



WELCOME TO GOOD SAMARITAN

DECEMBER 22, 2024

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

8:15 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I	11:45 am	Good Sam Social Lights Lunch - <i>Chop House</i>
9:30 am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	3:30 pm	Greening of the Church
9:30 am	Formation for all	approx. 5:30 pm	Nativity Pageant
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II - also live-streaming	approx 6 pm	Food & Fellowship

THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22

Tues., Dec. 24	Office Closed Dec. 24-27	Tues., Dec.24	9:00 pm - Festive Eucharist
Tues., Dec. 24	4:45 pm - Music of the Season	Wed., Dec.25	The Nativity of The Lord - Merry Christmas!
Tues., Dec. 24	5:00 pm - Family Eucharist	Sat., Dec. 28	4:00 pm - the Worship Email goes out
Tues., Dec. 24	8:30 pm - Music of the Season		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO EVERYONE WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY

THE GREENING OF THE CHURCH AND NATIVITY PAGEANT

TODAY, we will gather for *The Greening of the Church* at 3:30pm – a time to decorate the church in anticipation of Christmas Day. We'll put up the Christmas Tree and decorate inside and out. The children will also practice for the Nativity Pageant during this time. After the Nativity Pageant, we'll gather in Henslee Hall for light food and beverages. *The handout in your bulletin has more information.*



CHRISTMAS EVE AT GOOD SAM

Good Sam will have two services on Christmas Eve. Beginning at 4:45 pm, we'll have *Music of the Season* just prior to the 5:00pm Family Eucharist. Then, beginning at 8:30 pm, we'll have *Music of the Season* before Festive Eucharist begins at 9:00pm. Please note: There will be incense at the 9:00 pm service. We hope you can join us as we begin our Christmas celebration! *There will be no service on Christmas Day.*



EPIPHANY FEAST & FEAST OF LIGHTS

Join us Sunday, January 5 at 9:30 am for an *Epiphany Breakfast Feast* in Henslee Hall. At the 10:30am service, we will celebrate Epiphany with "The Feast of Lights," a service of scripture and song that tells the story of Christ's incarnation and epiphany and the spreading of the good news of Christ to the church and the world. *Please see the insert in your bulletin for more information.*



CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Adult Confirmation Class - or Inquirer's Class - will begin on Sunday, January 12 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!!

NEW ADULT HENSLEE HALL FORMATION CLASS

Who Was Thomas Merton – And Why Should We Care? January 12—March 2 in Henslee Hall, taught by Kenny Faught. We will examine the life and teachings of Merton, aka Father Louis. Specific themes to be addressed will include prayer, the true self, nature, poetry and art, peace, and the church and the world. The focus will be upon what we can take from Merton's life and writings to strengthen our own discipleship. Resources for further private study will be shared at the end of Week 7.

The Cash In The Plate For Today Goes To *The American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.*

The American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem is a nonpolitical, nonsectarian charitable organization that is the leading fundraising organization for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The sole purpose of the AFEDJ is to mobilize financial resources for the diocese and its humanitarian institutions - its schools, hospitals, and centers for children with disabilities in Palestine, Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon. The on-going war has led to a tremendous need as the hospitals have sustained significant damage, medical supplies are depleted and the number of individuals seeking emergency care has increased from 20-30 per day to 300-500 per day. The AFEDJ posted a recent video update from Suhaila Tarazi, Director of Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City, where she describes the dire humanitarian conditions.

You can watch the video at afedj.org.

Donations can be made by sending a check to Good Sam, specifying "Friends/Dio. 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 \$1,393.00 has been designated to go to Wesley House Community Center.

ALTAR FLOWERS & AUMBRY CANDLE

The Aumbry Candle is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Grady Williams on his birthday by Audrey Williams.
(Please note: there are no flowers during Advent.)

PRAYER LIST

FOR OUR PARISHIONERS:

Ed Archer, Chip Beets, David & Nancy Cazalet, Gail Cox, Lois & Ron Dearolf, Judy Dernbach, Dana & Dewell Downey, Doug Embler, The Greeley Family, Marge Hudson, Patrick Hundley, Angela Lister, Francis Lloyd, Ellen LoCurto-Martinez, Ann McClain, Dale Oakley, Pat Pagni, Kent Parish, Belle Parman, Allan Philp, Jane Reed, Nick Richards, Tom Schlitt, Denise & Roger Tibedo, Sam Venable, Alice & Fred Wegmann

FOR RELATIVES OF PARISHIONERS

Michael Ables, Margaret Arnold, Jerry Backus, Durham Bley, Benny & Phyllis Brantley, Jon Brechtelsbauer, Gregory Cazalet, Kelly Cottrell, Angelina DeWindt-Smith, The Dixson Family, Christine Edge, Sam F., Molly McCue, Mary Anne McNutt, The Mitchell Family, Charlie & Frankie Moyers, Mike Petersen, The Petroskey Family, Gerard Plageman, Laura Reynolds, Lori Schmidt, Ann Smithwick Sellman, Shelba Thomas, Jackson Tibedo, Jami Welden, Sarah Welsh, Robin Williams, Beth Witt

FOR FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Paul Ashdown, Larry Everett, Jr., Charlie Harr, Louis Huber, The Lansing Family, Liv, Andy Locke, Phyllis Morgan, Lee Roberts, Roger Theilen, Kathi & Ken West

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

DEATHS

We pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Beets, cousin of Chip Beets.

CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Al Sanders	Terry Scarlett	Grady Williams	Elaine Cochrane	Van Latture
Drew Russ	Andy Sneed	Malinda Lewis	Eddie Hopps	Mark Medlock

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Bill & Fran Potter Gerry & Diane Fishbeck

TODAY'S MINISTERS - VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY - STEVE CAMPBELL

8:15 am

Officiant: The Rev. Cal Calhoun
Preacher: The Rev. Mary Davis
Acolyte: Cindy Strange
Altar Guild: Fran Potter, Melanie Gillespie, Megan Brown, Beverly Guiler
Audio/Visual: Freddie Brabson
Coffee Team: Elizabeth Parker
EM: Kathy Gray
Flower Guild: No Flowers During Advent
Intercessor: Karen Downing
Lector: Mark Downing
Linen Guild: Joyce Grubb
Ushers: Chip Beets

10:30 am

Celebrant: The Rev. Cal Calhoun
Preacher: The Rev. Mary Davis
Acolytes: Taylor Bell, Mark Medlock, Griffin Airhart
Altar Guild: Fran Potter, Melanie Gillespie, Megan Brown, Beverly Guiler
Audio/Visual: Lynn Hopps (Camera), Steve Campbell (sound)
Children's Chapel: Katherine Smithwick & Laura Airhart
Coffee Team: Jan Travins
EM: Karen Sproles, Margaret Slattery
EV: Linda Alexiades
Flower Guild: No Flowers During Advent
Greeter: Bill & Fran Potter
Intercessor: Kenny Faught
Lector: David Sanders, Anna Graham
Oblation Bearers: David & Kristen Sanders
Ushers: Jason Long, Grady Williams

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, Grady Williams, Clerk of the Vestry - Karen Mann

THE STAFF AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

The Rev. Cal Calhoun, Rector
Fredrick Brabson, Director of Music and Liturgy
Sinead Love, Youth Minister
Jennifer Dunn, Director of Communications
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