

## PARISH LIFE

**Our Vision: Transforming lives through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Our Mission: To share Christ's love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.**

**1) CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES** are in the pews. Last day to turn them in is next Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**2) We will once again be collecting toys, hats, mittens, gloves, etc. for the CHILDREN OF OUR SUDANESE CONGREGATION.** Angels will be available in the Fr. Amend Hall with a child's name, sex and age. Please take an angel and buy and wrap an age appropriate gift for that child. Put the angel on the gift as a name tag. All gifts need to be returned to the church by **December 22nd**.

**3) We will be volunteering at the Buffalo Dream Center, Boxes of Love.** Bagging groceries, Sat., December 14, 10AM to 1PM BDC 437 Masten Ave. If you are unable to volunteer on this day, you can pick up a detailed schedule of events at the information table in the Fr. Amend Hall.

**4) Join us for an afternoon of music and fun on Sunday, December 15th at 2:30 pm** in Fr. Amend Hall, as our children present a Christmas program. Afterward, we will have dinner and gingerbread house decorating! *If you would like to participate in the festivities after the program, please visit [stbartston.org](http://stbartston.org) to register.* (You do not need to register if you're just attending the program.) **For questions please contact our Director Liz Burkett at [dce@stbartston.org](mailto:dce@stbartston.org)**

**5) Thank you, St. Bart's Family!** The Ladies of the Wed. AM Bible Study thank you all so very much for your support in our efforts to SHARE THE WARMTH as the days grow colder. May God bless each of you, and each of those who will benefit from your generosity. A truck-load of warmth has been delivered to men at City Mission and to women and children at Cornerstone.

**5) The Annual Church Meeting** will be **January 19, 2025 at noon**. Lunch will be provided for those who attend. There will also be a Ministry Fair highlighting the various ministries of St. Bartholomew's.

**CHURCH FINANCES: November Income - \$ 42,922 Budget Expenses - \$ 47,439  
YEAR TO DATE: Income - \$ 513,889 Expenses - \$ 579,582**

***If you would like an Assisted Hearing Device to use during the service please see an Usher.***

***Please notify the Church Office of any address, phone number, or email changes so that we may keep our records current.***

***Please have someone notify the Church Office if you are or will be hospitalized so one of our clergy may visit with you.***

## **Welcome Visitors!**

It is our joy to have you worshipping with us today. At St. Bartholomew's we are on mission to see lives gloriously transformed through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. If this is your first time at an Anglican service we want to help you become better acquainted with who we are and what you will experience today.

### Our Background

St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church was founded in 1955 not far from our current location. We are members of the Anglican Communion which has its roots in the Church of England and includes over 80 million members worldwide. Although formally established in the 16th Century during the Protestant Reformation our beliefs and worship have remained the same since the days of the early church. It might be helpful to think of Anglicanism as a "middle way" between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism. Today, St. Bart's continues its mission to our community. Even if you are not a member, we encourage all people to join us for our weekly services and bible studies, volunteer opportunities and outreach events.

### The Liturgy

Anglican worship is defined by two commitments: 1) the authority of Holy Scriptures (the Word of God) and 2) the Sacraments (Holy Communion and Holy Baptism). Together Word and Sacrament point us to Jesus Christ and, in doing so, work to shape us into a faithful Christ-centered community. The way we express this worship is known as the Liturgy (our order of service). Far from empty ritualism, Anglican worship involves the active participation of the whole person: our mind, body, and spirit. Everything you see and experience in today's service — the prayers, the symbols, and the actions — all invite us to share in the good news of God's salvation. The reading and teaching of the Holy Scriptures (the Ministry of the Word) prepare us for the culmination of our service, which is the receiving of Holy Communion (also referred to as "the Lord's Supper").

### Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion with us today. If you would like to receive it but are not able to come forward, please tell an usher. The priest would be happy to bring communion to your pew. If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to receive the sacrament, we warmly invite you to still come forward and receive a blessing. You may indicate this to the priest by crossing your arms across your chest. As our valued guest your only obligation in today's service is to keep your heart open to receive what God may desire to do in you!

### Further Questions?

If you have any other questions, be sure to ask an usher, or even the friendly people around you! After the service, we invite you to meet with Fr. Ward.

## **St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church**

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### Second Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 7, 2021 4:30pm HE  
Sunday, December 8, 2021 8 & 10am HE

**Prelude Two Settings: "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"**  
Young/Hildebrand

Sacring Bell All stand when the bell rings.

**Processional Hymn #56 "O Come, O Come Emanuel" vs. 4-6**

**Opening Advent Sentences** (Pr.Bk. p. 145)  
Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon.  
**People: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

**Collect for Purity:** (Pr.Bk.p. 124) 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**

**Summary of the Law & Kyrie** (Pr.Bk. p. 124)

**Collect: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent:** (Pr.Bk. p. 598) Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **FIRST READING**

**Malachi 3:1-5: "Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the Lord of hosts. "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and**

refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the Lord offerings in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. “Then I will draw near to you for judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers and against the adulterers and against those who swear falsely, and against those who oppress the wage earner in his wages, the widow and the orphan, and those who turn aside the alien and do not fear Me,” says the Lord of hosts.

**Psalm 126** *In convertendo* (Pr.Bk.p. 444)

- 1 When the Lord overturned the captivity of Zion, then were we like those who dream.
- 2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
- 3 Then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”
- 4 **Indeed, the Lord has done great things for us already, whereof we rejoice.**
- 5 Overturn our captivity, O Lord, as when streams refresh the deserts of the south.
- 6 **Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.**
- 7 He who goes on his way weeping and bears good seed shall doubtless come again with Joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

**SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 4:1-7:** Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy. But to me it is a very small thing that I may be examined by you, or by any human court; in fact, I do not even examine myself. For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord. Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men’s hearts; and then each man’s praise will come to him from God. Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other. For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 3:1-6:** Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness. And he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins; as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT. ‘EVERY RAVINE WILL BE FILLED, AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL WILL BE BROUGHT LOW; THE CROOKED WILL BECOME STRAIGHT, AND THE ROUGH ROADS SMOOTH; AND ALL FLESH WILL SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD.’”

**Hymn #67** “Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People”

**The Sermon** “All Flesh Will See the Salvation of God” **Fr. Ward**

Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People, Confession Pr.Bk.pp. 127-130

Offertory 4:30pm “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” P. Manz  
10:00am “Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God” Adult Choir

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

Great Thanksgiving Pr.Bk.p. 132

**Communion Hymn #75** “There’s a Voice in the Wilderness Crying”

Thanksgiving and Priest’s Blessing

**Closing Hymn #72** “Hark the Glad Sound”

The Dismissal **LEADER:** Let us bless the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** “Postlude in C Major” **Friedrich August Reissiger**

**THE FLOWERS** are given to the greater glory of God and in loving memory of Lindsey Ann Mure from Mom & Dad, brother, Christopher, and her 2 children, Frankie & Olivia.

**THE CALENDAR**

- Sun. 12/8** 8 & 10am HE 10am Sunday School  
**Tue. 12/10** 6:30pm Women’s Bible Study & Men’s Discipleship  
**Wed. 12/11** 9:30am HE 10:30am Women’s Bible Study  
6pm Youth Group 7pm Adult Choir  
**Sat. 12/14** 10:30am Youth Confirmation 11am Music Showcase  
11am Women’s Luncheon at Sean Patrick’s  
4:30pm HE  
**Sun. 12/15** 8 & 10am HE 10am Sunday School  
2:30pm Children’s Christmas Program-  
**NOTE CHANGE IN TIME**

**SICK MEMBERS (SHUT-INS ITALICIZED):** Russell Ballaro, *Dorothy Bamberg*, Joan Bella, *Delores Bowker*, *George & Carol Brock*, Dini Brown, John Calabrese, Joan Calamita, Richard Carter, Wanda Cosentino, *Fay Crane-Preda*, Tom Crane, Pam Fish, *Muriel Forte*, Kenny George, Steve Gradzewicz, Lauri-Anne Hammond, Craig Heer, Dick Herrmann, Rick Herrmann, Lee Hilliker, Danielle Hyland, *Ken Johnson*, Carol Krieger, Jeremy Kyser, Sarah McGowan, Debbie McGuire, Frank Mure, Tammy Osmon, Peter Passino, Jackie Petrillo, Jon Prohaska, *Florence Purchase*, Michelle Rocker, *Jan Smalter*, Linda Soltis, Bob Tackaberry, *Sharon Tarapata*, Susan Tobin, Edward Woeppel, Brittany Wilkowski

**SICK LIST- FRIENDS & FAMILY:**

- 1 Larry Brzeczowski, Annette Hammond, Renee P., Jane Petrillo, Cathryn Dravis, Audrey Grant, Deborah Lentini, Donna Frey, Maddox Campbell, Luke Davis
- 2 Sheila Biles, Heather Lankes, Molly Tobin, Chrissy Vantrease, Debra Sereno, Mariana Floro, Anita Orton, Steve Bukkosy, Scott Smolen, Kaitlyn Sotka, Edna Barone, Ken Krieger
- 3 Cheryl Rossi, Lisa Ider, Al Schultz, John Ruch, Mathew Frain, Rosemond Ruhland, Janet Ballaro, Tim Herrmann, Scott Seifert, Sawyer Allard, Kenneth Miller, Jennifer Conley, Abby Hoy, Nancy DiNicola, Jim DiNicola
- 4 Christen Rae Newman, Mary Tobin, Charlene Walker, Mark Doran, Jackie Maher, Debbie Traugott, Jeanne & Asher Connelly, Kristina Schilling, Beth Zaker, Ginger Hobart, Pamela Boy

**OUR MILITARY:** Virginia Boy– Navy, James Kerins– Army, Sean MacLeay-Navy, Matthew Miller– Army, Matthew Prohaska– Air Force, Andrew Rebl– Army

**OUR LEADERSHIP AND STAFF**

**The Rt. Rev. Alan Hawkins, Bishop**  
**The Very Rev. Arthur W. Ward, Jr., Dean and Rector**  
Fr. Jacob Bush, Associate Rector  
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Dn. James Kibby, Facility & Media Operations  
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Mrs. Elizabeth Burkett: Director of Children’s & Youth Ministries  
Karen Wheaton, Cathy Reitz, Debbie Geis, Tammy Krull: Secretaries