



# Grace & Holy Trinity Church

*an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park*



## The Eve of the Nativity of the Lord (Year B)

### Children's Pageant & Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

December 24, 2023 • 3:00 PM



# Welcome

**Welcome to Grace & Holy Trinity.** Ever aspiring to be more like Christ, we are a warm and welcoming Episcopal parish, inclusive to all, and mindful of the needs of others. We hope you will find a family here with us, whether you are a college student, Richmond newcomer, out-of-towner, or a long-time resident looking for a new church home. We open our arms and our hearts to you! **If you are visiting**, please fill out the **Connect Card** in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate during the service. Sign up for the **Weekly News** with the Connect Card or at [ghtc.org/news](http://ghtc.org/news). **Children and Youth** activities are located in the second floor classrooms in the Parish House. A wonderful **nursery** staff is available from 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. should you wish to drop off your infant during worship. We also provide **children's bulletins** for children wishing to stay with their parents. If young children get restless, you are welcome to use our library. **Changing tables** are located in the family restroom near the choir room. A greeter can direct you. Information about **Complimentary Sunday Parking** can be found in the back of this bulletin or on the Connect Table in the hallway across from the library.

## Today's Worship Participants

The Reverend Paul Evans, *Celebrant*

The Reverend Gregory Bezilla, *Deacon*

Burn Bradshaw, William Lee, Sidney Hetherington, & Mary Lecky, *Acolytes*

Leslie Winn & Mike MacDowell, *Chalice Bearers*

## The Word of God

*The Prelude marks the beginning of our worship and is intended as a time of quiet prayer and reflection for all. **Please silence your devices.***



### Prelude

“Vivace” *Sonata in F Major* | Georg Telemann

“Meditation” *Thais* | Jules Massenet

“Andante” *Piano Concerto No. 21* | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” | arr. by John Purifoy

“Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming” | arr. by John Purifoy

Julie Walton, *Flute*

Aponi Brunson, *Harp*

We thank Julie Walton and Aponi Brunson for assisting in worship today.

“He Shall Feed His Flock” *Messiah* | George Frideric Handel

Keely Borland & Caroline Whisnant, *Soloists*

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd and he shall gather the lambs with his arm,  
And carry them in his bosom and gently lead those that are with young.  
Come unto Him all ye that labor, Come unto Him, ye that are heavy laden  
and He will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you and learn of Him  
for He is meek and lowly of heart, And ye shall find rest unto your souls.

“Sheep May Safely Graze” *Cantata #208* | Johann Sebastian Bach

Julie Walton, *Flute*

Aponi Brunson, *Harp*

**The Advent & Christ Candle Lighting**

**Organ Voluntary & Choir Procession**

“Angels We Have Heard on High” | arr. by Nancy & Randall Faber

Mary Hetherington, *Pianist*

“Ukrainian Bell Carol” | Mykola Leontovych

Seamus Gregory, *Pianist*

**Processional Hymn**

**All stand and sing.**

“O come, all ye faithful”

*The Hymnal 1982 #83* (vv. 1-3)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O come, all ye faithful". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O / 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal, / 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, / \*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, / \*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,". The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font. The musical notation includes notes, rests, and bar lines. The score is presented in a clean, black and white format.

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1 come ye, O come— ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 2 lo! he ab - hors— not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
 4 leav - ing their flocks,— draw— nigh to gaze;  
 5 we would em - brace— thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son— of the Fa - ther;  
 3 glo - ry to God,—— glo - ry in the high - est;  
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

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

*Refrain*

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others

Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody alt. John Francis Wade (1711-1786);  
      harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

**Opening Acclamation**

*Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) p. 355

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

**All        And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity**

BCP p. 355

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 Collect of the Day**

BCP p. 212

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All        And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant  
that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he  
comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. **Amen.**

***Please be seated.***

**The Lessons & Children's Pageant**

*The appointed lessons for Christmas will be presented throughout the Children's Pageant.*

First Carol

“O little town of Bethlehem”

All remain seated and sing.

The Hymnal 1982 #79 (v. 1)

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
 \*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893) | Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

**Second Carol**

*All remain seated and sing.*

“Once in royal David’s city”

*The Hymnal 1982 #102 (v. 1)*

*Solo* 1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
*Choir* 2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
*All* \*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a  
 4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,  
 \*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his  
 6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
 2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
 3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -  
 4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -  
 5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so  
 6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

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1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
 3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this  
 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he  
 5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he  
 6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

Words: Sts. 1-2 and 4-6, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.; st. 3, James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)  
 Music: *Irby*, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)

**Third Carol**

*All remain seated and sing.*

“Away in a manger”

*The Hymnal 1982 #101 (v. 1)*

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
 the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.

Words: Traditional carol | Music: *Cradle Song*, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)



Fourth Carol

All remain seated and sing.

“Angels we have heard on high”

The Hymnal 1982 #96 (vv. 1-2)

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*  
Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.  
 Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

### Fifth Carol

*All remain seated and sing.*

“We three kings of Orient are”  
*The Hymnal 1982 #128 (v. 1)*

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing  
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and

1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,  
 3 owns a De - i - ty night; prayer and prais - ing,  
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.  
4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

*Refrain*

O star of won - der, star of night,

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,

still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt.

Music: *Three Kings of Orient*, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891)

Sixth Carol

“Silent night”

All remain seated and sing.

The Hymnal 1982 #111 (v. 1)

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy





peace. born! birth. Sleep Christ, Je - sus, in hea - ven - ly the Sa - vior, Lord, at thy peace. born! birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)

Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

**Seventh Carol**

“Go tell it on the mountain”

*Children’s Choir*

Abigail Stinnett, *Director*

Stanley M. Baker, *Assistant Director*

Dorothy Williams, Ellie Leffler, & Charlie Sollog, *Soloists*

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain,  
that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching  
o’er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo! Above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior’s birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

**The Homily**

The Rev. Paul Evans

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Sentence

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Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*



**This year's Christmas offering will go to The Shepherd's Center of Richmond.**

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## Offertory Anthem

*Parish Choir*

“Birthday Carol”  
Sir David Willcocks

1. Rejoice today with one accord, Alleluia,  
This is the birthday of our Lord. Alleluia.  
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!  
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!
2. Shepherds abiding in the field, Alleluia,  
To them God's glory was revealed, Alleluia.  
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!  
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!
3. And to the shepherds sore afraid, Alleluia,  
An angel said 'Be not dismayed' Alleluia.  
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!  
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!
4. 'Tidings of joy to you I bring,' Alleluia,  
'Today is born a heavenly King,' Alleluia.  
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!  
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!
5. 'And ye shall find in manger laid,' Alleluia,  
'The Babe in swaddling clothes arrayed.' Alleluia.  
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!  
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!
6. A host of angels filled the sky, Alleluia,  
Thus singing praise to God on high. Alleluia.  
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!  
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!

7. Now join we all the angel throng, Alleluia,  
And let our voices swell the song: Alleluia.  
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!  
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!

**Doxology**

*The Hymnal 1982 #380 (v. 3)*

**All stand as you are able and sing.**

**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.**

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

BCP p. 367

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**All** We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

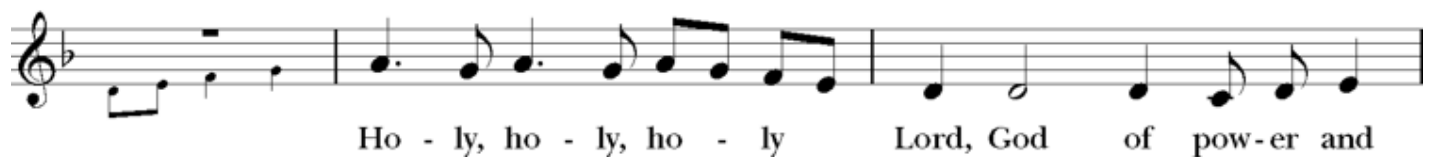
**All** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* 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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:

**Sanctus & Benedictus**

*The Hymnal 1982 S 129*

**All sing.**



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might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

*Please remain standing as you are able after the Sanctus and Benedictus.*

*The Celebrant continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving. ...*

*Celebrant* Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

*The Celebrant continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving. ...*

*Celebrant* 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 are bold to say,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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**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, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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

**All** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*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.

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*If you would like to speak to a priest about baptism, please contact The Rev. Greg Bezilla at (804) 359-5628 x17 or email at [gbezilla@ghtc.org](mailto:gbezilla@ghtc.org).*

Those who prefer to receive the sacrament while seated in the congregation will be communed in their pews. **Please raise your bulletin and the Eucharistic Ministers will bring the sacrament to you.**

For a **gluten-free wafer**, please bring a blue gluten-free card from the pew rack to the altar rail. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you may come forward for a blessing.

### Communion Solo

“O Holy Night” | Adolphe Adam

Chase Peak, *Bass*

1. O holy night!

The stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth;  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees!

Oh, hear the angel voices, O night divine,  
O night when Christ was born,  
O night divine, O night, O night divine.

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2. Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,  
 With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;  
 So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
 Here came the wiseman from the Orient land.  
 The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
 In all our trials born to be our friend.  
 He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger,  
 Behold your King, before the lowly bend.  
 Behold your King, your King, before Him bend.

3. Truly He taught us to love one another;  
 His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
 Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,  
 And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
 Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
 Let all within us praise His holy name.  
 Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we.  
 His power and glory evermore proclaim.  
 His power and glory evermore proclaim.

**Communion Hymn**

*All remain seated and sing.*

“Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming”

*The Hymnal 1982 #81*

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
 \* 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.  
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.  
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Words: St. 1-2, German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). st. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859); tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); ver. *Hymnal* 1940

Music: *Es ist ein Ros*, melody from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

**Communion Music** “Medley of Traditional Christmas Carols” | arr. by Gilliam & McCaskill

Julie Walton, *Flute*  
 Aponi Brunson, *Harp*

Post-Communion Prayer

*Please kneel as you are able and say,*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Christmas Blessing

*The Book of Occasional Services p. 11*

*Celebrant* May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**All** Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“Joy to the world!”

*Please stand as you are able and sing.*

*The Hymnal 1982 #100*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and



heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

**The Dismissal**

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*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Postlude**

“Joy to the World” | Brenda Portman

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Organist*

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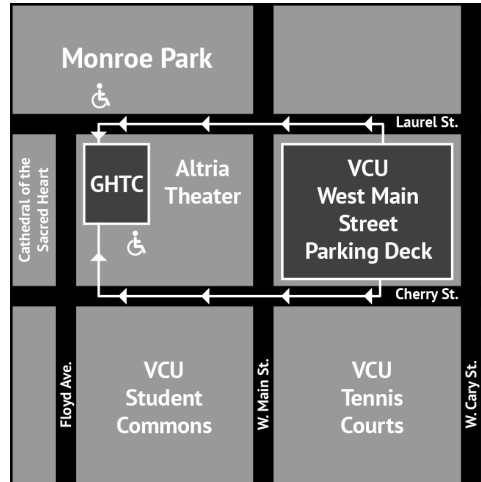
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## Christmas Poinsettia Flower Memorials

Rudy & Joyce Abramson

William Minter Anders

Mary & Richard Arrington

Gladys & Tarleton Bowles

Margaret & Bowlman Bowles

John & Alicia Bradshaw

Michael Thomas Bradshaw

Grace W. Broaddus

Gray & Sallie Broaddus

Miriam Bruce

Helen, Jim Hamilton & Tennant Bryan

Harry & Burgess Burn

Bebe Busby

James Robert Chaffin

The Reverend Dr. Edward Allen Coffey

Nell Crawford

Bill Cressall

John, Huntley, Jean & Sydney Davenport

John D. Davis

Thomas M. "Mac" Deadmore

William Roberts Derry

Anne Barrett Derry

Charlotte McKay DeShazo

Dr. & Mrs. G. S. Fitz-Hugh

Susan Harrison Fitz-Hugh

George M. Fitz-Hugh

Robert & Margaret Fleshman

James H. Foster

Mr. & Mrs. Elbert A. Foster

Mr. & Mrs. Tarrant Fox

Rowan Francis

Elmon Taylor Gray

Pamela Burnside Gray

Gordan Haaland

Mr. & Mrs. W. Wright Harrison

Dr Isabella Harrison

Rose & Bob Hasselle

# Christmas Poinsettia Flower Memorials

Charles Herbert III  
Doris Herring  
Lelia Holtzman Holloway  
Phyllis Hamilton Holloway  
Charles Thomas Holloway, Jr.  
Charles Thomas Holloway, Sr.  
Alice Tennant Howle  
Harold & Jane Jones  
Maria Kovacs  
Carter LaPrade  
Kimball & Bruce Lauritzen  
Helen Derry Martien  
James Carey Martien  
Matt Mattox  
Dr. & Mrs. Hunter H. McGuire  
Dr Hunter H. McGuire, Jr.  
Merrily Brooks McNamara  
Selina Heyward McNamara  
Rieman McNamara Sr.  
William Melcher  
Elizabeth Fitz-Hugh Morgan  
Betty & Fred Morton  
Carol Mraz  
Mason T. New  
Thomas Osdene  
Jack Peacock  
Yvonne T. Penckney  
Kate Bishop Pevsner  
Tommie Pierson  
Allan J. Pierson  
Donald M. Pierson  
Ruth M. Pierson  
Mary L. Pierson  
Angus Powell  
Beth Powell  
Mr. & Mrs. William T. Reed, Jr.  
Anne Bryan, Grace & Al Reeves

## Christmas Poinsettia Flower Memorials

James Andrew ReMine  
Wyman Rolph  
Margaret & Lee Sanders  
Alan Gregory Saunders  
Emily B. Scioscia  
Pamela Pierson Sears  
Hubert I. Sears  
Emma Shugart  
Mr. & Mrs. Howard B. Slough  
Nancy Conway Smith  
William K. Smith  
Mr. & Mrs. George Spaulding  
Marqaret Thoms Sykes  
Anne & Warren Taylor  
William Tessin  
Alice Hemple Tessin  
Albert Julien Todd  
Phyliss Aiken Todd  
Eric Caldwell Todd  
Imre Toth  
Geoffrey Garrett Trego  
Raymond Uncapher  
Richa Vahle  
Charles & Ruth Valentine  
Billy Vickery  
William Milton Webb  
Addie Holland Webb  
Harold J. Williams, Jr.  
Andy Wise  
James Quinton Yance  
Mary Whiddon Yance

# Parish Prayer List of Grace & Holy Trinity Church

December 24, 2023

**We pray for** Caitlin Bomar and family, Annie Campbell, Donna Campbell, Wendy Funk, Robert Gary, Jaxon Griffin, Cassie Harris, Cathy Ireland, Sandra Rose, Ray Slabaugh, Andy Stone & Robin Telfian.

**For those who desire to be parents and for those expecting a child.**

**For all the blessings of this life.**

**For those who have died.**

**For the victims and all those affected by gun violence.**

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** *The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.*

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** *Altar & Flower Guilds & Choirs.*

**For our outreach ministries and partners,** Red Door Ministry serving those who are food insecure; Circles RVA and those working towards financial stability; the people of Belize; the staff and families of St. Andrew's School.

**For racial reconciliation and healing, and peace in the world.**

**For the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the City of Richmond and surrounding counties, and Virginia Commonwealth University.**

**For those serving in the military or diplomatic service.**

*Names may only be added to the Prayer List with the explicit consent of the recipient. All names in italics were added to the prayer list this past week.*

*In order to keep the Prayer List current and to facilitate the intentionality and mindfulness with which we pray, we print names on the Prayer List for three months or less. If you would like for someone to remain on the list for more (or less) time, please call the office at (804) 359-5628 or email Lauren Frazier at [lfrazier@ghtc.org](mailto:lfrazier@ghtc.org).*

## Church Staff

The Rev. Gregory Bezilla, *Priest Locum Tenens*  
The Rev. Paul Evans, *Associate Rector*  
The Rev. Stephen McGehee, *Priest Associate for Pastoral Care*  
Stanley M. Baker, *Assistant Choirmaster & Organist*  
Roland Boone, *Sexton*  
Judy F. Bowman, *Financial Secretary & Administrative Assistant*  
Tyler Brady, *Communications Associate*  
Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Choirmaster & Organist*  
Lauren Frazier, *Parish Administrator*  
Kate Given, *Director of Formation*  
Barbara Hobson-Simpson, *Receptionist*  
Kyle Reed, *Communications Associate*  
Abigail Stinnett, *Children's Choir Director*

## Vestry

David Lewis (*Senior Warden*), Meredith McGuire (*Junior Warden*),  
Mary Ann Blankenship (*Register*), Chuck Bleick, Jane Carlson,  
Judy Carlson, Maurice Cole, Brad Davenport,  
Mike Hale, Terry Hathaway, Clay Hilbert,  
Dan McNamara, Mason New, and Fielding Williams

## Sunday Services

**8:00 AM** Holy Eucharist (Spoken | *Chapel*)

**10:30 AM** Holy Eucharist\* (Choral | *Church*)

*\*Livestream Available*

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