



Advent
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Connect + Inspire + Transform

THIS LITTLE LIGHT...
the weekly LUMINARY
September 24, 2023

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.



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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.)

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
4:00 PM Holy Eucharist w/Healing Service
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



Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday,
September 27
at 5:00 PM in
Paine Hall.

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

September 24
Tom & Pat Carroll

September 29
Ronald & Elizabeth Nagy

Happy Anniversary!

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.

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.