



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sundays: 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Holy Eucharist—Rite II Masks optional</p>			<p>Eucharistic Lectionary Year A Office Lectionary Year 1</p>	<p>1 Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p> <p>9:30 am Pilgrim Series @ Rectory</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Consecration of New Diocesan Bishop</p>
<p>4 <i>Advent 2</i></p>	<p>5</p> 	<p>6 Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Study via ZOOM</p>	<p>8 Bryan Small Birthday Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p> <p>9:30 am Pilgrim Series @ Rectory</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p>
<p>11 <i>Advent 3</i> Bishop's Visitation</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Study via ZOOM</p>	<p>15 Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p> <p>9:30 am Pilgrim Series @ Rectory</p>	<p>16 Ember Day Wendy Hartsook Birthday</p>	<p>17 Ember Day</p>
<p>18 <i>Advent 4</i></p> 	<p>19</p> <p>5:30 pm Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>20 A.G. & Claudia Shiflett Anniversary Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p>	<p>21 Saint Thomas, The Apostle</p>  <p>6:30 pm Bible Study via ZOOM</p>	<p>22 Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p> <p>9:30 am Pilgrim Series @ Rectory</p>	<p>23</p> 	<p>24 Eve of the Nativity</p>  <p>7:00 pm Service</p>
<p>25 The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Day</p>	<p>26 Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr</p>  	<p>27 Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist Kathy Small Birthday</p> <p>Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p>	<p>28 The Holy Innocents</p>  <p>6:30 pm Bible Study via ZOOM</p>	<p>29 Ben Armistead & Tom May Anniversary Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p> <p>9:30 am Pilgrim Series @ Rectory</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve</p> 

December 2022 Service Schedule

Altar Guild: Gail Parrish, Shepherd Parrish
Counters: Carolyn Smith, Claudia Shiflett



December 4 The Second Sunday of Advent

LEM/Lector 1: Pauline Vismer
Lector 2: Penn Bowers
Usher: Kevin Cordray
Coffee Host: Carolyn Smith & Michael Silberman

December 11 The Third Sunday of Advent: Bishop's Visitation

Lector 1: Penn Bowers
Lector 2: Lorrie Pollard
Usher: Carolyn Smith
Bishop's Reception: Anita Cordray & Gail Parrish

December 18 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

LEM/Lector 1: Bill Carr
Lector 2: Millie Travis
Usher: Floyd Hill
Coffee Host: Betty Loving

December 24 Eve of the Nativity, 7:00 pm

LEM/Lector 1: Penn Bowers
Lector 2: Lorrie Pollard
Usher: Millie Travis

December 25 The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Said service, no music

Angel Tree

We hope to have the Angel Tree in place by Sunday, Dec. 4th. We will have a sign-up list in the Parish Hall, and we will use that online "Sign-Up Genius" program that we used last year. If you prefer to donate money, we will buy the gifts and let you know what you have gifted to these children and their families.



Jo-Anne McCausland

Mark your calendars!

December 3	Consecration of the 14th Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia
December 11	Bishop Goff visiting for confirmations and baptisms
January 1	Lessons and Carols
January 22	Annual Meeting
January 29	Beverly's last Sunday



The Messenger

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Advent as a Liminal Time

The word liminal derives from a Latin word meaning threshold. It is that moment when you leave one space and enter another. Puberty is a liminal time, as a young person makes that transition from child to adult, being both and neither at the same time.

For Christians, Advent is a time when we recall the promise of a Messiah, eagerly and desperately hoped for and when we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Christ child at Christmas. It is the time we remember Christ's promise that he will go and prepare a place for us, and the time we await his second coming.

Advent is not the rigorous fasting of Lent, yet it is not the feasting of Christmas. It is not the long green season of growth, but a time of waiting and of anticipation for what is to come.

As a congregation this year, it is both a time of letting go and preparing to say goodbyes. It is also a time of hope and preparation for a future yet unknown. Take advantage of this liminal time to remember what has gone before, not holding it so tightly that you cannot let go at the right time and take hold of the blessings of the future.

Blessings,
Bev +



Saturday, December 24th

**7:00 pm Festive Service
of Holy Eucharist Rite 2
with Adult Choir & Homily**