

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



DECEMBER 8, 2024 – ADVENT 2 – YEAR C
10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

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WELCOME! We're honored that you're worshipping with us today. If you're not familiar with our Episcopal worship service, we hope this service bulletin will help. Masks are optional within the Cathedral buildings. Please use the hand sanitizer that is provided throughout the building before and after touching any surfaces. Thank you for helping us to remain as safe as possible while enjoying in-person worship. "This is how we love one another!"

Please stand as indicated and be seated for lessons

Prelude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

Remain standing

Processional Hymn

Hymnal # 54

Savior of the Nations, Come!

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.**

All sing

Hymnal # S-91

Kyrie

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

The people are seated

First Reading

Lector: Ellen Heath

A Reading from the book of the prophet Malachi (3:1-4)

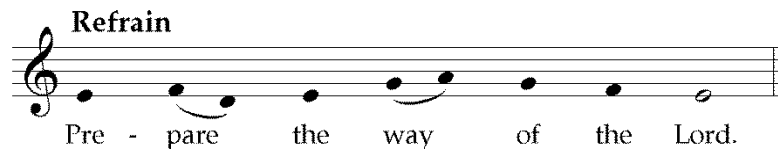
See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a 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. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Remain seated; all sing Refrain together

Canticle 4

Cantor: Fay Manicke



from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,

Refrain

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;

Refrain

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us,

Refrain

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.

Refrain

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,

Refrain

Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Refrain

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Suzette Price

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi (1:3-11)

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I 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. It 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. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 444

Blessed be the God of Israel

Remain standing

The Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as 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. Every 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; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

**The Rev. Cn. Bruce Montgomery
Priest Associate**

All stand as able and say together

A Statement of Faith based on Galatians 3:26-28

Celebrant: Let us renew our pledge to work for unity, justice, and peace.

We are all children of God.

There is no longer Jew or Greek.

There is no longer slave or free.

There is no longer male and female.

For we are all one.

We believe Jesus lived for this and died for this.

We pledge ourselves with God's help and the support of each other to make this become a reality.

All stand

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.**

Remain standing

Prayers of the People

Lector: Brenda Whiteman

The Leader and People pray responsively

Deacon: Wherever we are, in the wilderness, the countryside, or the city, God, you are there. That our hearts may be stirred up in thanksgiving for the life you have given us, let us pray, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lector: For the gifts of creation, for the sun that lights our day and the moon and stars that shelter the night: May our eyes be open to the beauty around us, the subtle changes in the sky, the delicate coating of soil from which breaks forth our food and flowers and in which animals make their home. Help us to protect and nurture your creation around us and ever proclaim its wonders. Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Albert Cooper, Peter G. Lewis, Fatu Ansah, Thomas Scott Porter, Jane Bridge, Joyce Johnson, Virginia (Ginny) Harmer, Jackie Ketter and Anthony Monte.** Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the church in every place: May we be ever mindful of the richness of the family of the church, the persons next to us in the pew, those in neighborhood churches, the national, international, and ecumenical church of every race, nation and economic circumstance. Let us give thanks for the web of friendship and trust that you give to those who are called the friends of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We remember God's holy catholic church, including Sean, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; Sally, our Bishop; René, Dean of this Cathedral; Bruce, John, Peter and Noel, priest associates; Carol and Chris, our Deacons, along with all other ministers in this congregation, lay and ordained; and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and the retiring Archbishop of the West Indies, Howard Gregory; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops, and the Revs.: Edward Lowe, Dr. William K. Ndishabandi, and Robin Pierre. Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Lector: For those in authority: Let us pray for Christians who witness in places hostile to the gospel, and let us be thankful for our freedom to practice our faith. Let us pray for the leaders of nations that Christ may transform strangers into friends that all may see your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We commend to your prayers this day all persons deployed in the service of our country. May they dwell safely under the protection of Almighty God. Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: For this community in our joys and sorrows: Let us remember those who have gone before us, those who have sacrificed for us. Help us to look for what is below the obvious, and from this depth to reach out to others. Help us to know the joy that is mingled even with our utmost grief. Let us give thanks for this gathering of God's people and for the renewal of life we are given. Lord, in our mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Lector: For those at greatest risk among us: Let us pray for those lonely, rejected, or oppressed, for the sick and those who struggle to regain their strength, for those among us with the longest memories to link us to the past, and for the newborn, in whose baptism our baptism is again renewed. Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We remember before you those who are sick, or in any other special need, especially the residents of Hamilton Grove Care and Rehabilitation Center; along with **the People of Ukraine and Russia, the People of Israel and Palestine, the People of Haiti, Amarachi Ngozi Okere, Victoria Jones, Margaret Ritterbusch, Pat Rice, Art & Lynn Powell, Ellen Wanser, Kim Minton & family, Dennis Kovach, Andrew McDonald, Wes Wood, Luis, Bill, Marian & Walter Roberts, Yseult Leger, Benny Barksdale, Mike Mattei, Kristopher Williams, Willie George, Gerald Neufeld, Jim Olsen, Leah, Joe, the Peters family, Nick Koukotas, Rev. Henry L. Edmonds, and Julian Parrish.** Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Silence ~ The People may add their own petitions

Celebrant: Lord, gather up our prayers with those of all your people in every place, and as you prepare the way, making every valley filled and every mountain brought low in blessing and adoration, guide us to Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please remain in your pew for the Peace.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Given that SARS-CoV2, the virus that causes the disease COVID-19, is now endemic in the US and globally, it is reasonable for parishes to return to a form of the peace common before 2019. It is clear, however, that for various reasons, some may not feel comfortable with handshakes, hugs and the like. It is thereby important that we are considerate and respectful of those who choose or need to take extra precautions.

Holy Communion

Please remain seated while Ushers collect the offertory

Offertory Anthem

Advent Message

Martin How

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

All stand, as able

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 64

O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, food donations to the Cathedral Food Pantry, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or Celebrant.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Eucharistic Prayer A

Chalice bearer: Bobbie Powell

Celebrant: 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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds . . .

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Hymnal # S-114

Sanctus

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues . . .

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray . . .

Celebrant and People:

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.

Fraction

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.
Then may be said . . .*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Hymnal # S-158

Fraction Anthem

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

All Baptized Christians are welcome to make their Communion at the Lord's table.

Communion Hymn LEVAS # 183

Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide

The People are seated

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People:

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

All stand, as able

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal # 59

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Blessing

Celebrant: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

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DECEMBER 8, 2024 ~ ADVENT 2



Following Christ, joining the Cathedral – We invite you to accept the invitation to follow Christ, to become a Christian and to become a member of Trinity Cathedral. We encourage you to fill in one of the pew cards and place it in the offering plate, or please contact one of the clergy.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 12/15 are:

Fay Manicke, Erica Warner, Gil Williams, Bobbie Powell, Cn. Phil Lewis, John Gummere, Ellen Heath, Susan Remmers, Dean John & Sue Gummere (Chinweze Ahaghotu - alternate)

Chalice bearer – Virginia Harmer

The Greeters for the 10:00 am Mass on 12/15 (3rd Sunday) are:

Jennifer Ng'andu (alternate – Margaret Nartey)

There are Advent calendars for adults, teens and kids on the literature table in the main hallway.

This week we will be bagging food for the Food Pantry; please join us on Thursday, December 12th to help out! (NOTE NEW PANTRY DATES - Our Pantry will now be open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays this month, as usual.)

2025 Stewardship Update – We have received \$256,468 in pledges from 69 pledging families, for an average of \$3,717 per family. Thank you for your generosity! If you would like a pledge card, please ask an Usher.

Thanks to all who ordered Christmas wreaths from our wreath sale! **See you TODAY for wreath pick-up and our “Santa’s Workshop” Christmas sale after the 10:00am Mass!**

Altar Guild Shop Update - Check out the many new items - great for gift-giving! Christmas cards and stocking stuffers, too! Weekly specials are waiting for you! **The Shop will be open Sundays during Advent.**

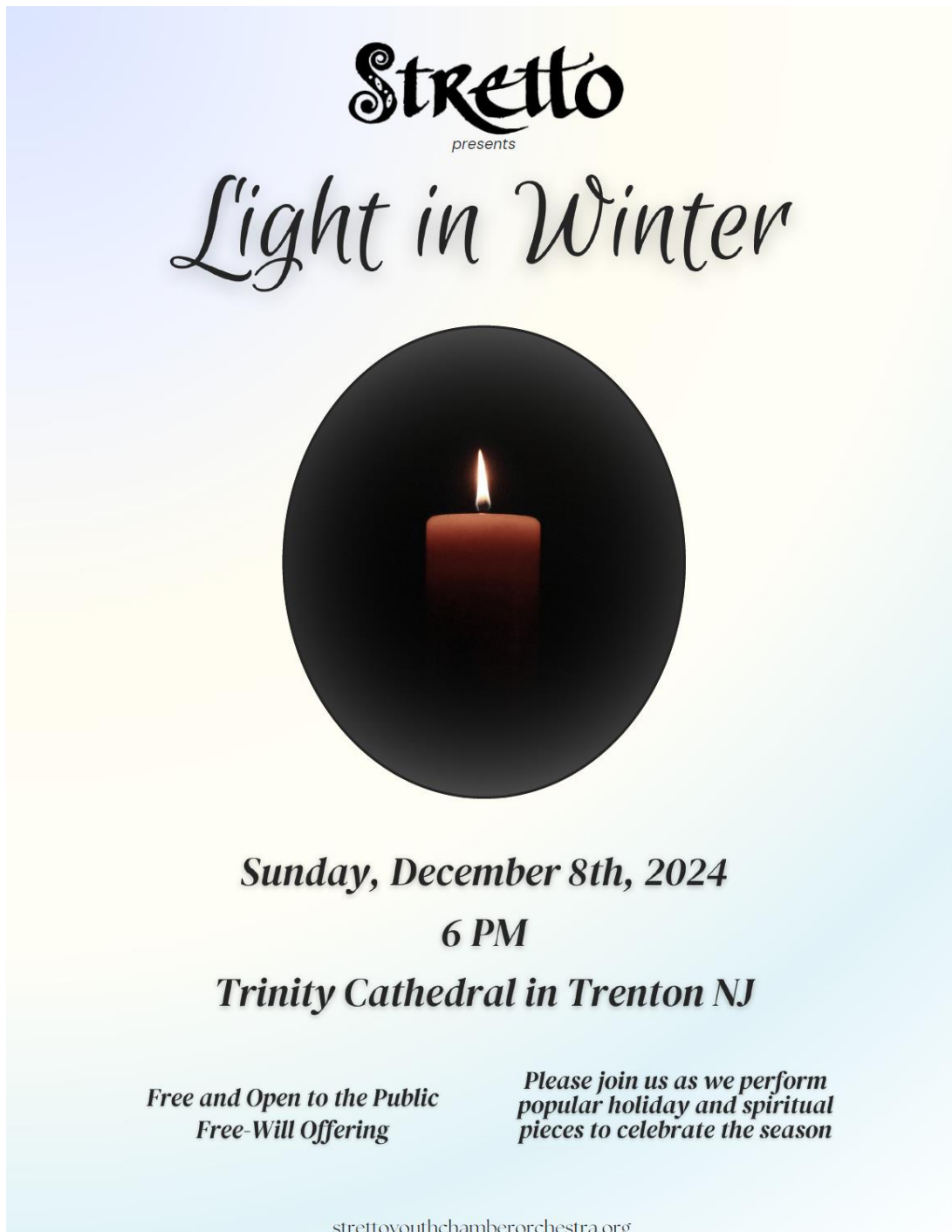
Need that unique gift? The shop has a variety of nativities & ornaments from around the world. **The ornament tree is waiting to get bare!** Also featuring beautiful upcycled jewelry from flatware. **Free gift-wrapping! Shop locally: save gas, time & money!**

SPECIAL: “*Taste of Joy - Recipes of Trinity Cathedral*” Cookbook **SALE - now just \$7!** (Reg. \$10.) Cookbook proceeds buy fresh produce for our Food Pantry. Wrapped with a wooden utensil, now \$10 - great hostess gifts for Christmas parties. **A gift with a cause!**

ANGEL TREE Update - Gifts may be dropped off at the Cathedral office at any time, but are due no later than December 8th. Donations of wrapping paper, bows/ribbons, and scotch tape are still needed, as well as a few large and medium size gift bags. For anyone who is available and would like to help with gift wrapping, please join us in Synod Hall on Thursday, December 12th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Our Angel Tree families will pick-up gifts from the Guild Room on Saturday, December 21st, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. For information or to volunteer, contact Judith Miller at 609-586-0915 or judithm2@verizon.net; or see her on Sunday after 10:00 o'clock service.


Let's help our brothers & sisters WARM UP! – Do you have any coats, sweaters, or hoodies that are just sitting in your closet waiting to warm up someone? We are collecting new and gently used clean coats, sweaters and hoodies: adult, teen and children's sizes. New sock donations welcomed too! Please bring your items by Sunday, December 29th. Thank you in advance for sharing your gift of warmth! (Distribution day is December 30th.)

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, December 14th (2nd & 4th Saturdays this month) from 9-11:00 am. Each Thursday, we distribute hot dinners “to go” from 4:15–5:30pm at the Overbrook Avenue entrance as a satellite location for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.



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THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (12/8)

9:15 am

10:00 am

After Mass

10:30a – 12:30p

11:15 am

6:00 pm

The Second Sunday of Advent ~ Altar Guild Shop open

Choir warm-up

Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)

Christmas Wreath sale/Santa's Workshop - SH

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

Choir rehearsal

Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra winter Concert – join us! - CATH

Mon. (12/9)

6:30 pm

Vestry meeting, via Zoom

Tues. (12/10)

Urban Promise Christmas Shop - GR

Wed. (12/11)

12:10 pm

Pre-K early dismissal today

Wednesday Healing Eucharist - CHP

Thurs. (12/12)

10:00 am

4:15 – 5:30 pm

4:45 pm

8:00 pm

Angel Tree gift wrapping - SH

TASK meals - SH

Food Pantry food bagging

Rosary Devotions, via Zoom

Sat. (12/14)

9 – 11:00 am

10:00 am

Trinity Strings music classes

Food Pantry

Grief Support Group – GR

Sun. (12/15)

9:15 am

8:30 am

10:00 am

After Mass

10:30a – 12:30p

11:15 am

The Third Sunday of Advent ~ Altar Guild Shop open

Choir warm-up

Rite I Eucharist in All Saints Chapel (in-person only)

**Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral – Lessons & Carols
(+ livestreamed, when available)**

Confirmation Class (History of the Church) – GR

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

Choir rehearsal