

WELCOME TO GOOD SAMARITAN

DECEMBER 24, 2023

4TH ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVE

WE WELCOME ALL GUESTS TO GOOD SAMARITAN. Please take a moment to fill out the pew card and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. Activity packs are available for children. Following the service, please pick up a newcomer's information packet. Our ushers and greeters are happy to assist you!

WE HAVE ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TROUBLE HEARING THE SERVICE. Please look for them in the narthex or ask one of the ushers for assistance. We have large print copies of the Book of Common Prayer for those who need them (8:15 AM service).

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL - 10:30 am service (3 years - 4th grade): All children will begin church with their families and then those 3 years to rising 4th grade may follow the Chapel Leader to Children's Chapel after the Gospel. Children will then return to receive communion with their families.

TODAY AT GOOD SAMARITAN

10:30 am	4th Advent Holy Eucharist Rite II + Christmas Eve at Good Samaritan +	5:00 pm	Family Eucharist
4:45 pm	Music of the Season	8:30 pm	Music of the Season
		9:00 pm	Festive Eucharist

THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24

Mon., Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas to Everyone - No Worship Service at Good Sam

Tues., Dec. 26 - Fri., Dec. 29 - Office Closed All Week

Sat., Dec. 30 - 4:00 pm - Worship email goes out

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO EVERYONE WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY

FOURTH ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVE AT GOOD SAM

Today is 4th Advent. It is also Christmas Eve. This is one of those years where the two converge. This morning we'll observe 4th Advent with one service at 10:30 am. Then we switch gears later this afternoon. At 4:45 pm, we'll have Music of the Season prior to the 5pm Family Eucharist. Then at 8:30pm, we'll have Music of the Season prior to Festive Eucharist at 9pm. **Please note:** there will be no Christmas Day service, and the office will be closed all week.

FAMILY PROMISE HELP NEEDED

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help with this Family Promise Week! HOWEVER - there are still 2 days of meals needed. Won't you help us? You don't even have to cook - carry out is fine too. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/2p8fj42x> to sign up. You'll find instructions there.

FEAST OF LIGHTS

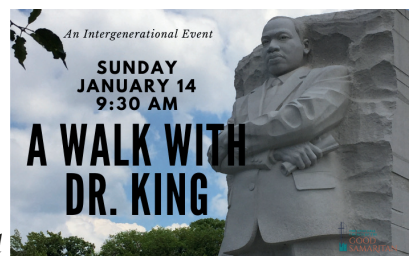
Mark your calendars for Friday, January 5 for our annual *Feast of Lights* celebration. Join us for supper at 6:00pm, followed by the beautiful Feasts of Lights service. After the service, we'll go out on to the ballfield for The Burning of the Greens, weather permitting. Look for more information soon.

CONFIRMATION CLASS COMING IN JANUARY

The Adult Confirmation Class - or Inquirer's Class - will kick off Sunday, January 7 during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 am. The sacrament of Confirmation is the adult confirmation, or acceptance, of our baptismal vows that were made on our behalf if we were baptized as an infant or a child. It is also the class or method by which adults, baptized or confirmed in another denomination or tradition, join the Episcopal Church. We also highly recommend those life-long Episcopalians who were confirmed when they were 12 or 13 to attend and learn all the stuff they didn't learn the first time!!

JANUARY 14 at 9:30 am - INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT - "A WALK WITH DR. KING"

On Monday, January 15, we remember the life and witness of the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. In honor of this day, we will have an intergenerational event on Sunday, January 14 during Sunday School time. All ages - children, youth, and adults - are invited to join us for "A Walk With Dr. King." We will walk a specified route around Good Sam's grounds, stopping to hear details of Dr. King's life, words from his writings and speeches, and praying that we may follow his lead toward becoming the Beloved Community of which he dreamed. We will begin in Henslee Hall at 9:30am and conclude at the Peace Pole. Please come be a part of this special remembrance. In case of inclement weather, we will have the walk inside. Stay tuned for information regarding Adult Henslee Hall formation for January 7.



The Cash In The Plate For Today Goes To The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

The Diocese includes nearly 7000 Anglicans located in Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria. While this region is the birthplace of Christianity, the many countries, and their laws in which the Diocese must navigate makes their mission difficult. Despite these challenges, the Diocese is engaged in many worthwhile activities. Primary among these are the Diocesan Initiative for Peace, Reconciliation, and Interfaith Dialogue, established in 2007, the Diocesan guesthouse for pilgrims to the region, the only full-service hospital in Gaza, schools for disabled children, and the Diocesan Women's ministry. All these important ministries are important, but the current tension and tragedy of the region makes our contributions especially important at this time of year.

Donations can be made by sending a check to Good Sam, specifying "Dio of Jerusalem" in the memo line, or through Good Sam's online giving portal by scanning the QR code at right.

Last week's offering of \$1,072.00 has been designated to go to Young Williams Animal Shelter.



ALTAR FLOWERS & AUMBRY CANDLE

The Aumbry Candle is given to the glory of God by Jennifer Dunn in thanksgiving for the staff at Good Samaritan. The Flowers on the Altar and around the church are given to the glory of God in memory and thanksgiving of parishioner's loved ones. Please see the special *Christmas Flower Dedications* insert in your service bulletin for a full list of dedications

PRAYER LIST

FOR OUR PARISHIONERS:

Anne Bender, Gail Cox, Rev. Mary Davis, Lois Dearolf, Connie DeWitt, Dana & Dewell Downey, Doug Embler, The Greeley Family, Marge Hudson, Patrick Hundley, Ellen LoCurto-Martinez, Don McConnell, Kent Parish, Allan Philp, Bill & Marcia Power, Marilyn Randall, Krissa Randolph, Nancye Reeder, Alvin Richards, Tom Schlitt, Carol Smith, Sharolyn Sprigg, Lo Starck, Randy Stansberry, Denise & Roger Tibedo, Fred & Alice Wegmann, Michele Welsh, Don White

FOR RELATIVES OF PARISHIONERS

Margaret Arnold, Jerry Backus, Benny Brantley, Jimmy Campbell, Christine Edge, Emily Fleming, Mac & Becky Fulcher, Landon Gillespie, David & Nancy Gray, Tim Hogan, The Kaderli Family, David and Nathaniel Miller, Tim & Katie Miller, Frankie Moyers, James Neisler, June O'Flynn, The O'Flynn Family, Rebecca Petroskey, Laura Reynolds, Linda Saig, Sayuri Sato, Gene Scarlett, Daniel & Sarah Smithwick, Deena Stauffer, RJ Thomas, Shelba Thomas, Jackson Tibedo, Jami Welden, Sarah Welsh, Robin Williams

FOR FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Carolyn & Dale Allen & family, Brad Barnett, Paulette & Roger Chandler, Melissa Clark, Rev. Taylor Dinsmore & family, Jennifer Friday, Brenton Galbraith, Jim Harb, Kari & Donnie Kosovec, The Kredich Family, The Lawing & Locke Families, Liv, Marcia League, Andy Locke, Janet Mills, Geri Ravnum, Meghan Yoder, Logan Zirzow

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We pray for those in the military, especially for those who have been deployed.
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We also pray for those grieving the loss of job, of health, or a relationship.

CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Elaine Cochrane	Van Latture	Drew Russ	Andy Sneed	Malinda Lewis
Eddie Hopps	Mark Medlock	Buck Lewis	Jan Travins	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Bill & Fran Potter

TODAY'S MINISTERS - VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY - KRISTEN SANDERS

10:30 am	
Celebrant:	The Rev. Elizabeth Farr
Preacher:	The Rev. Cal Calhoun
Acolyte:	Beverly Guiler
Altar Guild:	Alice Beets, Megan Brown, Dana Downey, Beverly Guiler, Fran Potter, Kristen Sanders, Terry Scarlett, Zane Scarlett
Audio/Visual:	Steve Campbell
Children's Chapel:	N/A
Coffee Team:	Linda Alexiades
EM:	Beverly Guiler
EV:	N/A
Flower Guild:	Tanya Hawk, Alice Beets, Michelle Bales Fran Potter, Mary Ann Venable, Karen Sproles
Greeter:	N/A
Intercessor:	David Sanders
Lector:	Kristen Sanders
Oblation Bearers:	N/A
Ushers:	Zane Scarlett

2024 Vestry Members: Steve Campbell, Jr. Warden, Chris Foell, Eddie Hopps, Attie Lewis, Greg Phelps, Bill Power, Kristen Sanders, Senior Warden, Ashlee Schoch, Bob Smithwick, Georgette Suggs, Adam Thrash, Grady Williams, Clerk of the Vestry - Karen Mann

THE STAFF AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

The Rev. Cal Calhoun, Rector

The Rev. Elizabeth Farr, Associate Rector

The Rev. Claire Keene, Priest Associate

The Rev. Matt Farr, Priest Associate

Fredrick Brabson, Director of Music and Liturgy

Sinead Love, Youth Minister

Jennifer Dunn, Director of Communications

Erin Keck, Christian Education Coordinator

Lisa Webb, Administrative Assistant

John Paul Boltik, Sexton



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