



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church
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Second Sunday of Advent
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, December 9, 2018

Announcements and Welcome

Hymn: O come, O come Emmanuel

#56 (vs. 4-6)

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Trisagion

Collect

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Baruch 5:1-9

Canticle 16

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Philippians 1:3-11

Hymn: There's a voice in the wilderness crying

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The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 3:1-6

The Sermon

Rev. Loree Penner

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Confession

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The Peace

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The Blessing of Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

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The Offertory: This our God

Doxology

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The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer C)

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Sanctus: Land of Rest

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion of the People

Hymn: Word of God Speak

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Hymn: Prepare the way O Zion

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Dismissal

~~~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~~~

**Altar Guild:** The arrangements on the altar today are in memory of Connie Chenoweth Kappler and Julia Todd Kappler by James Kappler and Family, and in memory of Homer Schwartz by Dowell Schwartz. Wine, Eucharistic Candles, the Sanctuary Candle and Christmas Poinsettias are available for the month of December. The cost of each dedication is \$30. Please contact Diane Flayhart, [410-426-4618](tel:410-426-4618) or [dflayhart.stthomas@gmail.com](mailto:dflayhart.stthomas@gmail.com), or the church office, [410-821-5489](tel:410-821-5489), if you are interested in reserving a dedication. Thank you.

**Sunday Forum:** As we await the coming of Christ into the world, join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall as we journey the way of love through Advent. Presiding Bishop Curry introduced *The Way of Love* as a life-long, intentional practice that allows us to reconnect with ourselves, our families and our communities. We will reflect on the first two chapters of Luke's Gospel while exploring the seven movements through *the Way of Love* – Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest.

**Advent Two (12/9):** Mary and Elizabeth: Journeying with Family and Friends

**Advent Three (12/16):** The Birth of John the Baptist: Journeying with Community

**Advent Four (12/23):** The Birth of Jesus: Journeying with the World

**2019 Offering Envelopes:** We are in the process of preparing your 2019 offering envelopes for the coming year. However, many of you have opted to make your pledge contributions, as well as special occasion contributions, electronically through our online system or through your own bank. If you would prefer to make your contributions electronically and do not wish to receive offering envelopes, please contact Diane Flayhart, [410-426-4618](tel:410-426-4618), or [dflayhart.stthomas@gmail.com](mailto:dflayhart.stthomas@gmail.com). Offering envelopes will still be available for all who desire them. Thank you.

**Come join us as we decorate the church for Christmas!** The fun begins early on Sunday, December 23rd, at 7:30 am, but come when you can before the 9:30 am service to help. We'll be unwrapping and setting up the creche pieces, hanging wreaths, putting candles and greens in the windows and decorating Christmas trees. Coffee and donuts will be available, so come join the fun!

**Holiday Service Schedule**

12/23, 7:30 AM: Church Decorating

12/24, 4:00 PM: Christmas Eve Service with Children's Pageant, and musicians Mike and Mark.

12/24, 8:00 PM: Candlelight Service

12/25: No Service on Christmas Day

12/30, 9:30 AM: Lessons and Carols Service

**Prayers for Healing are requested for those who are ill or in any need:** Mo Otradovec, Dottie D., Jan Jr., David J., Jeri Adams, Robert Yoos, Andrew Bures, Bill D., Rick D., Pete, Leigh, Vera O., Wanda S., Dowell S., Bill F., Mary Lou P., Curtis Meador, Lou W., Amy S., Janet, Larry, Tammy J., Doug H., Donna, Peter C., and Greg.

**And for those who are homebound:** Theresa Welsch, Mary Shorter, Nan Fitzgerald, Charles and Susan Harryman, Carrie Hemberger, Susan Herring, Ellen Monahan, Connie Waxter, and Dan Licht.

**Rev. Loree Penner, Rector**

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