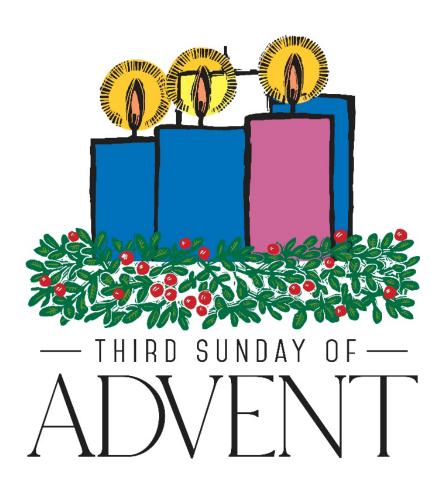


Holy Eucharist Rite II with Baptisms December 14, 2025, 10:30 a.m. The Third Sunday of Advent



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHEVY CHASE PARISH

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Church Office: Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; closed 1 - 2 p.m.

Today at All Saints December 14, 2025

Welcome to All Saints Church!

Ushers and Greeters are available to help if you are new – please ask if you have any questions. We are glad you are here! (We respectfully ask that all cell phones be silenced.)

- **Nursery** for infants children 3 years old is open from 7:45 a.m. noon on the lower level.
- **Stop by to meet staff and clergy** at the 8:45 am breakfast or for coffee in the Parlor following the 10:30am service.
- Take a Tag from one of our Blessing Trees around the church and buy a gift (coats, etc.) for one of our local outreach partners.
- The Thrift Shop is open today, 9:30-12:30. Check out their holiday boutique

Schedule for the Day

5:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite I (Nave)			
8:45 a.m.	All Saints Sunday Breakfast (Hallway) (Food may be taken to the Great Hall and Memorial Hall)			
9:15 a.m.	Christian Formation			
	 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (no regular Sunday School for PreK – 4th grade) 			
	• Club & Crew – 5 th –12 th (Youth Room & 2 nd floor High School Lounge)			
	 Joint Adult Forum: Report from the 2025 Dominican Republic Mission Trip (Great Hall) 			
9:30 a.m.	Choir Practice (Choir Room/Nave)			
10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite II, with Choir (Nave & Livestream)			
12:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)			
4:00 p.m.	Advent Lessons and Carols (Nave)			

Christmas Party at Rockville Women's Shelter

Circle, High School Student Ministry will meet at Rockville Women's Shelter

Prelude

Prepare the Way, O Zion - Setting by Peter Crisafulli

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Processional Hymn

Hymnal 65 – Prepare the Way, O Zion

(Stand as your are able. All may join in singing)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Joy

(As the Advent candle is lit, the leader will explain its significance.)

Reader: The angels sang a message of JOY! "Do not be afraid. I bring you

good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town

of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your

gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Reader: Lord, you are the light of our world.

People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Reader: O God of grace and promise, we await the fulfillment of your

wondrous plan. Our King and Savior now draws near:

Come let us adore him.

People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Reader: May the light of your love always shine in our hearts.

All: Amen.

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory,

now and for ever. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

The First Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

The congregation may be seated.

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD,

hey shall see the glory of the LORE the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,

the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

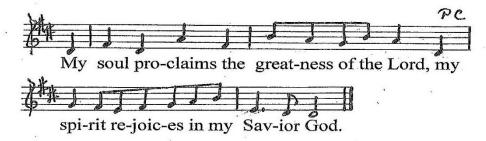
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15 - The Song of Mary

(All may join in singing the refrain.)

Refrain:



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; * for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

Refrain

He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

Refrain

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty.

Refrain

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, * for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Refrain

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 444 - Blessed Be the God of Israel

The Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'
"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

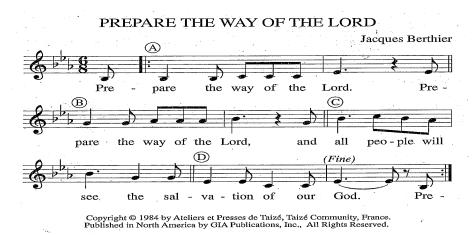
Children may come forward for a short homily.

Kids' Time Processional

Prepare the Way of the Lord

At this time, Children 3 years old – 2nd grade may follow the cross to be dismissed for Kids' Time; older children may return to their parents in the pews.

(All may join in singing.)



Sermon: The Rev. Meredith Kefauver Olsen

HOLY BAPTISM.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The baptismal candidates and sponsors proceed to the area near the font.

Children may come forward to sit on the carpets at the front of the church to observe.

Celebrant: Beloved in the Lord, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father to witness the Sacrament of Holy Baptism by which these persons are to be made members of Christ's Body, the Church. By the working of this holy sacrament,

ordained by Christ himself, they will die to sin and be raised to newness of life, receiving the fullness of God's grace that they may faithfully serve him all the days of their lives.

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidates are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is

brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Answer: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the

full stature of Christ?

Answer: I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness

that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and

destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of

God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

Then the Celebrant addresses the congregation, asking:

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support

these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Let us now join with those who are committing themselves to Christ

and renew our own Baptismal Covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and

earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,

repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in

Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as

yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect

the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

(Congregation may be seated.)

Celebrant: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament

of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus

> Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit

moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and

resurrection, from the bondage of sin into ever-lasting life.

We thank you, Father for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Baptisms

Each candidate is presented by first name.

Celebrant: Name this child.

Celebrant: N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

The candidate is marked on the forehead with holy oil in the sign of the cross.

Celebrant: N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own

for ever.

People: Amen.

A Baptismal Candle is lighted from the Paschal Candle and presented, the Celebrant saying,

Celebrant: Receive the light of Christ.

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Celebrant prays over the newly baptized:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ

crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal

priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All exchange a sign of peace.

Welcome & Announcements

Offerings may be made by placing cash or check in offering plate, using this QR code, or online at: allsaintschurch.net/give.



All unrestricted plate offerings received on the second Sunday of each month will be designated for the Priests' Discretionary Fund—a quiet but powerful way our church family supports those facing urgent needs and extends Christ's love in times of hardship.

Offertory Anthem

(Sung by the All Saints Choir)

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying – Henry Hugh Bancroft

Presentation Hymn

Hymnal 56, v. 1

(Please stand. All may join in singing.)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Our service continues on **page 367** in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), the red book in the pews.

Sanctus et Benedictus

Hymnal S-130

(All may join in singing. Please sit or kneel as able)

The Celebrant continues on **BCP p. 368** until:

The Lord's Prayer (Turn to page BCP p. 364)

Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S-164 – Agnus Dei

(All may join in singing)

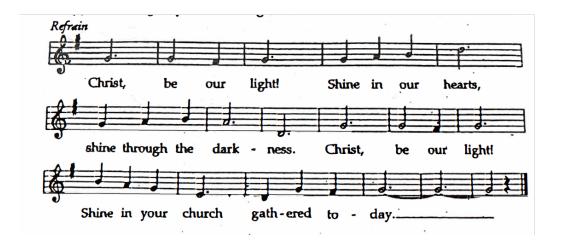
All Saints Church welcomes all baptized Christians to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. If you do not wish to receive Communion at this time, please cross your arms on your chest to receive a blessing. If you have limited mobility, please contact an usher to receive Communion in your seat.

Communion Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light – Bernadette Farrell

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Choir sings the verses. The congregation is encouraged to join on the refrain.



Post-Communion Prayer (BCP p. 365)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as

living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of

heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Please stand.

Recessional Hymn (All may join in singing.)

Hymnal 76 – On Jordan's Bank

(All may join in singing.,

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

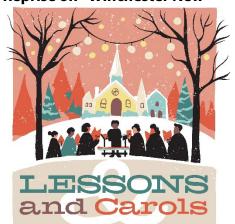
People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Come back tonight at 4 pm for our Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols!

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Reprise on "Winchester New"



This Week at a Glance (December 15 – 21)

Monday

12:00 p.m. Grief Share

Tuesday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. All Saints Women's Bible Study (*Library*)

12:00 p.m. Noon Day Service, Holy Eucharist Rite I (*Nave & Livestream*)5:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice for Christmas Pageant (*Choir Room*)

5:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting (*Library & Zoom*)

6:30 p.m. Knollwood Cookies and Carols – for all ages! (Knollwood Center)

Wednesday night Bible study and Student Ministry Connect

groups will join the Knollwood caroling

Thursday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (*Nave & Choir Room*)

Friday (Church office/reception closed)

Upcoming Events

Find our full calendar at allsaintschurch.net or in our Friday email, All Things All Saints

Thrift Shop Holiday Boutique, December 9-21,

Tuesday-Friday 10:30-1:30 pm, and Sundays 9:30-12:30

Cookies and Carols at Knollwood, December 17

Children's Christmas Pageant, December 21, 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Service Rite II, December 24, 10 am, 5 pm, 8:30 pm

Christmas Day Service Rite II, December 25, 10 am

First Sunday after Christmas Rite II, December 28, 10:30 am – only one service

Epiphany Party, January 7, 6:00 p.m.

ALL SAINTS PRAYER LIST

For updates or additions, please contact the church office (301-654-2488) or info@allsaintschurch.net.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN TROUBLE, SORROW, NEED, SICKNESS, OR ANY OTHER ADVERSITY

Adam Adrian Agnes Aimee Allan	Bob Bonnie Brad Buck Caleb	Doug Doug Ed Elizabeth Ellen	Jay Jean Jennifer Jerry Joe	Mark Joseph Mary MaryHelen Matilda May Day	Sara Shirley Shirley Sophia Sr. Marie
Amy	Carol	Emma	Juliette	Megan	Therese
Ana	Carson	Furaha	June	Melissa	Sue
Anastasia	Cary	George	Kacey	Meredith	Susan
Anita	Chris	Giancarlos	Karen	Merry	Taylor
Ann	Chris	Glynda	Kathryn	Nanci	Thelma
Anna	Christina	Glynn	Kiberu	Noel	Thomas
Annie Belle	Christopher	Grace	Laurel	Pamela	Trevor
Ashland	CJ	Graham	Linda	Patty	Trevor
Ashley	Clarese	Greg	Linnie	Paul	Vicky
Avy	Claudia	Greg	Lisa	Phyllis	Virginia
Barbara	Colleen	Hadley	Liz	Rev. Bisoke	Victoria
Bella	Colleen	Helen	Lucas	Richard	Wanda
Bertie	Corbin	Hiromi	Lydia	Rita	Wole
Beth	David	Hugh	Margarita	Robert	Yolanda
Betsy	Dee	lvan	Margie	Roberta	Yong
Bill	Desiree	Jane	Marjorie	Ron	Zachary
Bob	Dorothy	Jasmin	Mark	Sara	

In thanksgiving for this week's birthdays

Mary McCleary	Merrily Hardisty	Larson Cobb	McCallie Nading
Richard Brown	George Fellows	Nathalie Scharpf	Rafael Depetris
Adol Owen-Williams	Amanda Stieglitz	Jamie Pahl	Freya Streiffert
Andrew Martens	Caddy Faircloth	Linanne Breslin	
Edee Perry	Cynthia Shea	Hillary Molitor	
Betty Garrand	Fran Faircloth	Brooks Brawner	

FOR THOSE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Evelyn Marie Fischer George Shepherd McNair William David Murray

DEARLY DEPARTED

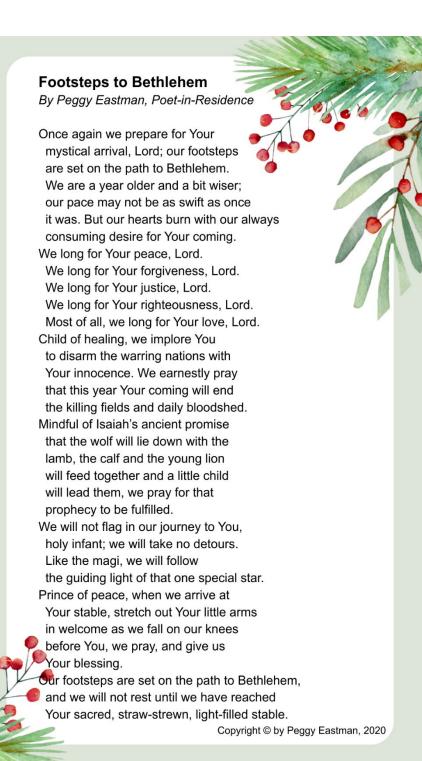
Rest eternal grant to George Wieder. Let light perpetual shine upon him.

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Paige Blomquist Colin G. Jones Kyle Yutumhc
G. Emerson Cox Alexander P. Jones

FOR THOSE WHO ARE EXPECTING

Rachel Lytlet Emily Mannon Godinho Emily Nucci Katheen Faulders Kathleen Palmer Brianna Buckingham Brand





Contribute to the Christmas Flower & Music Fund

Remember, celebrate, and give thanks for loved ones this Christmas by contributing to All Saints Church's flower and music fund. Your generosity helps fill the church with beautiful flowers for the holy days of Christmas and supports the glorious sounds of Christmas Eve worship, including supplemental musicians and the All Saints Brass. If you would like to make a gift in honor or memory of a loved one, please indicate this with your contribution.

To ensure inclusion in the bulletins, please provide all information by tomorrow, **Monday, December 15**. You can find a form in the pews, at



www.allsaintschurch.net/give or by scanning this QR code.



3 Chevy Chase Circle Chevy Chase, MD 20815 The Rev. Dr. James L. Pahl, Jr, Rector

The Rev. Dr. William Joseph Buracker II, Vicar

The Rev. Meredith Kefauver Olsen, Associate Rector

The Rev. Jeremy Adams, Deacon

Peter Crisafulli, Minister of Music

Susan Awad, Director of Children's Ministry

Emily Lawitz, Seminarian