

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Memorials: If you want to include your loved ones on the Memorial list in the Christmas Bulletins, please take a Memorial Envelope from the table in the Narthex, print the information needed on the slip enclosed and check off either funds going for flowers or the building fund. Place the envelope with the slip & offering on the plate no later than today, December 17th. Thank You

ACW Meeting: There will be an ACW Meeting immediately following the 10:30 service today. We will be discussing the Christmas Luncheon & the Pork Loin dinner in January. We will also be bagging the cookies for the Cathedral Outreach.

Sunday, December 24: Next Sunday is Christmas Eve. There will be one service at 9:30am to celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent. The Advent decorations will be changed for Christmas following this service. There will be one Christmas Eve Service at 6:00pm.

Annual Reports for AGM: All annual reports are to be sent by January 14, 2018. Email address to follow at a later date.

A Note from Cynthia Noble: This will be my last Sunday teaching Sunday School as Maria Thomas will be back to resume her role as Sunday School teacher in January. I would like to thank the congregation for their support and encouragement while I have been teacher. Thanks especially to Carrie and Joan who have helped and filled in as needed. Thanks also to the wonderful, eager children for attending and making it a joy to be their teacher! Cynthia Noble

*The Vestry would like to thank
Freddie Nason,
a member of Tuesday morning coffee club,
for decorating our Christmas Tree.*

Special Ministries Next Sunday December 24, 2017

9:30 AM

First Lesson: Nancy Robinson
Second Lesson: Volunteer
Layreaders: Cathy Lutes
Polly Brooks
Prayer Desk: Volunteer
Sidespersons: Volunteer
Volunteer
Counters: Ken Brien
Volunteer
Chancel Guild: Cathy Lutes
Sunday School: No class til Jan, 7,'18

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Parish Wardens: Ken Brien, Bob Boucher
Parish Treasurer: Jeffrey Mills

Services and Readings for Next Sunday:

December 24, 2017
4th of Advent (Year B)

9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16	OT Page 281
Psalms 89: 1-4, 19-26	BAS Pages 823 & 824
Romans 16: 25-27	NT Page 165
Luke 1: 26-38	NT Pages 56-57



Third Sunday In Advent

Sunday, December 17, 2017

St. Margaret's Anglican Church Welcomes You

Let peace surround you as you sit or kneel quietly. Let the hurry and worry of your life fall away from you. You are God's child. He loves and cares for you. He is here with you –and always. Give yourself time for Him. Have a happy day and may God bless you

SUNDAY SERVICE

8:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist: BAS Page 230
10:30am: Holy Eucharist: BAS Page 185

Special Ministries Today December 17, 2017

8:30 AM

Layreader: Nancy Robinson

10:30 AM

First Lesson: Sandy McCarty
Second Lesson: Brian McCarty
Layreaders: Peggy Boucher
Carolyn Pellow
Prayer Desk: Volunteer
Sidespersons: Georgina Terry
Volunteer

Counters: Andrew Gunter
Ken Brien

Chancel Guild: Cathy Lutes
Sunday School: Cynthia Noble

The Holy Eucharist

The Gathering of the Community

♪♪ Hymn HB 392

“Hark! A Herald Voice is Sounding”

Greeting

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♪♪ “As We Are Gathered”

Children's Story and Advent Wreath

Advent Candle Lighting Prayers (see pamphlet)

♪♪ Advent Song

“Light a Candle, Bright and Tall” vs 3

Collect for Purity (*All*) Page 185

Collect: All together, please

**God of power and mercy,
you call us once again**

to celebrate the coming of your Son.

**Remove those things which hinder love of you,
and when he comes,**

**he may find us waiting in awe and wonder
for him who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

📖 1st Lesson: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

OT Pages 691-692

Following the reading of each lesson:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 126

BAS Page 885

2nd Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
NT Pages 205

Gradual Hymn HB 164
“Jesus Shall Reign”

Holy Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28
NT Pages 91 & 92

Reader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

All stand for the reading of the Gospel
People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**
At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says:
The Gospel of Christ.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Children can leave with Cynthia for Sunday School.

Sermon

The Creed Page 188

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy God, you have spoken through your prophets and called us to make straight the way of the Lord: Visit us with your grace to cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations, as we pray: God has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

O God of peace, you have called your people to rejoice always and to pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances: Sanctify your church and her members that our spirit and soul and body may be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Almighty God, you love justice and hate wrongdoing: Guide our leaders and all in authority, that they may bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the

captives, repair the ruined cities and cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

God has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Compassionate God, look upon the needs of the world: Proclaim the year of your favour, and clothe your children with garments of salvation and the robe of righteousness.

God has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Gracious God, be among us in this community that we may be a people whom you have sanctified to testify to the light and to become oaks of righteousness.

God has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Receive our prayers for those for whom we pray in intercession, especially__.

Hear our gratitude as we offer our thanksgivings, especially for__.

Comfort all who mourn, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit, as we remember before you those who have died, especially__.

God has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Loving God, your Advent people look expectantly for the coming of Christ: As the earth brings forth its shoots, and as the garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, nurture our prayers and the thoughts of our hearts, that we may receive with joy the goodness of your strength and live in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

Confession and Absolution Page 191

The Peace Page 192

Announcements

Those who prefer to not drink from the chalice (common cup) are asked to indicate that to the administrator of the host. The host will be intincted (dipped) for you

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Sentence

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. *Isaiah 61:1*

Offertory Hymn OBB 93

“The People That in Darkness Sat”

The Prayer over the Gifts:

**God of Hope,
renew in us the joy of your salvation
and make us a living sacrifice to you,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #3 Pages 198-200

Proper Preface for Advent Page 219

The Lord's Prayer Page 211

The Breaking of the Bread #5 Page 212

Communion Hymn

Choir – “ God Has Spoken to His People”

The Prayer after Communion:

**Merciful God,
may this eucharist free us from our sins,
fill us with unending joy,
and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
who is Lord now and for ever. Amen**

Doxology Page 214

The Blessing

Final Hymn

“Of the Fathers Love Begotten”

Dismissal Page 215

Dismissal Song “Send Us Out”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

√ We welcome all visiting with us today, and invite you to stay for coffee and conversation.

This Week

√ **Tuesday**

9:00 a.m. – **Coffee Club:** Cards, crafts and conversation. Come and bring friends. All welcome.

1:30p.m. – **Bible Study:** postponed until the New Year.

√ **Wednesday**

9:30-11:30a.m. – **Parents & Tots-** final day before Christmas Break. Resuming January 10th.

Special Ministries – Christmas Services
December 24, 2017

6:00pm

First Lesson: Volunteer

Second Lesson: Volunteer

Layreaders: Carolyn Pellow
Jeffrey Mills

Prayer Desk: Volunteer

Sidespersons: Volunteer
Volunteer

Counters: Andrew Gunter
Volunteer

Chancel Guild: Cathy L./Carolyn P.
December 25, 2017

10:00am

Lessons: Nancy Robinson

Layreaders: Faith Cormier

Chancel Guild: Nancy Robinson

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