

Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Eucharist - Rite II
The Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021
10:00 am

Welcome to St. Matthew's! We are glad you are here.

The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. If you're joining us from home, please stand, kneel, sing, and pray with us as you're able. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

Children are most welcome and are encouraged to participate in worship.

To the parents of children: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Sit toward the front so your little ones can see and hear. Go ahead and quietly answer their questions. If you don't know the answer, the priest would love to talk to your little one. When you sing the hymns and join in the prayers, you teach little hearts how to be faithful; you are their best model. If you need to leave the service, that's okay. Don't be shy about coming back. It was Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me."

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Matt's.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Savior of the nations, come! BWV 659

Please stand as you are able.

Entrance Hymn 481

GOPSAL

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

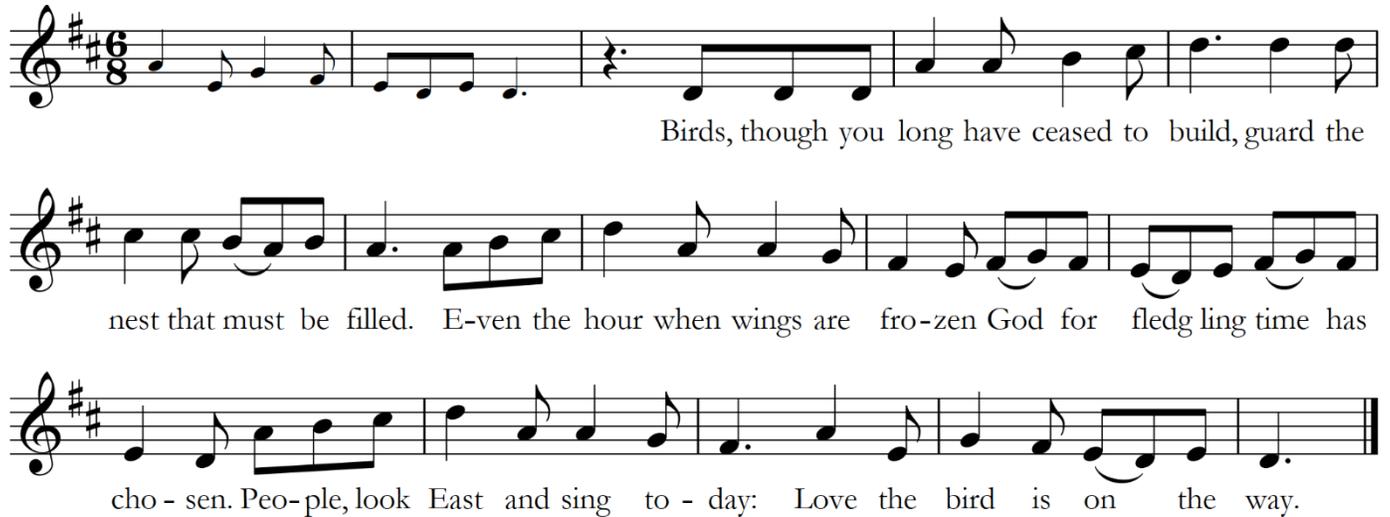
The Lighting of the Third Candle

Lectors God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

[John 3:16]

Celebrant Lord, we thank you for your great gift of love to us. Help us, through Jesus, to love you more. **Amen.**

Carol after the Candle Lighting *Sung by all*



Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
nest that must be filled. E-ven the hour when wings are fro-zen God for fledg ling time has
cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

The Collect for Purity *(said by all)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie – S 96 *Sung by the Choir* *setting by Franz Schubert (1797-1828)*

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The congregation may be seated.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The First Song of Isaiah

sung by the Choir

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

*Children in Pre-K – 7th Grade proceed to their classrooms
for Church School at the beginning of the first verse.*

“Once he came in blessing”

The Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

The Deacon begins, the Intercessor continues. The People respond with the words in bold.

Deacon Let our hearts and minds be stirred as we pray to God for that peace so much greater than we can imagine, saying: **Quicken your Spirit within us; O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For peace in the world: May the wars on every continent cease, may nations be at rest, may refugees and survivors find a new home and the spirit to begin again. May wounds be healed, losses grieved, and honorable deeds remembered. May grace abound in all lands, and the lion and the lamb lie content. Quicken your Spirit within us; **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For peace in the church: May we intensify our efforts of peacemaking with the separated churches, that peace may prevail over conflict and we be reconciled in one family, exercising one baptism, one eucharist, and one common ministry in its many forms. Quicken your Spirit within us; **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For this assembly: May we let go of our vested interests and inspired by your Spirit seek peace with one another. Help us give up the grievances we harbor within our families and communities and among our co-workers and friends. Help us build trust, the cornerstone of all reconciled relationships. Quicken your Spirit within us; **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For peace where we live, work and recreate, and for peace within ourselves: May the noises in and around us diminish so that we can hear the sounds of the trees, the birds, the winds, and the rain. Give us space and time to hear ourselves, to feel our own feelings and express our own longings, knowing that the only one true longing is your longing for us. Quicken your Spirit within us; **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For our young people: Let us provide space for them in our midst, and time to reassure them in their insecurities, encourage them in their hopes, and ever strengthen them in their gifts. Quicken your Spirit within us; **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the elderly and the infirm: We give thanks for the health and long life that many enjoy, and we pray for those who are overcome with suffering in body and spirit. Help us comfort one another and share with one another, knowing that whatever we ask for in prayer, those needs will be satisfied. Let us pray especially for, Joanne, Tom, Russ, Michael, Joanne, Brooks, Peter, Jennifer, Brian, Scott, Bobby, Martin, Marge, Vinny, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Rob, Jane, Nancy, Ken, Dawn, Donnie, David, James, Aaron, Petra, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, Kathy, Dann and those we now name (*the people are invited to offer their own intercessions*); and we remember before you those who serve in the military, especially Matthew, and those we now name (*the people are invited to offer their own intercessions*); we pray also for those who have died, especially Anthony C. Kahn, in whose memory the altar flowers are given, and those we now name (*the people are invited to offer their own intercessions*). Quicken your Spirit within us;
O Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those preparing to renew their baptismal vows, especially our confirmands, Patch, Will, Lukas, Schuyler, Lydia, Rory, Kate, Paige, Rowan, Charlotte, Luca, Liam, Lena, Alexis, Kellogg, Theo, Lyla, and Ella, that their hearts be opened by the Spirit, putting their trust in Jesus. Guide their mentors and this community to support them on this journey in order to bring to fulfillment the good work that God has begun in them. Quicken your Spirit within us;
O Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Grant the Bishop Transition Committee the gifts of wisdom, humility, and empathy as they discern your will for a new shepherd, inspirational leader, and willing advocate as we further your work in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. **Amen.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own intercessions either silently or aloud.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant O God, call us into a deeper relationship to be your church for the sake of the world. Help us to see with new eyes the injustices within church and society. Call us to have a loving heart that respects and uplifts the humanity and dignity of every person; open our ears to listen to and learn from the experiences of people of color. Open our mouths to speak up and about injustices. Join us with others to work for racial equity and inclusion for all people. All this we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

—*Evangelical Lutheran Church of America*

Celebrant O Lord, fill our minds and hearts with everything that is good and loving and worthy of thanksgiving and praise, everything that comes to us under the sign of your peace and in the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

The Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. The people may stand or kneel.

Celebrant and People say together

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

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

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +

Celebrant says an Offertory sentence, the congregation may be seated.

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

Offertory Hymn 294

POINT LOMA

“Baptized in water”



Whether you've joined us today from near or far, in person or online, please consider making a gift of thanksgiving to support the work of God at St. Matthew's. Be part of God's mission with us as we make our way out of the COVID season and into the new life God promises. Visit www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering. Designate it as a gift or as part of your pledge. No gift is too small. All gifts honor the God who honors us with life, breath, love, and salvation.

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn at the Presentation

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 him 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 - S 130

Sung by all

setting by Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

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

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

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

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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;

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 him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, 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,
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 forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem – S 164 *Sung by all setting by Franz Schubert (1797-1828)*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first line of musical notation is for the Fraction Anthem. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a clear harmonic structure.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second line of musical notation is for the Fraction Anthem. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a clear harmonic structure.

If you are joining us from home or have not received communion, please offer this prayer to the Lord.

The Act of Reception

Saint Augustine's Prayer Book (2nd ed)

The Celebrant and the People say together

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The People stand as they are able.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witness of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Parish Announcements

The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of our God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you this day and evermore. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn 72

RICHMOND

“Hark! The glad sound! the Savior comes”

The Celebrant or the Deacon offers the dismissal,

Celebrant Our Lord says, ‘I am coming soon.’

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

People **Amen.**

Postlude

Carillon

Herbert Murrill (1909–52)

Worship Leaders

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Deacon Don Burr
<i>Lectors</i>	Rory Kepner, Beth Baker
<i>Intercessor</i>	Vytas Kisielius
<i>Conductor</i>	Andrew Leslie Cooper
<i>Organist</i>	Michael Burnette
<i>Choir</i>	St. Matthew's Church Choir
<i>Counters</i>	Andrea Sato, Dave Gortz



Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of Anthony C. Kahn, by Steve & Becky Hudspeth.

Prayer Requests *Specific prayer requests will be kept on the prayer list for six weeks. Please call or email the office if you have additions or deletions to the prayer list. **You are encouraged to offer your own prayers silently or aloud as indicated in the Prayers of the People.***

Today and through the week, we remember all those who have been commended to our prayers. For those who are sick or in need: *Joanne, Tom, Russ, Michael, Joanne, Brooks, Peter, Jennifer, Brian, Scott, Bobby, Martin, Marge, Vinny, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Rob, Jane, Nancy, Ken, Dawn, Donnie, David, James, Aaron, Petra, Kathy, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, Charles Kennedy and Dann Pompa. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Stephen's, Bloomfield; St. George's, Bolton; Trinity, Branford; Calvary St. George's, Bridgeport; Those who advocate at the local, state, national, or global level for the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed.

St. Matthew's and Wilton Presbyterian Joint Church Christmas Party

Join us after the service today for St. Matt's and WPC Christmas Party and Live Nativity event. A chance for us to fan the flames of fellowship and continue the celebration of our 50-year joint venture.



St. Matthew's and Wilton Presbyterian
JOINT VENTURE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Live Nativity Scene, Animal Fun
Potluck Style Food
Cookie Decoration
Craft Station
Cozy Firepits

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12TH FROM 11-1PM
samantha@stmatthewswilton.org for sign-up information



Greening of the Church!

Please plan to stay after church for a little while today to help us prepare the worship space for Christmas.
(Sunday, 12/12 after the 10:00am service)

Christmas Eve Acolytes!

Have you missed seeing our young people dressed in red and white serving at the altar and leading our processions? It's been a long time since they've been part of the altar party at our Eucharistic feast, so we'd like to invite our acolytes back (and any who are interested) to join us on Christmas Eve services (4:00pm Family Eucharist and 9:00pm Candlelight Eucharist). Each service will need two torch bearers and one crucifer. Anyone who can hold a torch or processional cross (which is heavy) is welcome to do so on vestments to help lead the way with hope and light at worship – children, youth, or adults. Contact Sharon Pearson sharonepearson@gmail.com or 203-984-1228 for more info.



It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year...

The beloved **St. Matthew's Christmas Pageant** is returning again. We have begun prepping the beautiful costumes and will be teaming up with Andrew and the choir to put on a dazzling performance on **Sunday December 19th during the 10am service**. If you or your child wants to participate, please email Samantha (samantha@stmatthewswilton.org). Adults are welcome & encouraged!

Roles: Narrators, Isaiah, Gabriel, Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, Innkeeper, Angels, Shepherds and Kings. We will also need adults to assist with one rehearsal, running lines and costume fitting. 'Tis the season!

Pageant Rehearsals:

Dec 12 | Sunday | 9am in the Lounge (TBD base on roles that have been filled to date)
Dec 18 | Saturday | 11am - 12:30p in the Sanctuary (pizza to follow)
Dec 19 | Sunday | 9am Dress Rehearsal in the Sanctuary with Choir

Please email samantha@stmatthewswilton.org for additional information.

Christmas Memorials and Thanksgivings



At this time of year, it's our custom to give gifts in memory of or in thanksgiving for the people we love. If you would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers, music memorials or the Rector's Discretionary Fund, please be in touch with Nancy in the Parish Office at office@stmatthewswilton.org

Please respond by Friday, 12/17 with names to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

Weekly Calendar – December 12 – December 19

Sunday, **December 12**

9:00am

10:00am

10:15am

11:00am

The Third Sunday of Advent

Pageant Rehearsal

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Church School

STM and WPC Joint Christmas Party

Monday, **December 13**

7:00pm

Education for Ministry

Tuesday, **December 14**

11:00am

Staff Meeting

4:00pm

St. Matthew's Cherub's Rehearsal

7:00pm

St. Matthew's Youth Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm

Finance meeting

Thursday, **December 16**

5:00pm

St. Matthew's Chorister's Rehearsal

7:30-9:00pm

Adult Church Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, **December 18**

11:00am

Pageant Rehearsal and Pizza Lunch

Sunday, **December 19**

9:00am

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pageant Rehearsal

10:00am

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

10:15am

Church School

11:15am

Coffee Hour

11:30am

Confirmation class

**Connection details available on our website, in the e-news,
and in our Parishioner Facebook group.**

Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group? Go here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMatthewsOnline/>

Need something else? Send Marissa a note or be in touch with another member of the staff.



Come hear the story.
Come be inspired by love.

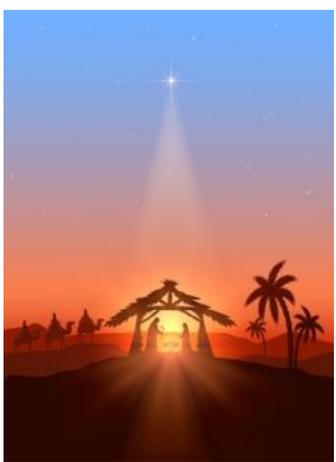
Christmas Eve - December 24th

Family Service: Worship begins at 4pm
Musical Prelude begins at 3:30pm

Candlelit Service: Worship begins at 9pm
Musical Prelude begins at 8:30pm

All are welcome.

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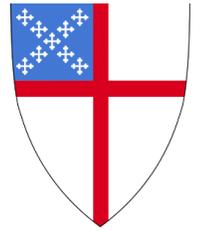


Sunday, December 26th
Christmas Lessons & Carols at 10am

Children of all ages are invited to wear their PJs on 12/26 for Lessons and Carols. We'll have a festive coffee hour afterwards with cocoa & cookies. Yes, that's right – it's Pajama Lessons & Carols. Spread the word, bring your friends.

Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am



Please keep an eye on our website and social media as well as our e-news. There you'll find information and opportunities to connect for friends and members of all ages.

Staff

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