

# Calendar and Announcements:

## *The Week of Christmas*



### WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

We welcome children in our worship, and we recognize and value the fact that children are wonderfully spontaneous. If you wish, you may make use of the soft space in the West Transept, with an open carpeted area and baskets of soft toys and books (the West Transept is near the front, to the left if you are facing the altar). There is also a more private room, known as the Bride's Room, off of the East Transept, where you may go if you need that type of facility. There is also nursery care available at no charge from 8:30am until 12:30pm in the Children's Center.

On second Sundays at 9:15am, we have a special "Comfy Space" service for those who tend to wiggle during worship and those who worship with them, held in the Children's Chapel. During the school year, Church School and Youth Groups meet at 10:15am.

### COMMUNION

All are welcome to come forward at the time of Communion. The standard practice in the Episcopal Church is that those who are Baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are visiting today and are not Baptized but are feeling drawn to receive Communion, we hope that you will come forward and receive, and that afterwards you will talk to one of the clergy about Baptism and what it means both to take Bread and to become part of the Body.

If you don't want to receive communion or are unsure, you are more than welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you have a food sensitivity that requires a **low-gluten Communion Wafer**, simply mention that to the clergy person administering Communion. The receptacle containing the low-gluten Hosts will be brought to you, and you may help yourself to a Host (to avoid cross-contamination). You may either drink from the common Chalice or hold it for the Chalice Minister to intinct for you and place on your tongue. For those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail, you have the option of **receiving Communion in your seat**. Simply notify an usher, or ask a parishioner seated near you to notify an usher for you.

### RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located in the hallway north of the Murphey Gallery, across the Fishpond Garden and up the walkway from the Church. There is a diaper changing table in the gender-neutral ADA-compliant restroom there. Changing tables are also found in both the men's and women's restrooms in the Music Center.

### ACCESSIBILITY

This facility is **fully accessible**. Please speak to an usher if you need assistance. The main area of the Church, forward of the choir stalls, is **looped** to assist those who have difficulty hearing. If you have a T-coil in your hearing aid, you may sit anywhere in this section and hear via the amplification system. **Hearing assist devices** are also available from the ushers. These are operational anywhere in the Church. The ushers will ask for your car keys as a reminder to return the device. **Large print copies** of the Book of Common Prayer are available from the ushers for your use during the service.

## DAILY OFFICE READINGS

<b>Monday</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>	<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Saint Stephen</i>	<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Saint John</i>	<b>Thursday</b> <i>Holy Innocents</i>	<b>Friday</b> <i>Thomas Becket</i>	<b>Saturday</b> <i>Frances Joseph-Gaudet</i>
Psalm 2, 85; AM Psalm 110, 132; PM Micah 4:1-5, 5:2-4; 1 John 4:7-16; John 3:31-36	Psalm 28, 30; AM Psalm 118; PM Wisdom 4:7-15; Acts 6:1-7; Acts 7:59-8:8	Psalm 97, 98; AM Psalm 145; PM Isaiah 44:1-8; 1 John 5:1-12; John 13:20-35	Psalm 2, 26; AM Psalm 19, 126; PM Isaiah 49:13-23; Matthew 18:1-14 Mark 10:13-16	Psalm 18:1-20; AM Psalm 18:21-50 PM 2 Samuel 23:13-17b; Revelation 1:1-8; John 7:37-52	Psalm 20, 21; AM Psalm 23, 27; PM 1 Kings 17:17-24; Revelation 1:9-20; John 7:53-8:11

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Today's Events

### *Christmas Eve Offering*

Dear friends in Christ,

The Vestry, at our November meeting, voted unanimously to approve the use of our Christmas Eve offering for outreach, with a particular emphasis on addressing hunger in our community.

Outreach seems like such a bland word - it too often sanitizes the harsh realities of those in our community who struggle from week to week, from day to day, and from meal to meal. In a season when we naturally focus on the joy of sharing meals and think fondly of holiday treats to come there are many, many neighbors who simply do not know where their next meal will come from.

As a child, just before my mother died, she was too sick to work. I can remember going to the local food banks to get hand-outs. We got corn flakes, macaroni and cheese, rice, and bricks of processed "cheese-flavored food product" that all came in white and black boxes. We needed that food to get by, and if we had not had it, then I have no idea how we would have eaten.

This is what outreach is - it is the reaching out by the community of the faithful to ensure that one child with a sick mother can have breakfast. It is more than that, of course, it is the way we go into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. It is the way we go forth in the name of Christ. It is the way we walk in love as Christ loved us. It is simply the way Christians live.

I am delighted that we will renew the commitment we made last Christmas to use the Christmas Eve offering to seek and serve Christ in those most in need. I think that on a night when we hear the story of a child born on the road, who becomes the source of our shared joy, that it is only right for that same joy to spark in us the longing to find and feed those who wander - those who wonder where their next meal will come from.

As someone for whom this kind of charity was my daily bread as a child, I want to thank you for being as generous as you can be this Christmas Eve.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Robert

## Upcoming Events

### *Full Moon Labyrinth Walk*

Meet new friends as you walk the octagonal labyrinth under the full moon on the first evening of 2018. Refreshments will be provided after the walk.

### *9:00am 'Being Christian' Study Schedule*

The 'Being Christian' Study group, which meets in La Paz at 9:00am on Sundays, is on a break until January.

### *No Parish Breakfast Next Sunday*

On the Sunday before New Year's Day (the 31st), there will be no Parish Breakfast, in observance of the holidays. We look forward to seeing you again for breakfast in the new year!

*Today's bulletin cover is a detail from "Saint John the Baptist Preaching," by Rembrandt, 1606-1669.*

### *Welcome Cafe for Newcomers in January*

Have a story to tell? We want to hear it! Looking to get involved? We have a ministry that needs you! Want to meet our rector, Fr. Robert? He will be there! Have questions? We have answers! Designed for those new to Saint Philip's or those looking to get more involved in the community that is Saint Philip's. Please join us for a series of four sessions beginning January 7th. We meet informally in the Ferguson room at 10:15am. Check your announcement sheets in January for specific information, or contact Allan Cooley at [alcoo1311@wbhsi.net](mailto:alcoo1311@wbhsi.net).

### *January Mosaic Dinners: Science and Theology*

Mosaic Dinners will meet this Wednesday, the 20th, and will then be on Christmas break on December 27th. The dinners will resume in the New Year on January 3, with a special reception for Mtr. Taylor Devine, who will be ordained to the sacred order of priests early that Wednesday evening. Then, on Wednesday, January 10, we will have a lively conversation about our experiences of Mosaic Dinners and Fora—sharing our experiences of where we have come in the prior months—and considering how the Spirit is leading us into the future. Then, beginning Wednesday, January 17th, Deacon Tom Lindell will lead a four-part series on the intersection of religion, faith, and science.

Everyone has a perspective or "lens" through which they view the world around them. In the case of Science and Religion, many feel a necessity to side with one or the other. Seldom is it both, since it can be difficult to integrate these disparate subjects. This series of Wednesday night presentations will begin this process of integration from the perspective of science and move towards how this affects the way one views religion and theology. The ultimate objective is to remain credible to both areas, but it may require a change in the way we view things.

Participants will be invited to enter into this process of introspection in a non-judgmental way, as there is no single way to integrate the two subjects. The facilitator can only offer a personal perspective that is not intended to persuade those who attend to his point of view. Participants will be encouraged to enter into the discussions and ask questions.

### *Rummage Sale News!*

Wondering where the J2A Rummage Sale went? Well, wonder no further! This year, the J2A Youth Group is partnering with The Girls Estate Sales to sell rummage sale items at their headquarters on Grant. This will help us sell items at closer to market value, and dramatically expand the audience for the sale in the process! (We'll let you know when Saint Philip's items will be featured in the store!) Items that The Girls generally don't sell (like clothing) will be sold at a dollar sale, here on campus on January 20th!

Interested in donating things for the sale? Tell Fr. Mark ([mark.schultz@stphilipstucson.org](mailto:mark.schultz@stphilipstucson.org)) and bring your stuff between January 2nd and January 7th to La Parroquia for The Girls to pick up the morning of January 8th. It's that simple! Need help getting stuff to campus? Tell Fr. Mark ([mark.schultz@stphilipstucson.org](mailto:mark.schultz@stphilipstucson.org)). It's that simple!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***Mtr. Devine's Ordination to the Priesthood***

Our Curate for Outreach, Mtr. Taylor Devine, will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests at Saint Philip's on January 3rd, 2018 at 6:00pm by Bishop Kirk Smith. Please join her for this joyous occasion, followed by a reception.

## ***Farewell to Icons In Transformation***

After a very successful three months, the Icons in Transformation exhibit will be leaving Saint Philip's for its next display at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Denver, Colorado. Please join us to say farewell with our thanks to Ludmila and her husband, Jan, at 10:15am on January 7th, 2018 in the East Gallery.

## **Items of Note**

### ***Art Purchase for Saint Philip's***

The Icons in Transformation exhibition closes on January 7th and leaves for Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Denver on January 11th. If you have enjoyed the presence of Ludmila's art, please consider a contribution towards the purchase of one of her pieces. This would be a permanent feature at Saint Philip's and a special memory and gift for present and future generations of our beautiful Church. Please mail or leave checks at the office, payable to Saint Philip's with art donation on the memo line, or speak to Bonnie Flint at the church to contribute by credit card. Thank you.

### ***Stock Donations***

If your tax planning allows for additional gifts, the stock market's record-breaking ascent makes the donation of appreciated stock beneficial all around. Please know that Saint Philip's qualifies as a charitable recipient of your mandatory IRA distributions. Our delivery instructions: Charles Schwab, DTC Clearing #1064, Account # 46006403, Saint Philip's in the Hills. (Please let the office know about your stock gift, so we can insure your receive proper credit.) As always, we appreciate your generous support.

### ***Library Corner***

The Renouf-Nelson Library currently has a special display of nine books on the Virgin Mary. This is a tie-in inspired by the Advent forum series on the history of Mary's place in the Christian tradition broadly, and within Anglicanism specifically. These books cover a range of approaches to understanding Mary, and include titles such as "Blessed One: Protestant Perspectives on Mary," "Miryam of Nazareth," and "Mary, the Spirit, and the Church." Stop by and take a look!

### ***Annual Outreach Christmas Project***

Each winter the Outreach Committee of Saint Philip's takes up a special collection to help children in need in our community. In particular, the Christmas Project seeks to raise money for three schools that Saint Philip's works with during the year: Imago Dei Middle School, and Holaway and Rio Vista Elementary Schools. All three of these schools primarily serve students who qualify for free or reduced school lunch.

Look for the Children's Christmas Project tables in the Perry and Fishpond Gardens on Sundays between now and Christmas to make your contribution. Checks should be made out to Saint Philip's, with "Children's Christmas Project" in the memo line.

## ***Today's Servers***

**7:45am**

Celebrant  
*Robert Hendrickson*

Deacon  
*Ruth Hooper*

Subdeacon  
*Sunny Bal*

Eucharistic Minister (LLM)  
*Virginia Kat*

Crucifer  
*Alistair McCallum*

Ushers  
*Corky Gabbert, Miriam Bell,  
Cassandra Ridlinghafer, Bill Sartor*

Altar Guild  
*Pam Henderson*

**10:00am**  
Celebrant  
*Jean Rogers*

Deacon  
*Leah Sandwell-Weiss*

Subdeacon  
*Kevin Justus*

Verger  
*Angela Wakeham*

Eucharistic Ministers (LLMs)  
*Bill Carrell, Elizabeth Weber*

Lectors  
*Jean Cooper, Susan Erickson*

Torch bearer  
*Jazzmine Bravo-Price*

Crucifer  
*Will Barrett*

Altar Guild  
*Jane Chilcott, Dori Swalec*

## **Service Schedule**

### **Sunday Services**

7:45am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00am Sung Eucharist Rite II  
9:15am Second Sundays: "Comfy Space" service  
11:15am Sung Eucharist Rite II with Incense  
4:00pm "Come and See" Service  
4:30pm Third Sundays: Choral Evensong (October–May)  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist Rite II

### **Weekday Services**

8:30am Morning Prayer (Monday–Thursday)  
10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II & Healing (Tuesdays)  
11:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I (Thursdays)  
12:15pm Holy Eucharist Rite I (Mondays and Wednesdays)  
5:30pm Evening Prayer (Wednesdays)

# DECEMBER 24-31

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## Sunday, December 24

7:45AM Holy Eucharist Rite I—Church  
9:15AM Choir Rehearsal—Music Center  
10:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Church  
3:00PM Family Holy Eucharist Rite II with Pageant—Church  
5:00PM Family Holy Eucharist Rite II with Carols—Church  
5:00PM ACoA—Salvia  
7:00PM Candlelight Holy Eucharist Rite II with Carols—Church  
9:00PM Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II with Carols—Church  
11:00PM Solemn Holy Eucharist Rite I with Carols—Church

## Monday, December 25

### Christmas Day

#### Church, Office, and Campus Closed

7:45AM Holy Eucharist Rite I—Church  
9:15AM Choir Rehearsal—Music Center  
10:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Church

## Tuesday, December 26

#### Church, Office, and Campus Closed

6:30PM EFM Seminar Group—La Paz

## Wednesday, December 27

#### Church, Office, and Campus Closed

## Thursday, December 28

8:30AM Morning Prayer—Baptistery  
8:30AM Renouf/Nelson Library open  
10:00AM Create and Rejuvenate With Clay—Room 5  
11:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite I—Baptistery  
1:00PM Icons in Transformation Open—*until 5:00PM*

## Friday, December 29

#### Church, Office, and Campus Closed

8:00AM Altar Guild Work Day—Church, Sacristy  
9:00AM Create and Rejuvenate With Clay—Room 5

## Saturday, December 30

7:45AM Casa Maria Sandwich Making—East Gallery  
9:00AM Women's Solutions AA—Salvia  
10:00AM Icons in Transformation Open—*until 12:00PM*  
10:30AM Debtors Anonymous—Salvia  
10:30AM Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry—Library

## Sunday, December 31

7:45AM Holy Eucharist Rite I—Church  
8:15AM Choir Rehearsal—Music Center  
9:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Church  
10:30AM Choir Rehearsal—Music Center  
11:15AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Church  
2:00PM Icons in Transformation Open—*until 4:00PM*  
4:00PM "Come and See" Service—Music Center  
3:00PM Choir Practice—Church  
5:00PM ACoA—Salvia  
5:30PM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel