

This Little Light

ADVENT EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

Thank you for being with us
for worship today. *Welcome
to Advent!*

January 8, 2022

REFLECTIONS ON GENEROSITY

Matthew 3:16-17 – And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him ... and a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Listen! Can you hear the whispering voice of God saying, "You are my child, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased"? In baptism you have been named and claimed as God's own child. Steward this gift as you grow in faith and action in 2023.

PLATES OF LOVE—JANUARY—WEEK 2

Starting in 2023, the "plate offering" collected each Sunday will be donated to worthwhile not-for-profit organizations in our community. (Plate offering is cash, unidentified by giver.) Last Sunday, an offering of \$255.00 was donated to Detour Company Theatre. Today, our recipient organization is the SCW Posse. The volunteer organization is dedicated to enhancing the safety of SCW residents and property, including Advent Church. Learn more at scwposse.org and visit adventaz.org for a list of future plate offering recipient organizations in January. Next week's organization will be Benevilla. Benevilla provides numerous senior, caregiver and family services throughout the Valley. Visit www.benevilla.org for additional information.

NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE SUPPORT GROUP

NW Valley Near-Death Experience Support-Group Resumes Monthly Meetings On Sunday, January 15, at 2:00 PM, in Paine Hall of Advent Episcopal Church, 13150 W Spanish Garden Drive, in Sun City West, The Rev. Lee Witting, host of the Livestream NDE Radio podcast will be the featured guest to kick off the Spring series of NW Valley IANDS meetings, a local support group affiliated with the International Association of Near-Death Studies, of Raleigh, NC.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30 AM Helping Hands

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:30 AM Brotherhood of St Andrew

11:00 AM Exercise Class

1:00 PM EfM Study Group

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30 AM Altar Guild

4:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

11:00 AM Website Task Force Meeting

2:00 PM Holistic Health Matters

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

8:30 AM Altar Guild

9:30 AM Flower Guild

COMING UP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

Parish Annual Meeting following Food & Fellowship in Paine Hall

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 &

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Annual Advent Church Women and Men's Club Rummage Sale.

Intake will begin on Monday, February 6. Please do not bring items earlier. The deadline for dropping off items is Thursday, February 16. Beginning February 6th ALL activities will be suspended in Dibbs Hall. **Beginning on February 13th ALL activities must be suspended in Dibbs Hall, Paine Hall, kitchen and the library.**



Advent Prayer List

January 8, 2022

Please remember those for whom special prayers have been requested. Names will automatically remain on the prayer list for one month. If you wish an individual's name to return to the list after one month, please call the church office at 623.584.0350. *Names are listed alphabetically by last name.*

**Denotes Advent members. †Denotes deceased individual.*

Ron Arner
Patricia Baltins*
Joe Bias
Barry & Cathy Black
Rick Carroll
Craig Christensen
Bev DiCicco*
Pat Fishback*
Debbie Greenleaf*
Marcia Hammett*
Mike Idehara
Steve Keiser
Pat Kindle*
Sharon Kissel

Victor & Olga Korniienko
Diane (Arnold) Kruzick
Ray Laffin*
Jack Lutz
Janice Martinotti
Rachel Moore*
Richard Navratil
Robin
Bill Navratil*
James Nord*
Herb & Sue Norton*
Daniel Overton
Mark Pettit
Ralph Podas
David Raymer*

Ruth Reynoso
Jim & Peggy Rochon
Mary Scardina
DeAnn Shaw
Marilyn Smith
Family of Betty Sturm †
Kelly Sullivan
Patricia Tomlin*
Jerry Wold
The People of Ukraine
The Yingling Family*

*All our servicemen and women, especially those who are deployed in war zones, and their families.
Please take the list home and include these individuals in your private prayers.*

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Save us, O Lord, as your people, from being inward-looking and backward-looking in the work of the church. Help us to take our eyes off ourselves and turn them on the world around us: to be concerned less with what we have accomplished or where we have failed and more with what remains to be done: that with our vision enlarged and our love rekindled, we may go forward to attempt new and greater things to your glory; in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FAITHSTREET GIVING

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

January 9

Jenna Necaize

January 10

Stanley Smith

January 13

Arras Anne Moffat

January 14

Pamela Ferron

January 15

Marjorie Kleis



The Mood of Christmas by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with
their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart."

