

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
*A Parish of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan*  
**The Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Eve**  
**December 24, 2020**  
**Holy Eucharist: Rite II**

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Presider: Rev. Tom Manney  
Lector/Eucharistic Minister: Neil Hargrave  
Music Director: Kitty Underwood

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**The Word of God**

Station at a Christmas Creche

Presider: The glory of the Lord has been revealed.  
People: And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

Lighting of the Christ Candle Insert

Introit "Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel" by Jay Althouse Choir  
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Opening Hymn "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Hymnal H-87

Opening Sentence Book of Common Prayer 355  
The Gloria (sung) BCP 356

The Collect of the Day BCP 212

The Lessons  
Isaiah 9:2-7 Insert  
Psalm 96 Insert or BCP 725  
Titus 2:11-14 Insert

Sequence Hymn "While Shepherds Watched their Flocks" Hymnal H-94

The Holy Gospel Luke 2:1-14, (15-20) Insert

Sermon Rev. Tom

The Nicene Creed BCP 358  
The Prayers of the People Form I BCP 383

The Peace BCP 360

**The Holy Communion**

Offertory Hymn "All is Well" Choir  
Words/music by Michael W Smith and Wayne Kirkpatrick  
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Doxology (sung)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367  
Sanctus Hymnal HS-129  
The Lord's Prayer BCP 364  
The Breaking of the Bread  
Christ our Passover... BCP 364

"Agnus Dei" (sung)

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us (Repeat)  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us, grant us peace.



*Ministration of Communion –  
Wherever you are in your journey of  
faith, you are welcome at God's table.*

Communion Hymn "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" Hymnal H-81

Post Communion Prayer BCP 366  
Post Communion Hymn Hymnal H-111

The Blessing  
Closing Hymn "Joy to the World" Hymnal H-100

The Dismissal – *The Peoples' Response: Thanks be to God.*

FYI – BCP Book of Common Prayer (red book). H – Hymnal 1982 (blue book). HS – service music (first section) Hymnal 1982 (blue) P – Praise (green spiral bound). LEVAS – Lift Every Voice and Sing (red & black).

**Biblical Notes: Christmas, or Christ’s Mass**, is a festival commemorating the Incarnation of the Word of God in the birth of Jesus Christ. In the BCP it is also called **The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**. Christmas was first celebrated in Rome in the year 336. The date, Dec. 25, has no historical foundation. The Christmas season lasts twelve days (hence the song), from Christmas Day until Jan. 5, the day before the Epiphany

### **Flower Donations**

Ina Dockham-In Loving Memory of Mom, Dad, Linda & Ed  
John & Yvonne Malinich -in Loving Memory of Loved Ones  
Wes & Kathy Wagester-In Memory of Our Loved Ones

#### **St. John’s Ministries & Contact Persons:**

**Church Office** – 810-796-2371

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#### **Curate Tom Manney’s Office Hours**

**Office Hours:** Tuesday & Friday - 10:00 - Noon

You may drop in or call (810)338-6332 to make an appointment.

**Home Visitations:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month – afternoons

### **Christmas Eve**

On the eve of our Christmas celebration, Jesus’ birthday, we light all the candles of the Advent wreath.

First, we light the candle for **HOPE** because Jesus is our hope.

Second, we light the candle for **PEACE** because Jesus is our hope and peace.

Third, we light the candle for **JOY** because Jesus brings joy.

Fourth, we light the candle for **LOVE** because Jesus is love.

Finally, we light the center candle. This is the Christ candle. Jesus is born. Jesus has come. Jesus is our salvation.

Let us pray together:

Great God of love and light, we thank you now for the light of that special star over two thousand years ago that guided humble shepherds and learned wise men to the holy babe. Lead us now, by the light of your love, that we also may follow you to new life in him. In celebration of the birthday of our King and our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray,

**Amen**

*Christmas I, All Years*

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**Psalm 96**

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.  
2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day  
to day.  
3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.  
4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.  
5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
\*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.  
6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!  
7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.  
8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.  
9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.  
10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King!  
\*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be  
moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."  
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.  
12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.  
13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

### **Titus 2:11-14**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

### **Luke 2:1-14(15-20)**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in

the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

[When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

## December 2020

### Prayer List: Family, Friends, and Members

12/27/2020

Derek & Maria Ames-Caretakers for Evelyn Sunich-Covid 19  
Nancy Bade-Friend of Margaret Smith-Successful knee surgery  
Dianne Bishop-Prayers for a good diagnosis and for healing  
Kyle Bishop - grandson of Dave Bishop - for healing  
Isaac-7-year-old grandson of a friend of the Buszek Family, for a  
Critical brain injury.  
Kathleen and Richard Buszek - for healing and care giving.  
Joe Childers-Friend of the Malinich's, For healing.  
Connie-Friend of Linda Neros-for continued good health  
Robin Daugherty-Prayers for healing  
Jonah Debusk-Heart murmur  
Danny DeLisa-Friend of Dianne Bishop: Recovering from Brain Tumor  
Bob & Sharon Deriemaecker-for comfort over the loss of their son  
Jace  
Dzingle Family-Friends of Sherry Wagner-House fire  
C. Fay-Recovering from Brain Surgery  
Blake Ellen-from Wes Wagester; infant with cardiac problems  
Melissa Fettig - (Eleana's daughter), her lifetime partner  
Robert, and their daughter Harper - for peace.  
Steve & Karen Globowski-Friends of Margaret Smith-Strength and  
comfort as they deal with Steve's Dementia.  
Sally Granger - for healing and relief from pain.  
Judy Gray - for successful treatment of skin cancer.  
Mary Halfpenny - dear friend of the Miller's - cancer.  
Jane Harlow-For healing  
Leann Hessel-friend of Mary Cameron; Breast Cancer  
Bob Hollis-Friend of Sherry Wagner-Healing from diabetic infection  
Herman Houser-Friend of Dianne Bishop: Stomach Cancer  
Beth Huffman-Friend of Kitty Underwood; Brain Tumor  
Joe Janiga-friend of Wes Wagester, Entering Marine Boot Camp  
Rick Kerner-Friend of Wes- Recovering from Stroke  
Chris Landis-Nephew John & Yvonne Malinich-for healing  
Justus Lengemann-Friend of Rev Tom-recovery from open heart  
surgery  
Gary Malhado - brother of Sue Thornton - for healing, strength,  
and peace.  
Kathy Navarro - sister of Eleana Fettig - for peace & healing.  
Rev. Ann Norton-for healing and strength  
Jerry Parka-Friend of Corinne Fry-Pancreatic Cancer  
Sarah Parks-Rector, Grace Lapeer-fighting cancer  
Ronnie Rappuhn-Friend of John & Yvonne for healing  
Austin Reed-friend of Connie Ogg, recovery from surgery &  
staph infection  
Anne Shenck-Friend of Corrine-for healing  
Julia Shenck-Friend of Corrine Fry for healing

Cindy Shimp-Becky Foster's sister-in-law-Healing of Cancer  
Kathy Shipp-for healing from cancer. Sherry Boyden's sister  
Kari Stark - stepsister of Kitty Underwood - Comfort for MS.  
Elizabeth Colavincenzo Swan-Priest in Davison; Comfort over her loss.  
Rev. Nancy Steele-For healings from Skin Cancer  
Sally Thiede-Friend of Sherry Boyden-for strength & healing  
Sue Thornton - for peace.  
Kitty Underwood-for healing and strength  
Chris Ververo - nephew of the Millers - cancer is in remission.  
Wes Wagester- For healing.  
Mark Wagner-Successful Surgery  
James Walker-PTSD from 2 tours in Iraq  
Carl "Pete" Weidner - friend of Wagester's - for healing.  
Melanie White-Liver transplant  
Michaela Wolford-friends of the Wagester  
family as she recovers from an accident  
Tim Wright - Continued healing

**Our home parishioners:** Eleana Fettig and Harvey Taylor, Donna Lou  
Haynes, Evelyn Sunich, Helen Thiemkey,

**Those in Service to our country:** Dylan Anderson, Devin Black, John  
Hodgeman, John McNary, Glenn Miller, Jennifer Tedlie, John Eric Watson,  
Kyle Goodman, Ray Nairn, Jacquelyn Focarelli, Michael Focarelli, Jared  
Turnipseed, their families, Dr. Derrick Willsey, and all military chaplains.

**The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** The Diocesan Staff of Eastern and Western  
Michigan,

**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Ezo (South Sudan) and Faisalabad  
(Pakistan.)

**Offerings for 12/20/2020:** \$25,335.00 including \$25,000 the roof repair fund

#### **THIS WEEK:**

**Tuesday and Friday**-Office open 10:00-2:00 on Tuesday only

**Wednesdays, 4pm-Bible Study**

**Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.** - AA in the parish hall

#### **Sunday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>- Lessons and carols**

*Lesser Feasts & Fasts, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, St. Katherina von Bora, Church  
reformer, 1552*