

St. Barnabas

EPISCOPAL PARISH

The Holy Eucharist

December 24, 2024
8:00 pm

The Nativity of Our Lord

A bell tolls and we invite you to quiet your hearts for worship.

THE PRELUDE

Christmas Gifts

Vladimir Rébikoff

The Liturgy of Gathering

Please rise in body or in spirit.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Many ages after God created the heavens and the earth,
when man and woman were formed in God's own image;
long after the great flood, when God set the rainbow in the clouds as a sign of the covenant;
twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah;
thirteen centuries after Moses led God's people to freedom,
eleven centuries from the time of Ruth and the judges;
a thousand years from the anointing of David as king;
in the sixty-fifth week as Daniel's prophesy takes note;
in the one hundred ninety-fourth Olympiad;
the seven hundred fifty-second year from the founding of Rome;
in the forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus;
in the sixth age of the world, all the earth being at peace,
Jesus Christ, eternal Son of God, Son of the eternal Father,
willing to hallow the world by his coming in mercy,
was born of the virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea.

Today

Is the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ,
God made flesh.

THE GATHERING HYMN*

O Come, All Ye Faithful H-83

O come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,
come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;
come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels; O
on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther; O
glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est; O
we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps; O
who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly? O
come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;
Refrain

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Glory to God in the highest
And peace to God's people on earth.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Let us pray:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE*

Angels We Have Heard on High H-96

Verses 1 and 2

An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night, and the moun - tains in re - ply
Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer? What great bright - ness did you see?

ech - o - ing their brave de - light. Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis
What glad ti - dings did you hear?

De - o. Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - - - o.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 9:2-7

The reading is introduced:

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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 Counsellor, 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 onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

A brief silence, then:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear H-89



It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old, from
Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled, and
For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by pro - phets seen of old, when



an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace
still their heaven - ly mu - sic gloats o'er all the wea - ry world; a -
with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told, when



on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gra - cious King." The
bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - ering wing, and
peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling, and



world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
ev - er o'er its Ba - bel-sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES

Titus 2:11-14

The reading is introduced.

A reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

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 Saviour, 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.

A brief silence, then:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

Angels We Have Heard on High H-96

Verse 3

The musical notation is written on three staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Come to Beth-le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing; come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King. Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o. Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - - o." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. There are long horizontal lines above the second and third staves, indicating a sustained or held note.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

The Holy Gospel is introduced.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Christ.

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 Saviour, 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 favours!’

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.

A brief silence, then:

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Angels We Have Heard on High H-96

Verse 4

See him in a man-ger laid whom the an-gels praise a-bove; Ma-ry, Jo-seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o. Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - - - o.

Please sit.

THE HOMILY

Pastor Stephanie Kopsch

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

It is our custom to light candles for those who are sick or distressed and to remember those who have died.

The prayer stations are on either side of the Altar. The refrain is sung once.*

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria EOMv2-100

Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, — glo - ry be to God on high!

And on earth be peace to the peo - ple in whom God is well pleased.

Trusting in God's good news of great joy for all people, we offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world God loves.

A brief silence.

Glory to you, O God, for the song of the angels, proclaiming to the world Christ's holy birth. Give your Church a joyful song to sing, that we bring good news of peace and salvation to all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, O God, for the stars that shine in the depth of the night. Nudge awe in our hearts at the expansive mystery of the cosmos. Open us to find beauty in the clear darkness of the night and in the first glimmers of dawn. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, O God, for the child born to us who establishes a realm of justice and righteousness. Break bonds of oppression, bring reconciliation to warring lands, especially Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza, and establish peace from this time onward and forevermore. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, God, for Mary's loving care. Lead us to tend to one another in time of need. Share the comfort of your presence with all people tonight who are alone or separated from loved ones due to estrangement, incarceration, or illness, especially Irene, Matt and Suzy, Viola, Frank, Tom, Ellen, the Hayes family, Dennis, Marty and Diana, Larry, the people of Ukraine, the people of Sudan, the people in the Middle East, those who suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster, all victims of gun violence, and those we name aloud or in silence (*pause*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, God, for the multitude of the heavenly host. We rejoice in the zeal of all your saints who have witnessed the appearing of your grace, and who reveal to us your salvation for all. We remember especially those we name aloud or in silence (*pause*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abide with us, O God of mercy, and receive our prayers according to your abundant grace. **Amen.**

The refrain is sung once more.*

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria EOMv2-100

Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, — glo - ry be to God on high!
And on earth be peace to the peo - ple in whom God is well pleased.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ Child be always with you.

And also with you.

All share a greeting of peace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Liturgy of the Meal

THE OFFERTORY

The Offertory Sentence

The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

The Choir Anthem

A La Nanita Nana

Arr. Sherri Porterfield

Choir

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Presentation of the Gifts

The Offertory Hymn*

What Child Is This #115

3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant, king, — to own — him; the
King of kings — sal - va - tion brings, — let lov - ing hearts — en - throne him.
This, this — is Christ the King, — whom shep - herds guard — and an - gels sing;
haste, haste — to bring him laud, — the babe, — the son — of Ma - ry.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Preface and Proper Preface

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing.

Holy, Holy, Holy ELW-193

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blest is the One who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Barnabas, blessed George, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer*

It is our custom to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer.

As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:

Our Fa-ther in hea ven, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins
 as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al,
 and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours,
 now and for-ev-er. A-men.

The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem*

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Invitation to Communion**

Glory to God in the highest! Come to the Table of peace to receive what you are and become what you receive.

This is the table of God. Jesus welcomed everyone to his table, and so we at St. Barnabas welcome everyone to this table. Gather around the Altar as you are directed. You may stand or kneel as is your custom. The Celebrant will place the gluten-free bread into your hand. You have two options to receive the wine. A Chalice Bearer will offer the Common Cup from which you may drink, or you may dip the bread in the wine when a second chalice comes in turn. You may also choose not to partake of the Cup. When you have received the Sacrament, please return to your seat. If you or your children prefer only to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.

The Hymn During Communion*

Of the Father's Love Begotten



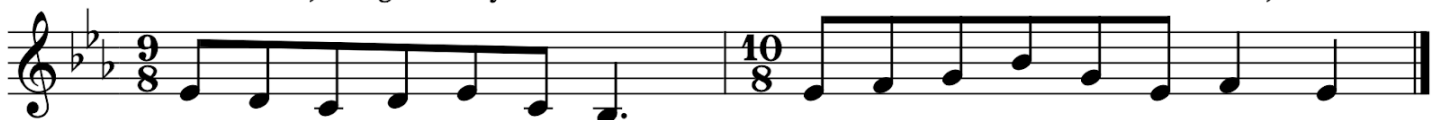
Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan ___ to be,
 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full ___ of grace,
 Let the heights of heaven a - dore _ him; an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;
 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost _ to thee,



he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the end - ing he,
 by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sa - vior of ___ our race;
 powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore _ him, and ex - tol our God _ and King;
 hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing, and un - wea - ried prais - es be;



of the things that are that have _____ been,
 and the Babe, the world's Re - deem _____ er,
 let no tongue on earth be si - - - - - lent,
 hon - or, glo - ry and do - min - - - - - ion,



and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! ___
 first re - vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! ___
 ev - ery voice in con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! ___
 and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! ___

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray...God our Redeemer,

you have fed us at this Table with the gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the Good News of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING

John 1:1-14

As we begin the reading, the overhead lights will be dimmed and ushers will give your candle light if you sit at the end of a row. Please hold your candle for your neighbor to light their candle, always tipping the unlit candle into the flame of the lit one.

The reading is introduced:

A reading from the Gospel of John.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

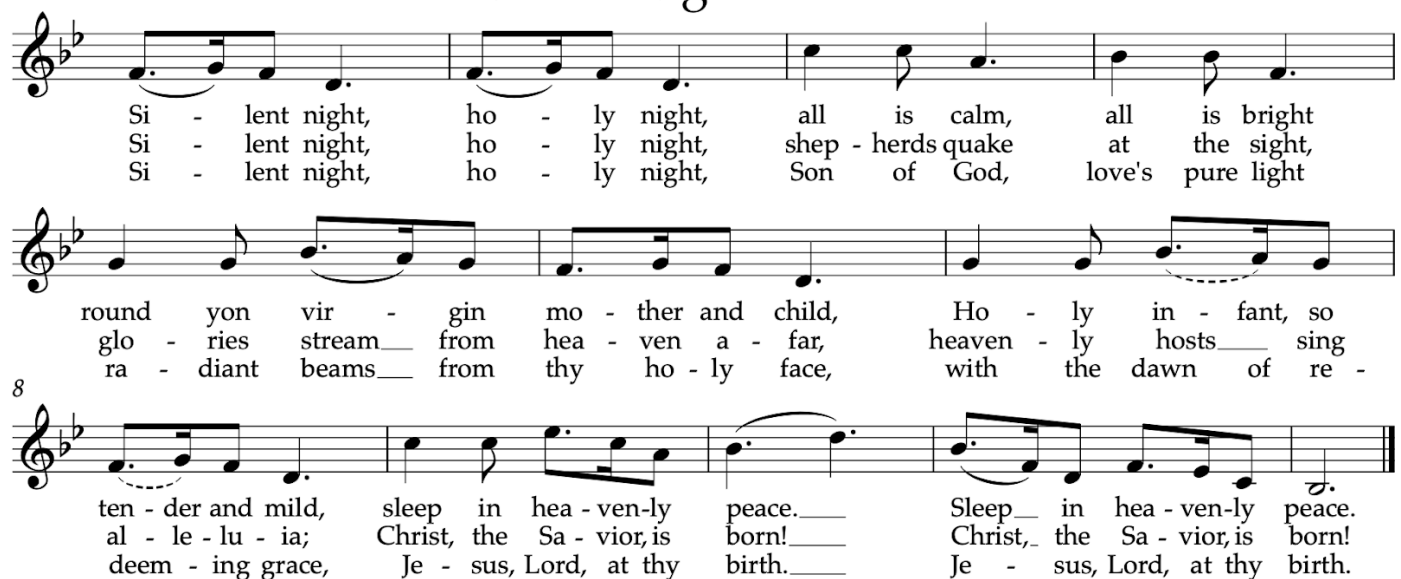
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Hymn*

Silent Night H-111



Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child, Ho - ly in - fant, so
glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heaven - ly hosts sing
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re -

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ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

THE BLESSING

Go now into this holy night with the blessing of God who created you,
the blessing of + Jesus Christ who took on our humanity to share our lot;
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit who continues to guide and direct our paths,
now and always. **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing H-87

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King! Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
Christ, by high - est hea - ven - a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord; late in time be - hold him come,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, - born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth,
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled! Joy - ful all ye na - tions, rise, - join the tri - umph of the skies;
off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God - head see; - hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty. -
born to give us sec - ond birth. Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is - born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, - our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the - heaven - born Prince of Peace!
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry - to the new - born King!

THE DISMISSAL**

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim the Good News. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

Postlude on 'Mendelssohn' David Willcocks

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Welcome to St. Barnabas!

We experience God's redeeming love in all and through all and respond to love through faithful worship, life-long spiritual growth, and committed outreach.

Our community shares a progressive faith, opens our arms to all seekers, and works to make the world more just.

Announcements

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE STAFF!

STEPHANIE+, PATTI, NICHOLE, RONDA, AND JULIA

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Christmas Day Service, 10:00 am: The Holy Eucharist (*sung*) will be in the Sanctuary.

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Office Hours: The office will be closed on December 25, 26, 27, and January 1.

NEW MEMBER CLASS OFFERED JANUARY 5 AND 12

On January 5 and 12, Pastor Stephanie will offer a New Member Class to people new to St. Barnabas. If you are curious about this parish, would like to formally affiliate, or simply have questions about who St. Barnabas' parish is and how you fit in, please join us following the 9:30 a.m. service. Depending on the number of participants, we will either meet in the chapel upstairs or in the sanctuary.