ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, AND EPIPHANYTIDE 2026-2027

THE ST. BARNABAS' REPORTER

The Rev. John Bolin Shellito, Rector

An Advance Team for this Advent

Dear St. Barnabasians,

An Episcopalian at a previous congregation was a member of the Secret Service, and for a time served as part of the Presidential "Advance Team." He told me a little bit about the substantial effort they undertook, often over the course of weeks, to prepare for a Presidential arrival in a particular location. A professor had already shared about the extensive preparations that are involved with a Presidential arrival in the Oval Office: I was aware that putting together a Presidential Daily Brief was no small feat. However, the site preparations by the Advance Team seemed next-level.

And the practice does have some precedent. Even two thousand years ago, Roman cities and towns would devote no small amount of time and energy in preparing to welcome a dignitary or public official. Welcoming that person could have a powerful positive impact on the life of the community, in both the short-term, and the long term. The efforts undertaken to prepare for the arrival of an important person in the first century was substantial.

Even if many weren't yet ready for him, Luke's account nonetheless detailed a royal welcome for the Christ Child. I imagine the Magi packing up their gifts with care before they embarked. They could have been journeying for weeks or months before they were finally able to honor the newborn in person. The shepherds keeping watch over their flocks by night were probably aware of the Good Shepherd of Psalm 23—they were used to dangerous and difficult work in the wilderness—but they were nonetheless surprised and "sore afraid" when the heavenly host overwhelmed them with the news of the birth of the Savior. Simeon and Anna could have been praying for the arrival of the Messiah for decades—and they were filled with joy when they were finally able to greet the Christ child.

All of this invites the question: how are we preparing to welcome the baby Jesus this Advent? Our liturgical season of advent this year seems to be overlapping with another advent—the advent of artificial superintelligence—and, if this technological shift is anything like the advent of the world wide web in the late 90s, it won't be clear for a while yet, which companies might become the next Amazon.com, and which companies might become the next Pets.com. Hopefully there won't be too many "Y2K"-type glitches. All I know is that the world is likely to function in a different way after all the dust finally settles.

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10:15 a.m. Sunday
Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. Sunday
Holy Eucharist

(*on the first Sunday of the month during this Advent and Epiphany)*

An Advance Team for this Advent *(cont.)*

Regardless of what happens, the Incarnation still reflects the truth that we are not alone in this world. We are invited to recognize and participate in the kindom of God that is still arriving, in our midst. Maybe we can even be a part of an advance team this year.

John+

A Note About This Issue of the *Reporter*

You may notice that this issue of the *Reporter* looks a little different from previous editions. We have transitioned from Microsoft Publisher, our longtime newsletter design program, to Canva after Microsoft discontinued support for Publisher. As we adjust to the new software, the layout and appearance of the newsletter may change somewhat. We appreciate your patience as we work through this transition and look forward to continuing to share parish news, stories, and updates with you in the pages of the *Reporter.*

Vestry Updates

This fall, the Vestry approved an Endowment Committee recommendation to use $6,000 of Endowment funds to cover part of the audio refresh project expenses. The Vestry hosted a ministries fair to share information about the many ministries at St. Barnabas' – supporting the programs of the parish and outreach activities. St. Barnabas' learned in September that the Lilly Endowment had selected St. Barnabas' to receive a Clergy Renewal Grant. The grant will fund in part some congregational renewal expenses as well as some sabbatical renewal expenses during Rev. Shellito's sabbatical leaves in summer 2027 and 2028.

The Vestry considered a request from a congregation to use the nave and Richardson on Sundays. The request for use this fall was not approved due to many activities on Sundays in December. Discussions may continue in the near future.

A Letter from Rev. Bob Macfarlane

Dear friends,
I wish to thank the people of St. Barnabas' for their support for me as I grieve for my beloved spouse, Maria. I prayed for her healing even as I witnessed her weakness increasing day by day. No matter how many of our loved ones we have lost to death, each one's death is a new wound.
Again, thank you for your support.
Love,
Bob Macfarlane

Women of St. Barnabas' (WOSB) Bazaar

The Women of St. Barnabas' held the annual bazaar on Saturday November 14. This year's theme was *"A Star in the East."* We again made use of the holiday market stalls created by the Agnew-MacLachlan family last year. Baked goods, jams and jellies, crafts, jewelry, *"white elegants"* gently used serving ware, framed prints, handbags, holiday decorations and other items were all available. Many attendees enjoyed the lunch -- we served soups, hot dogs and beverages.

The women of the church spent Tuesday mornings crafting items together, as well as craft projects made at home to sell at the bazaar. Thanks to everyone who supported the bazaar. Thanks to everyone who donated food for sale and for the lunch, hand-made crafts and gently used items.

The WOSB will use funds raised by the bazaar to support the Rector's Discretionary Fund, St. Barnabas' programs, and outside charities such as the Grace Inside Prison Ministry, ACCA, the Boys' Home of Virginia, Episcopal Relief and Development and other charities.

All are invited to the WOSB brunch on Saturday, January 23. The event will begin at 11 a.m. Please bring a dish to share. The event is mostly a chance for fellowship. However, WOSB will take time during the brunch to select the charities they wish to support in 2027.



Parish Photos





Volunteers at our parish Work Days helping to keep our grounds clean and beautiful.

ACCA News - Annandale Christian Community for Action

Annandale CROP Hunger Walk – We thank the children who made CROP Walk posters during Children's Chapel. The children talked about hunger and made posters with a hunger theme. The posters were displayed at the church and on October 10 at the walk. Thanks to the Bolin-Shellito family, Jocelyn and Steve Leatherwood, Diana Greer, Grace Robbins, the Lowrey family, Leigh Ann Caulkin, Elsa Cannon, and Ken and Camille Mittelholtz for walking or volunteering for the Walk. We also thank everyone who has given to the CROP Walk.

The St. Barnabas team raised $4,380 as of mid-November, including a donation from the Women of St. Barnabas'. The CROP Hunger Walk raises money for Church World Service programs to fight poverty and hunger, respond to disasters and assist refugees around the world. Church World Service shares part of the funds raised by the Annandale walk with ACCA to help fight hunger and poverty locally.

Child Development Center (CDC) – The ACCA CDC Executive Director Maria-Isabel Ballivian was recognized in the Fall 2026 edition of Educating Young Children by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) for more than 25 years of dedication to mentoring educators, advancing professional growth, and strengthening early childhood education. The ACCA CDC provides affordable high-quality early childhood education for children 3 months through 5 years to give children the best possible start in life. There are openings for preschool children.

ACCA Furniture Ministry – Thanks to the St. Barnabas' furniture team who served in September. ACCA is transitioning to a new operational structure for its furniture ministry. Claudio Monasterio of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be the new volunteer ACCA coordinator, and his daughter Andrea Monasterio will assist with administrative tasks. ACCA will continue to serve families in need of furniture and will continue its partnership with Fairfax County. Long time volunteer furniture ministry coordinator Mary Lee DiSpirito is involved in the transition, and she will be honored for her service at the December ACCA meeting. ACCA is *not* accepting furniture donations now; new opportunities to donate and to volunteer will begin in 2027.

Save the Date: The National Rebuilding Day will be on *April 24, 2027.* St. Barnabas' will again partner with ACCA and Rebuilding Together-Arlington-Fairfax-Falls Church to repair a house. If you know of a lower-income homeowner who needs help with repairs, please contact Ken or Camille.

Food Pantry – Donations of nonperishable food and personal hygiene items are needed for the ACCA pantry. Please leave donations in the basket in the narthex.

Heritage Mission Center – Annandale United Methodist Church's Heritage Mission Center continues to distribute food every Thursday to families who need food. St. Barnabas' collects donations of nonperishable food for the program. Please leave your gift in the narthex basket.

For more information on ACCA, the CROP Walk or the Heritage Food site, please contact Camille or Ken Mittelholtz.

ACCA's website is www.accacares.org

Thank You and a New Clinic at Cuba Mission

Through your generosity, St. Barnabas' is providing 120 toys for Christmas for children at our partner church of Saint John the Baptist in Palma Soriano, Cuba. We are also providing funding for a Christmas dinner and celebration. Thank you for your contributions. They really make a difference in the lives of people who are having a very difficult time right now.

St. Barnabas' provides assistance for the youth group, seniors workshops, and a feeding program. We will now also be supporting a health clinic. A physician and a nurse who are members of the congregation are seeing people from the neighborhood one day a week and distributing over the counter medicines that we are providing. As the government and the economy collapse, the church gives people hope. Congregations are growing rapidly and new churches are being formed. Your contributions support the growth of our sister parish. Contributions may be made by Realm or by check marked "Cuba Fund".

FACETS Hot Meal Program

FACETS is a nonprofit organization centered in Fairfax VA, committed to providing services to the homeless, food insecure, and those in need of assistance.

FACETS began in 1988 with one woman, Linda Wimpey, who saw a woman soliciting on the street so that she could buy food for her family. Rather than hand her a dollar and walk away, Linda went home, took the meal she was cooking for her own family and gave it to her. And the Hot Meal program was born, as Linda recruited her friends and church members to cook a hot meal every night to give away on the streets of Fairfax.

FACETS is now the largest social services non-profit in Fairfax. Nondenominational, it works with churches and other nonprofits through 2000+ volunteers to provide 1) emergency response like the hot meals program 2) stabilization: housing assistance and life skills and 3) transformational programs such as youth programs.

How does St Barnabas fit in with FACETS? We are one of the many churches that provide the hot meals for those who need them. Each first Sunday of the month we meet at the church to cook our signature pasta cheese and chicken recipe, pack it into insulated containers and deliver it to parking lots at Home Depot and Christ Lutheran Church. We have 24 dedicated volunteers currently in two teams to shop, cook and deliver the food and other supplies such as milk and diapers.

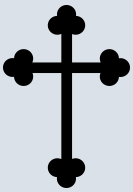
How can each St Barnabas member support FACETS? Volunteering to help provide the food each month is the most direct way—we welcome new volunteers! Contributing financially to purchase food and supplies is also a wonderful way to support the program, either specifically for the FACETS program at St Barnabas or by your annual pledge.

If you are interested in learning more about the program please contact Molly Newling at 732-322-0157 or just come to the Richardson Room at 4 pm on any first Sunday of the month!

IN MEMORIAM

Maria Keith Macfarlane

April 17, 1943 - September 27, 2026



Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon her.

May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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WINTER BIRTHDAYS

Pete Badger
Beth Crutchley
Jacob Dugger
Darcy Elliot
Valencia Ewald
Bob Gribbin
Ciaran Jackson
Ronan Jackson
Blue Kennedy
Joey Kennedy
Leigh Kennedy
Cindy McLaughlin
Grace Robbins
Anderson Schottler
Lisa Verstandig
Leah Westerlund
Dave Wright

Building & Grounds Committee/Parish Workdays

The Building and Grounds Committee scheduled parish workdays on September 26, October 24, & November 8 to provide key yard and grounds maintenance work not performed by our lawn maintenance contractor. We thank everyone who volunteered. A final fall workday is scheduled for Sunday December 6 after the 10:15 a.m. service. The Junior Warden and members of the Building and Grounds Committee invite you to join us.

The Building and Grounds Committee has considered options for modest improvement of the Memorial Garden to increase the capacity for standees at burial portions of funeral services and celebrations of life. The committee has decided that an effective low-cost solution would be to expand the slate walkway between the Zanin bench and the Memorial Garden burial area. In addition, new plantings are needed to replace invasive and/or dead plants; a plan is being developed for spring planting. The next steps are for the Building and Grounds Committee to provide opportunities for congregation members give input on the proposed improvements, obtain general cost estimates and seek Vestry approval for the project.

The audio refresh project was completed in August, and our contractor Arlan Stehney provided training for users in August. We thank Ellen Riddle and Sam Batten for their leadership in this project.

In recent months, the Building and Grounds committee has discussed potential use of the nave and Richardson Room by another congregation, possible hosting of fund-raising car washes by the Annandale High School marching band, ways we might brighten the nave and potential Memorial Garden improvements. After over five years at St. Barnabas', the Oneness Mission stopped using the nave and Richardson Room in summer 2026 because the congregation now worships entirely online.

I Will, With God's Help Racial Justice & Healing

The Diocese of Virginia is offering training sessions which explore the history and impact of racism through videos, reflection, and guided conversation. Participants consider how the Church can work toward racial justice and repair in their own communities. Upcoming sessions will be held at the following locations:

- **December 5, 2026 – St. John's, West Point**
- **January 16, 2027 – Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, Alexandria**
- **January 23, 2027 – Trinity, Arlington**
- **January 30, 2027 – Leeds, Markham**
- **April 10, 2027 – St. David's, Ashburn**

Registration opens on the Diocese of Virginia website one month before each session.

The Diocese also hosts a monthly Zoom gathering on the third Wednesday of each month from noon to 12:30 p.m. These informal sessions introduce diocesan ministries and provide an opportunity to connect with others across the Diocese. Everyone is welcome, and no registration is required. The Zoom link and upcoming topics are available on the diocesan website.

The History and Traditions of Advent

Advent is one of the most meaningful seasons in the life of the Episcopal Church. The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival." It is a season of preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ, but it also looks beyond Christmas to the promise that Christ will come again. For Christians, Advent is a time to remember the hopes of God's people, reflect on our own faith, and prepare to welcome Christ into our lives.

Advent has been part of Christian worship for many centuries, but its place in the Episcopal Church took shape after the American colonies gained independence from England. In 1789, the newly formed Episcopal Church approved its first American Book of Common Prayer. This book established the pattern of worship that would guide the church in the years ahead. The church retained the traditional season of Advent, along with its place at the beginning of the church year. The current Book of Common Prayer, adopted in 1979, continues this practice. Advent begins on the Sunday closest to November 30 and includes the four Sundays before Christmas.

One important part of Episcopal Advent worship is the use of special colors and decorations. Purple is the traditional color of Advent and represents a season of reflection and preparation. Some Episcopal churches use dark blue instead, a color associated with the night sky and the hope of Christ's coming. During Advent, churches often keep their decorations simple, with fewer flowers and other festive displays than at Christmas. This helps create a sense of quiet expectation. The more joyful decorations of Christmas are saved for Christmas Eve and the days that follow.

The Advent wreath is another familiar part of Episcopal church life. Although it is not required by the Book of Common Prayer, many Episcopal congregations use one during Sunday worship. The wreath is made of evergreen branches arranged in a circle, with four candles placed around it. A new candle is lit each Sunday of Advent until all four are burning. The evergreen branches represent life that continues even through the cold of winter, while the growing candlelight reminds us that Christ, the light of the world, is drawing near.

The Advent wreath actually began as a family devotion in nineteenth-century Germany, where a Lutheran pastor used candles to help children count the days until Christmas. The practice gradually spread among other Christian churches and eventually became a familiar part of Episcopal worship. Today, many churches give each candle a special meaning: hope, peace, joy, and love. These meanings are not officially set by the Episcopal Church, and different congregations sometimes use different traditions.

Some Episcopal churches also observe the ancient tradition of the *O Antiphons* during the final days before Christmas. These seven short prayers, dating back many centuries, address Christ by different names drawn from the Bible, including *Wisdom*, *Root of Jesse*, and *Emmanuel*. Each prayer expresses the longing for a Savior and asks Christ to come to the world. They are best known today through the Advent hymn "*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*," which draws its verses from these prayers.

The third Sunday of Advent is sometimes called *Gaudete* Sunday, from a Latin word meaning "rejoice." It offers a moment of joy during the season's otherwise quiet and reflective mood. Some Episcopal churches mark the day by using rose-colored vestments and a pink candle in the Advent wreath. This custom is not universal, but it serves as a reminder that even in a season of waiting, there is reason to celebrate.

For the Episcopal Church, Advent is more than a way to count down the days until Christmas. Its traditions encourage us to slow down in a season when the world often seems to move faster. The candles, prayers, music, and readings remind us that waiting can be an important part of faith. Advent reminds us that hope is not simply something we wait for; it is something we can carry into the world.

Participant Schedule for Advent and Epiphanytide

Date	Usher	Coffee Hour	Counters	Caritas	Chalicist	Lectors
Dec 6, 26	J. Westerlund	M. Donnelly, C. Mittelholtz	A. Hamerschlag, K. Mittelholtz	Molly Newling	T. Merchant, C. McLaughlin	M. Dugger, C. McLaughlin
Dec 13, 26	K. Mittelholtz	N., K. Peyton, L. Hartman	J. Westerlund, N. Ricketts	Grace Robbins	C. Mittelholtz, M. Newling	C. McLaughlin, M. Dugger
Dec 20, 26	PJ Kennedy	M., W. Bottlick	S. Batten, TBD	Kathy Schaefer	M. Newling, E. Riddle	E. Riddle, M. Dugger
Dec 27, 26	R. Erskine	D., T. Greer	K. Westerlund, E. Ing	Barbara Sherrill	L. Strange, K. Lauderdale	M. Dugger, C. McLaughlin
Jan 3, 27	T. Greer	M. Newling, B. Harper	K. Lauderdale, R. Erskine	Molly Newling	D. Okoth, K. Stark	D. Okoth, C. McLaughlin
Jan 10, 27	J. Westerlund	K., K. Lauderdale	A. Hamerschlag, K. Mittelholtz	Kathleen Stark	H. Agnew, K. Lauderdale	T. Merchant, M. Dugger
Jan 17, 27	K. Mittelholtz	T. Merchant, Godly Play	J. Westerlund, N. Ricketts	Grace Robbins	C. Mittelholtz, M. Newling	D. Okoth, C. McLaughlin
Jan 24, 27	PJ Kennedy	M., W. Bottlick	S. Batten, TBD	Kathy Schaefer	K. Stark, L. Strange	T. Merchant, M. Dugger
Jan 31, 27	R. Erskine	K., C. Mittelholtz	K. Westerlund, E. Ing	Barbara Sherrill	TBD	TBD

Christmas and Epiphany Events for Children and Youth

On **Saturday, December 5, from 9 a.m. to noon,** we will host *Breakfast with Santa*. Children will have opportunities to take photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and their elf helper. Breakfast and holiday crafts will be available. The event is free and open to the public.

On **Sunday, December 13**, children will participate in our annual Cookie and Card Decorating event during Children's Chapel and after the service. Pre-baked cookies will be decorated by the children and later delivered to parishioners by our Christmas caroling teams.

Also on **December 13**, we will hold our annual Christmas Caroling event. Carolers will visit parishioners who are unable to attend regular services because of illness, medical needs, or other circumstances, bringing along the treats prepared by the children. Volunteers, no matter the age or musical skill level, are welcome to join! An online caroling option will also be available for those who live too far away or are unable to receive visitors in person. Please contact Camille Mittelholtz if you would like to be included in either the in-person or the online caroling visits.

In January, preparations begin for the *Epiphany Pageant*. The **dress rehearsal** will take place on **Saturday, January 9, at noon**, after a pizza party for participants. The pageant will be presented during the service on **Sunday, January 10.**

A Personal Reflection on the Power of Music

by Jonathan Barber

I sang for over ten years in St. Barnabas' choir, beginning in the fall of 2009 and continuing until services closed because of COVID in March 2020. In July 2009, Anne and I were at the church with our then-choir director, David Snyder, going over the music for our wedding that September. He played "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken," based on a tune called "Austria" by Haydn. I was singing along when Dave stopped and asked me why I wasn't in the choir. I had no answer, and he sent me an official invitation to join at the end of September. By the time services and the choir resumed post-COVID, I had suffered a stroke and was unable to drive to rehearsals. So my choir career ended.

Before joining the choir, I knew I could sing the church hymns, especially those from my days in a congregational church. Two couples who used to sit in front of Anne and me told me they were glad I sat behind them because I helped demonstrate how the music should go. Anne also told me several times that when I sang beside her in church, the hair on her arms would stand up. I was quite flattered by that, I'll tell you.

Over the years, I've thought back on the music in my life and some experiences that have stayed with me. One example is the line "Musik ist die heilige Kunst"—"Music is the sacred art"—from Richard Strauss's opera *Ariadne auf Naxos*. Although music has been part of my life for years, it has never quite reached that level for me. I can imagine, though, that it is sacred for others, especially performers. We have seen solo pianists, violinists, and cellists who seem transported while playing, completely wrapped up in the music. Lang Lang and Joshua Bell come to mind. Some conductors also seem enraptured by the music they are conducting. Anne and I used to attend the Steinway series downtown. On one occasion, a musician in a female trio became so caught up in her music that she rose up off her chair while playing. She seemed to levitate. We had never seen anything like it.

During my lifetime of listening to music and singing in choirs, I have often been moved to tears or gotten goose bumps. The hair on my arms stood up the first few times I heard Beethoven's Choral Fantasy, the tenor/baritone duet from Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers*, and parts of the organ symphony by Camille Saint-Saëns.

This also happened in Strasbourg in February 1975, when my first wife, Carolyn, our son Alex, and I were visiting. We passed the cathedral and heard a large choir practicing through the open doors. As we stood listening to the ethereal music, the hair on my arms stood up. The piece was Mozart's *Ave Verum Corpus.*

Some time ago, Anne and I watched part of a concert led by conductor and violinist André Rieu in his hometown of Maastricht, Netherlands. He announced that a young soprano would sing "O mio babbino caro" ("O, my dear papa") from Puccini's one-act comic opera *Gianni Schicchi*. This short aria is one of Puccini's best known and one of my favorites.

As Anne and I listened to the soprano singing, people in the audience began to cry. Several times, the camera showed people with tears streaming down their faces. Anne and I joined them, sniffling and practically blubbering, especially at the end when Lauretta, the singer of the aria, throws herself at Rieu's (the conductor's) feet as if he were Schicchi (her father), whom she is singing to. The concert ended with a shot of the audience, including all those people blubbering along with Anne and me.

I have also been deeply affected by music in church. For several months, I was unable to sing part of the hymn "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" without tearing up and having to stop. The second verse ends with "*Whom shall I send?*" The third verse begins: *"Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart."*

I could not get past "Is it I, Lord?" I would tear up and stop because I felt as if I were being beckoned, yet I could not respond to the question, "Whom shall I send?"

Now I can sing the whole hymn.

Thanks and More Thanks



- For the Women of St. Barnabas and the Bazaar
- For the Vestry
- For the Diocesan ministries
- For the Music Ministry
- For the Adult Choir and the Cherub Choir
- For Nancy MacLachlan's willingness to step up as our Interim Music Minister
- For our Finance Committee
- For our Building and Grounds Committee
- For Sunday School Teachers and substitutes
- For all those helping with Children's Chapel
- For everyone who is interested in learning and sharing what they have learned
- For all those who have gotten trained in Misconduct Prevention
- For all those who are helping St. Barnabas' to be an even more welcoming and vibrant congregation

The St. Barnabas' *Reporter* for *Lent and Eastertide*

The deadline for submissions to the Spring 2027 issue for *Lent and Eastertide* is **January 13th** (Lent begins February 10)**.** We welcome a variety of content, including announcements, ministry updates, personal reflections, and even photos that reflect our parish life during this sacred season. Please consider how your contributions can enrich our collective story during the spring months. To contribute, please email your announcements, photos, or other items to the Parish Office at stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com Alternately, hard copies of your submissions can also be dropped off at the office.

In the Presence of God

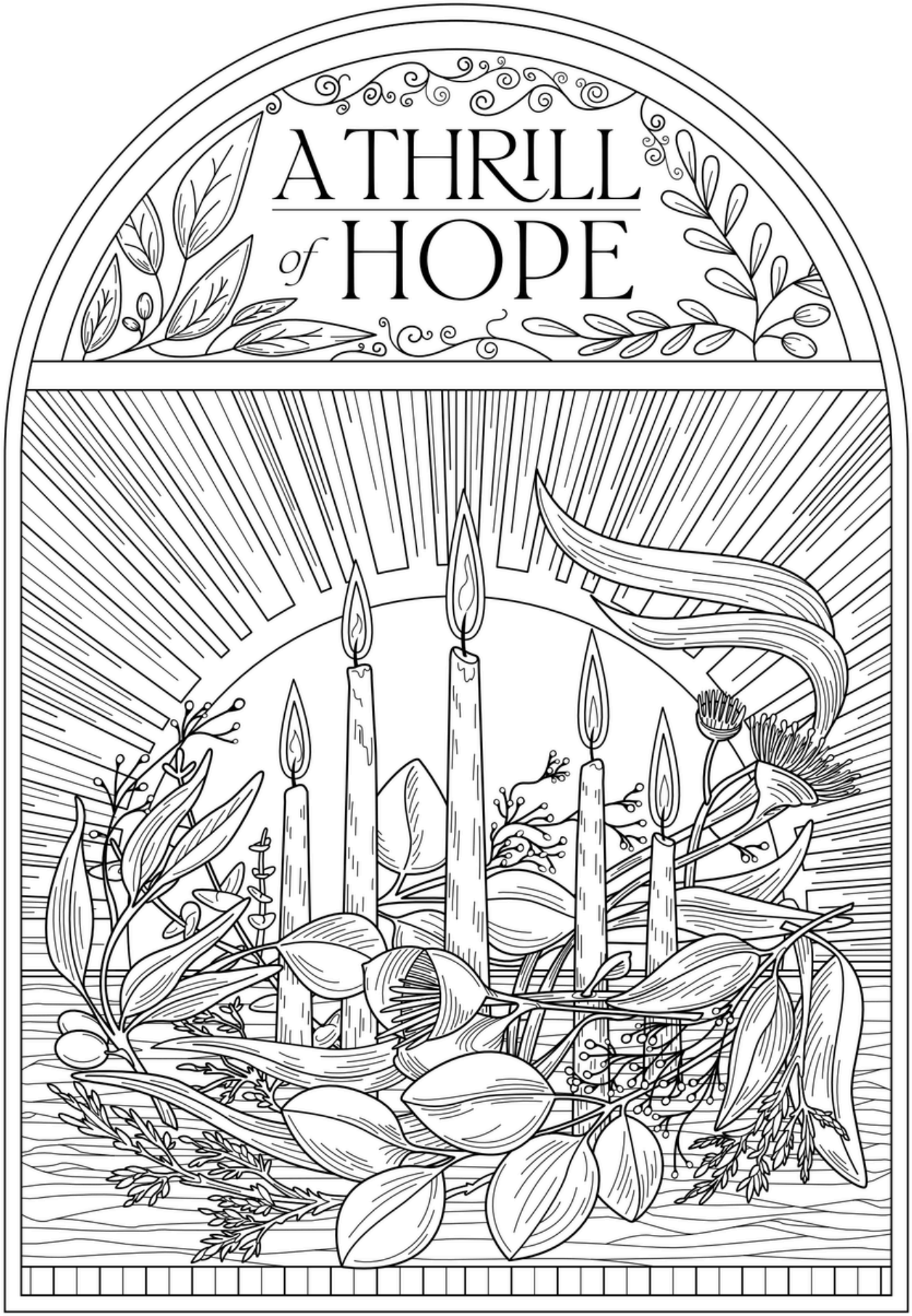
We pray for God's strength and healing for… Jonathan Barber, Bernard Blair, Charles Camp, Cricket Camp, Margot Donnelly, Charlie Flaherty, Rotha Frye, Joan Gibbs, Beth Harper, James Harris, Barry Hayhurst, Roger Hefferan, James Hughes, Gertrude Jones, Sharon Jones, Joy Lyles, Tom Lyles, Bob Macfarlane, Cindy McLaughlin, Theresa Merchant, Jack Miller, Helen Mosher, Val Nelson, Linda Pettit-Waldner, Alice Phillips, Anne Radway, Grace Rampersaud, Norma Ricketts, Ellen Riddle, Barbara Rigden, Mary Riggs, Grace Robbins, Trisha Serven, Kathleen Stark, Karen Steidel, Samual Tonge, Dana Wiseman, Dave Wright, Mary Yeaman.

For the Church… the Archbishop of Cantbury, The Most Rev. Dame Sarah Elisabeth Mullally; our Presiding Bishop, the Rev. Sean Walter Rowe; and our Diocesan Bishops, the Rt. Rev. Mark E. Stevenson, Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Assistant Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Mark A. Bourlakas, Assistant Bishop; and their families. For our Rector, the Rev. John Bolin Shellito, and his family; for Cindy McLaughlin (in discernment), for our Seminarian Debora Okoth; for our Vestry, Wardens, and staff; and for the work and ministry of our sister parish of San Juan Bautista in Palma Sorian, Cuba, and for the Archdeaconate of Eastern Cuba.

Pastoral Care

For urgent pastoral or prayer concerns, whether for yourself or others, in addition to Caritas, please feel free to contact the Rev. John Bolin Shellito directly at (571) 402-2218.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, December 5 at 9am to noon

Cookie and Card decorating *during and after the 10:15 service:* Sunday, December 13

St. Barnabas' Goes Caroling: Sunday, December 13 at 1pm

Greening of the Church: Sunday, December 20 after the 10:15 service

Christmas Eve Choral Prelude/Postlude: 4:30 pm

Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist: 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist: 9:30 am

Epiphany Pageant: Sunday, January 10 during 10:15 service

Epiphany Pageant Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, January 9 at 12pm