

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

December 5, 2021





The Lighting of the Advent Wreath-Peace

Prelude Comfort, Comfort Now My PeopleK. Kosche

Welcome I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord"
Psalm 122:1

Opening Hymn #76 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry Verse 1

Call to Worship

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But 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; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Psalm 126

¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”

³The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Gospel According to Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

The Sermon **Rev. Cathie**

Reflection Music **“Breath of Heaven(Mary’s Song)”** **Soon Yeon Chung**

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For [Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Carlye our Bishop; and for] all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Join in praying for those on our parish prayer list.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray for Lesli Polidoro.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Let us pray for the whole human family.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP pg. 815)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *2 Corinthians 13:14*

CONFSSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors and ourselves.

People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Holy Eucharist Rite II B

The Lord be with you.

People *And also, with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Bartholomew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take and Receive them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him with your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Since we cannot all receive communion in person together, let us make an act of spiritual communion.

People: Grant, Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your Body, so may our souls be fed and healed by like faith in you, whom we cannot now all sacramentally receive. We ask this through your tender mercy, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MILESTONES

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Go in peace; love and care for one another in the name of Christ; and may the Spirit of God which filled John and Jesus, fill your hearts, souls and minds; may the power of God which upheld them, strengthen you for each day; and may the love of God which directed their every action be your guiding light and your shining star, both now and forevermore **Amen**

Dismissal Go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Closing Hymn #76 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry Verse 4 & 5

HYMN #76 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's cry

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more.**

**O let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.**

Celebrant-Rev. Cathie Sklenar-Studwell

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Prayer List-December 5, 2021

*Kindly keep the following parishioners and friends
in your prayers this week:*

Michelle, Virginia, Joan, Allan, Audrey, Allen, Peter, Peggy, Choi, Fred, Ron, Jim, Evelyn, Jimmy, Sherry, Dic, Rich, Lesli, Grace, Becky, Jeffrey, Vern, Joan, John, Kathy, Joan, Rakesh, Pam, Danielle, Scott, Danny, Oliver, Brigida, Betty, Wayne, JoAnn, Heather, Beth, Joni, Jennifer, Rue, Edith, Barbara, Carolyn, Richard, Beverley, Ed, Marcia, Mehgan

For our nation that we may heal and join together.

For our President, Vice President, and all Elected Officials.

For all families suffering from the loss of a loved one.

Prayers for those who are grieving the loss of over five million people globally, and over seven hundred seventy thousand Americans who have perished due to COVID19.

We pray for those suffering in our country and around the world. We pray for those in Haiti, Afghanistan, and those impacted by Hurricane Ida

For Wounded Warriors, All Medical Professionals, First Responders, Educators
Grocery Store Workers, Delivery People, and Everyone working to help our country.

Our Wardens, Vestry, Journey Forward Team, All Ministry Teams
all Parish members needing prayer.

Please remember in your prayers the friends and families of our parishioners and neighbors who are serving in the military:

Bobby, USA Jennifer, USA, Nicholas, USMC, Miles, USA

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant _____ as he/she begins another year. Grant that he/she may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For an Anniversary

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Whether In-Person or On-Line

You Are Welcome Here...

Worship Schedule

December 12 10:00 Advent 3

Worship in person and on-line via Zoom, Facebook Live, and YouTube. **Fellowship and Advent Study after worship.**

December 19 10:00 Advent 4

Worship in person and on-line via Zoom, Facebook Live, and YouTube. **Fellowship and Advent Study after worship.**

December 24 4:00pm

Worship in person and on Zoom

December 24 10pm

Worship on Zoom and Facebook Live

December 25 10am

Worship in-person, on Zoom, Facebook Live and YouTube

The Week Ahead at St. Bartholomew's

Monday -Saturday Morning Prayer 9:15-9:45

via Conference Call (339) 209-6277

Thursday, December 9- Bible Study 10:30-11:30am via conference call

Sunday, December 5-Choir Rehearsal 9:00am

Monday, December 6-Stewardship Team Meeting 7:15pm via Zoom

Wednesday, December 8-Praise Band Rehearsal 7:30pm

Save The Date

Sunday, December 19-Christmas Party in the Parish Hall after worship

Monday, December 20-Vestry Meeting 7:00pm via Zoom

Please remember St. Bartholomew's in your giving.

Checks can be mailed or taken to church.

Donations can also be made via on-line giving.

www.stbartshhk.com/pledge-donate

Please remember to mail in, or place in the collection basket, your 2022 pledge card. As we make our budget your gift will help us plan for our ministry in the new year.

Lord, thank you for all that you have given me. It is my desire to be a faithful steward. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit give me wisdom in using my time and possessions for Your glory and to grow Your kingdom.

Amen

Amen



Adopt a Poinsettia

**To decorate our church
and for you to take home.**

Flower envelopes are in the narthex.

The poinsettias are \$40 each.

All Donations are Greatly Appreciated.



Sunday, December 12

Please bring your gifts to church on or before December 12 so they can be delivered in time for Christmas. Thank you for your generosity and help in making Christmas brighter with your gift.



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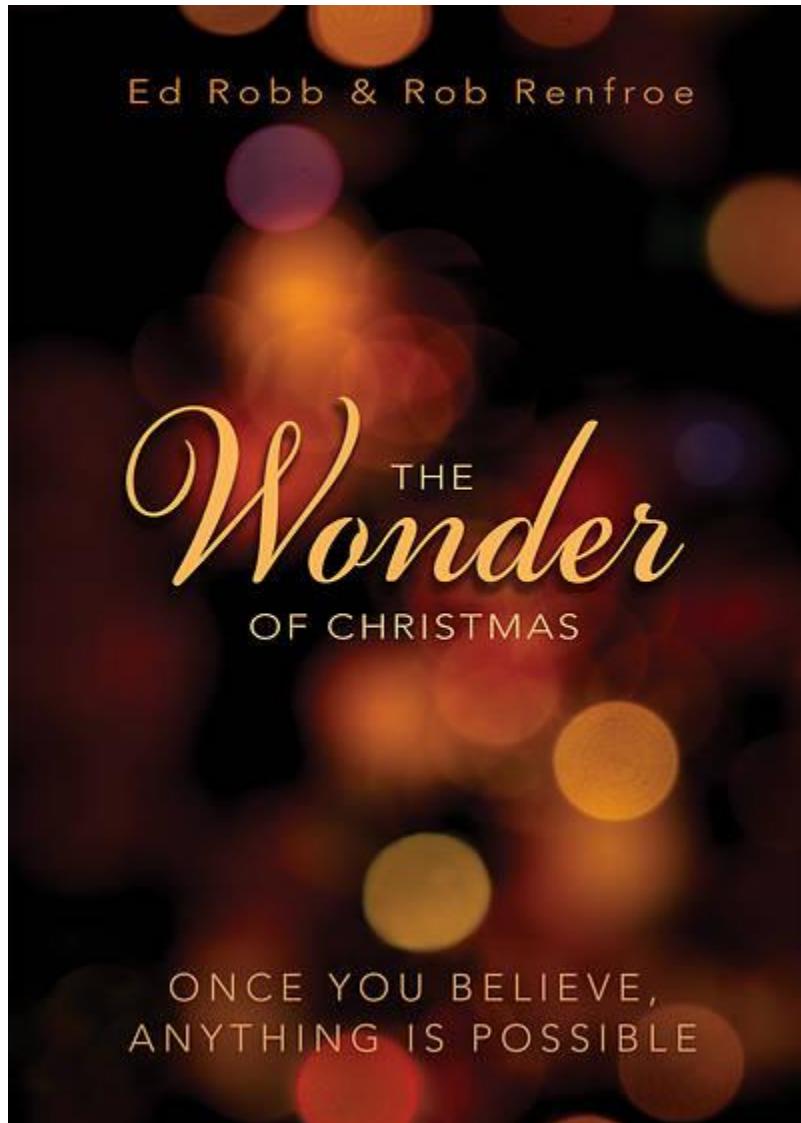
Gift Cards

Will be available for purchase during the fellowship hour after church.

We make 5% on every card sold.

When you shop for yourself, you help our church.

15 Minutes in Advent



Advent study during our fellowship time after worship. Beginning on November 28.

Join us for 15 minutes of Advent reflection each week as we journey together waiting for the birth of Jesus.

Altar Flowers for Celebration or Memorial

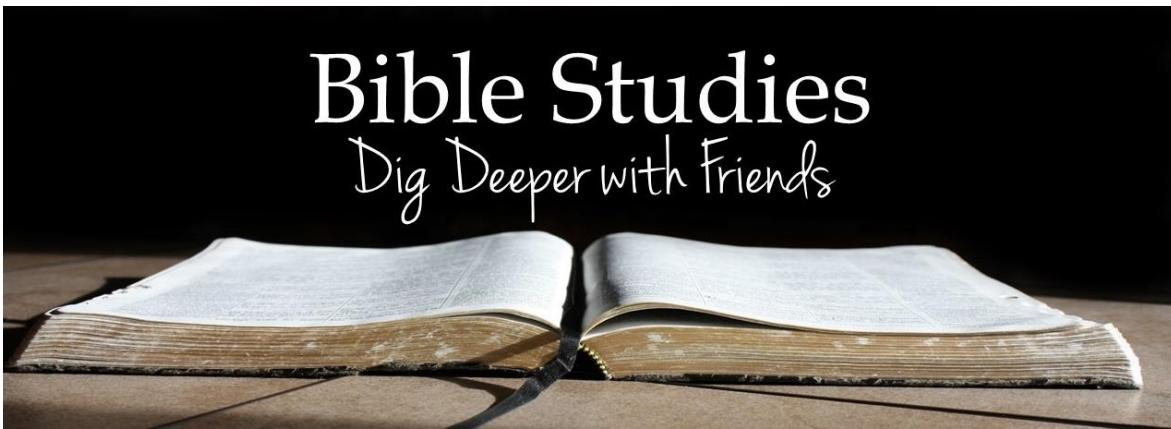


**To donate flower arrangements on the Altar,
please contact Virginia Smith 201-327-9316
or Rev. Cathie**

**1 office
hours**

**Office hours will resume on December 2 and 3. Contact Rev.
Cathie to schedule an appointment or just stop by.**

Journey With Paul-A Study of Romans



Thursday, December 9-Chapter 10

We meet from 10:30-11:30 am
via Conference Call 339-209-6277.

All are welcome, no prior knowledge of
Romans required.

**Do not conform to the pattern of this world
but be transformed by the renewing of your
mind. Romans 2**