



**Advent**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Connect + Inspire + Transform

**THIS LITTLE LIGHT...**  
*the weekly LUMINARY*  
September 17, 2023

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

### REFLECTIONS ON GENEROSITY

*Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." –Matthew 18:21-22*

Jesus teaches us how to be stewards of God's love and mercy. Though our world encourages us to hold grudges and "get even," Jesus tells us to be forgiving, just as God is forgiving to us. God's love and mercy helps us become more loving and merciful.

### GIVING AWAY THE PLATE—LOVE FOR THY NEIGHBOR

This year 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.) Founded in 2002, Phoenix Dream Center ministry is an inner-city resource for thousands of individuals each month. Services include a residential rehabilitation program, shelter and care for victims of human trafficking, neighborhood food and clothing distribution and more.

Visit [www.phoenixdreamcenter.org](http://www.phoenixdreamcenter.org) for more information about this amazing community resource. *September plate offering recipient organizations are listed on our website.*

### FAITH SEEKING JOURNEY BEGINS TODAY

Do you desire to discover God or have a deeper relationship with God? Do you want to understand more about the church, its worship, its beliefs, and the Bible, please join us each Sunday at 9:00 AM in the Conference Room. *The Faith Seeking Journey* is for all inquirers into the life of faith; it is also for anyone who wishes to be baptized, or desires to be confirmed, or received in The Episcopal Church. Questions? Speak with Canon Timothy (623.584.0350) or Judy Huffman (251.978.4831 or [judithahuffman@gmail.com](mailto:judithahuffman@gmail.com).)

### SPAGHETTI DINNER SEPTEMBER 27

Please join us on Wednesday, September 27 at 5:00 PM for a Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Advent's Men's Club and ACW. Tickets are \$12.00 and will be sold after both services on September 17 and 24. Free will offering for libations. Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, September 24. No tickets will be sold at the door.



### THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

#### **Monday, September 18**

9:00 AM Helping Hands

#### **Tuesday, September 19**

9:00 AM Men's Club Social Breakfast  
10:30 AM Exercise Fitness Class  
1:00 PM EfM

#### **Wednesday, September 20**

8:30 AM Altar Guild  
8:30 AM Choose to Lose  
9:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting  
10:30 AM Vestry Executive Committee  
1:00 PM Celebration of Life Planning Class  
4:00 PM Holy Eucharist w/Healing Service

#### **Thursday, September 21**

10:30 AM Exercise Fitness Class  
3:00 PM Choir Practice (Cancelled)

#### **Saturday, September 23**

8:30 AM Altar Guild  
9:30 AM Flower Guild

# Advent Prayer List

September 17, 2023

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.*

Candy	Gena Fischle	Joan Sell
Lauren	Luciano G.	Sue Ann Simon*
Lynda	Cheryl Gould	David & Marilyn Smith
Odile	Ruth Johnson	Cindy Steadman
Ken Adams	Sharon Kissel	Ron Steel*
Barbara Abbott*	Bettie Lacher	Jesse Tavares*
Susan Alaine	Bob & Barbara Lentz	Patricia Tomlin*
Patricia Beavin	Millie Mallett*	Amanda Weese*
Donna Claudon*	Bill Navaratil*	Jan West
Les Coates	Lynn Neda	Phyllis Widowski
Sam Conley*	Christy Necaize*	Jerry Wold
Bishop Michael Curry	Julie Percy	Jim and Gaye Wooldridge*
Ken Dockter	Richard Raszkievicz*	The Doyle Family*
Rev. Timothy Dombek*	Peggy Rochon	The Family of Diane Arnold Kruzick
Mildred Horton	Paige Rohloff	

*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.*

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

September 19

Ronald Nagy  
Lynn Simms



September 23

Sam Conley

## VETS MINISTRY PLANNING

As most of you know, Advent will provide the meal for Vets on Friday, September 29. If you would like to become involved with this ministry, we have scheduled a planning session for Tuesday, September 19 at 10 :00 AM in Paine Hall. All interested in helping with this ministry please plan to attend. If you have any questions contact Jack Hanstein, Vets Meal Coordinator at 623.512.7608.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCTOBER 1**—1:00 PM Richard Palalay Concert

**OCTOBER 12**—11:00 AM The ACW Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon in Paine Hall. Chico's will be "sponsoring" the event.

**October 18**—5:00 PM Oktoberfest in Paine Hall.

## TWO NEW CLASSES OFFERED BY RAPH MARTIN

*Breaking the Code//Book of Revelation*

Dates: October 4, 11, 28, & 25; November 1 and 8  
Time: 10:00 AM —12:00 PM

The course will use Biblical scholar, Bruce Metzger's work *Breaking the Code* which will provide insights into the characteristics of apocalyptic literature. This course assumes some familiarity with the Hebrew scriptures.

*Becoming Familiar with the Bible*

Dates: October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 3 and 10  
Time: 10:00 AM —12:00 PM

This course is for those who want to know more about the Bible and how to use it. It is your opportunity to become a Raider of the New Ark of Scripture.

## FAITHSTREET GIVING



Scan the QR code to go directly to Advent's giving page on the Faithstreet website.