

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

#### **REFLECTIONS ON GENEROSITY**

"Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" -Matthew 20:15 Jesus' parable gives us a glimpse not only into the heart of God, which overflows with love, mercy and generosity, but also into our human hearts, which can be filled with envy and resentment. We learn to be grateful for all God gives to us - and to our neighbors! Gratitude is the soil from which springs generosity.

#### 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). Last week, \$466.00



was donated to the Phoenix Dream Center. This week, funds collected will support the Clergy Discretionary Fund. This fund provides emergency assistance to Advent parishioners or other individuals in the

community. September plate offering recipient organizations are listed at www.adventaz.org.

#### **FAITH SEEKING JOURNEY CONTINUES**

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.)

## THIS LITTLE LIGHT... the weekly LUMINARY

September 24, 2023

Spaghetti

Dinner

Wednesday,

September 27

at 5:00 PM in

Paine Hall.

#### THE LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

THE LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY meets in Paine Hall each week between the 8:00 and 10:00 A.M. services, starting at 9:00 AM-ish and ending at 9:35-40 AM. We read and reflect on next Sunday's Gospel lesson three separate times, reflect on what we heard ,then respond to a set of questions designed for us to ask ourselves what we hear or feel called to do given the words of the text. Most people find it an invigorating form of Bible study. What's great about the Lectionary Bible Study is that people come to understand there are multiple ways of looking at biblical texts, and that the richness of them is vast. Join us for this fun and enlightening method of scripture study.

#### THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

#### Monday, September 25

9:00 AM Happy Hat Hookers 10:00 AM Card Ministry

#### Tuesday, September 26

10:30 AM **Exercise Fitness** 

Class

1:00 PM EfM

#### Wednesday, September 27

8:30 AM Altar Guild

8:30 AM Choose to Lose

10:00 AM Finance/Stewardship

Committee Meeting

10:30 AM Parish Council Meeting

Holy Eucharist w/Healing Service 4:00 PM

5:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner

#### Thursday, September 28

10:30 AM **Exercise Fitness Class** 

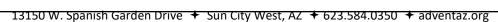
3:00 PM **Choir Practice** 

#### Saturday, September 30

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

12:00 PM Cicola/McFarland Wedding and

Reception



# Advent Prayer List

September 24, 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 Lauren Lvnda Odile Ken Adams

Barbara Abbott\* Susan Alaine Patricia Beavin

Les Coates Sam Conley\*

Donna Claudon\*

Bishop Michael Curry

Ken Dockter **Angie Dombek** 

Rev. Timothy Dombek\*

Gena Fischle

Sheri Haskins Mildred Horton Luciano G. Cheryl Gould Ruth Johnson Sharon Kissel Bettie Lacher

Bob & Barbara Lentz Millie Mallett\* Bill Navaratil\* Lvnn Neda Christy Necaise\*

Julie Percy Richard Raszkiewicz\*

Peggy Rochon Paige Rohloff

Joan Sell

Sue Ann Simon\*

David & Marilyn Smith

Cindy Steadman

Ron Steel\* Jesse Tavares\* Patricia Tomlin\* Amanda Weese\*

Jan West

Phyllis Widowski Bruce Wilson\* Jerry Wold

Jim and Gaye Wooldridge\*

The Doyle Family\*

The Family of Diane Arnold Kruzick

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 24 Cathy Kissel

September 25 Carolyn Carlson David Chew Dirk Prather Carol Van Raam

September 26 **Dorothy Eubank** 



September 27 Dorothy Halonen-Elmiger

September 28 Patti Hirst Millie Mallett Paula Rutili

September 29 James Nord

#### 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.

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

September 24 Tom & Pat Carroll September 29

Ronald & Elizabeth Nagy

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

OCTOBER 1—1:00 PM Richard Palalay Concert

OCTOBER 3—Morning Prayer in Sanctuary followed by Men's Club and ACW joint meeting

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.

#### **FAITHSTREET GIVING**



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