adult Choir Rehearsal – Nave (until 12:00 PM)
Sunday, December 17	The Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
9:10 AM	Cherub Choir – Lyles Room (until 9:30 AM)
9:15 AM	Christian Formation for All Ages
10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist with Choir
11:30 AM	Greening of the Church (Part 1)
11:30 AM	Youth Choir – Lyles Room
1:00 PM	Oneness Mission Church (until 3:30 PM)
4:00 PM	Ryders’ Rounders – Richardson Room (until 8:30 PM)
5:30 PM	Ladies Night Out Al Anon – J2A Room (until 7 PM)

Participants in the services:

8:00 a.m.

Sunday Vestry Leader/Closer

Acolyte

Lector

Chalicer

Usher

Altar Guild

Opener

Ellen Riddle

Cindy McLaughlin

Mark Patterson

Cindy McLaughlin

TBD

Mary Yeaman, Sharon Jones, Maria Bottlick

Molly Newling

10:15 a.m.

Acolytes

Lectors

Chalicer

Usher

Coffee Hour

Counters

Mark Patterson, Blue Kennedy, Paulina Kanu

Camille Mittelholtz, Ellen Riddle

Ellen Riddle

Ken Mittelholtz

Beth Campbell & Dick Crutchley

Beth Harper, Camille Mittelholtz, PJ Kennedy

Participants in the services on December 17:

8:00 a.m.

Sunday Vestry Leader/Closer

Acolyte

Lector

Chalicer

Usher

Altar Guild

Opener

Jeff Schaefer

Michael Dugger

Todd McKeever

Mark Patterson

TBD

Molly Newling, Betty Jo Fortune, Kristen Anderson

Mark Patterson

10:15 a.m.

Acolytes

Lectors

Chalicer

Usher

Coffee Hour

Counters

Cindy McLaughlin, Leah Westerlund, Francine Conteh

Molly Newling, Dawn Schaefer

Beth Harper

Art Hamerschlag

Beth Harper & Molly Newling

Sam Batten, Michael Dugger, Jeff Schaefer

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