

# St. Matthias Episcopal Church

Sunday, December 1, 2024

The First Sunday of Advent

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## 7:45 am Service • Holy Eucharist Rite I

*The Service is found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) which is the red book in the pew rack.*

### The Word of God

#### Greetings and Announcements

#### Advent Prayer

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Opening Acclamation

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#### The Collect for Purity

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#### Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

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#### Glory Be to God on High

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#### The Collect of the Day

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#### The First Lesson

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#### The Psalm *(said in unison)*

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#### The Epistle

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#### The Gospel

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#### The Sermon

Father Jim Dorn

#### A Moment of Silence

#### The Nicene Creed

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#### The Prayers of the People

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#### Confession of Sin

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#### The Peace

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### The Holy Communion

#### The Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

#### The Offertory

#### The Offertory Prayer *(said by all)*

Heavenly Father, thank you for all the good things you continue to provide for us. Don't let us take your gifts for granted or abuse them. Instead, help us always to rely on you in faith. Use us and what you have given us for your good purposes. Amen.

#### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I

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The Sanctus

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Prayer of Humble Access

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#### Administration of Communion

#### The Post-Communion Prayer

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#### Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors *(said by all)*

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

#### Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

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#### Blessing

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#### Dismissal

*Talk to God before Church. Listen to God during Church. Talk to each other after Church.*

## **The Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Old Testament**

### **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

Reader            A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 25:1-9**

**To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you;**

**let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

**Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

**Gracious and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

**He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

**All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

## **The Epistle**

### **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

Reader            A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel**  
**Luke 21:25-36**

**Priest**            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**People**            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**Priest**            The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People**            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

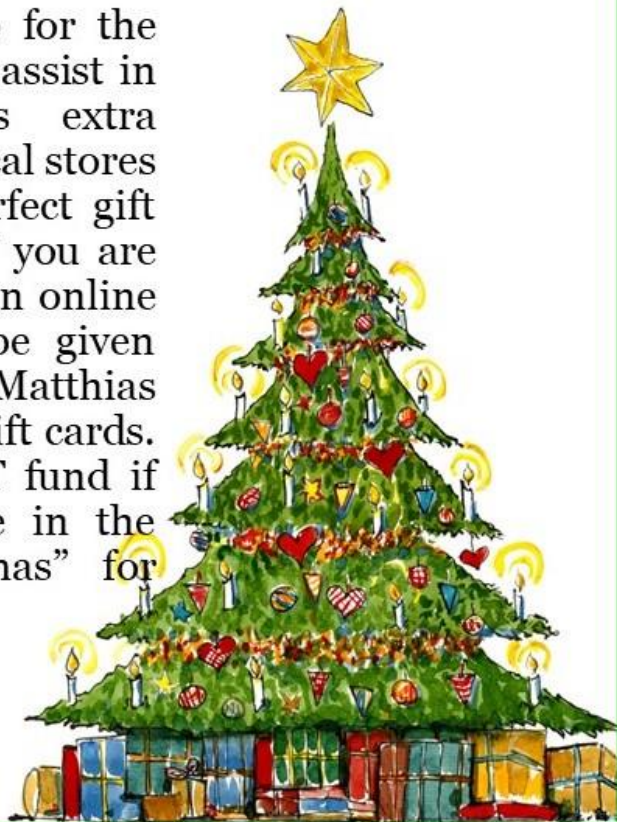
# Christmas Giving *for* **Families In Transition** **High School Students**

For the last few years we have been able to provide many Christmas gifts for our local Homeless High School Students who are a part of the Lake County School's Families in Transition program (FIT). These are the same students we have been helping provide food and personal hygiene items to throughout the year and we would once again like to extend our help in providing Christmas gifts.

High School aged students are typically the age group that is forgotten or hardest to provide for during the holidays and we want to help make a change and spread some Christmas cheer to these well-deserving young men and women.

If you are unable to shop for the students but would like to assist in making their Christmas extra special, gift cards to any local stores or restaurants make a perfect gift for students of this age. If you are unable to get a gift card, an online donation or check may be given and made payable to St. Matthias and we will purchase the gift cards. Be sure to choose the FIT fund if donating online and note in the memo line "FIT Christmas" for check donations.

**Additional information  
pertaining to this important  
initiative is provided on the  
back side.**



# Gifts Due to the Church by Sunday, December 1st

**Christmas collection boxes will be located in the Parish Hall and the Church Sanctuary where you can place your unwrapped gifts.**

Please contact Co-Chairs, Hope Blume & Janette Dorn, or the Church office if you have any questions or concerns.

Hope: 352.978.6511 or hopeblume@gmail.com

Janette: 352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com

**Please remember we are collecting for High School aged students only.**



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## Christmas Gift List

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| Card Games  | Body Sprays    |
| Candy/Snack Gift Sets                                     | Jewelry        |
| Ear Buds  | Make-Up Kits   |
| Nail Polish Kits  | Body Lotions   |
| Holiday Socks   | Perfumes       |
| Hoodies   | Axe Body Spray |
| Solar Powered Chargers                                    |                |
| Charging Pads / Portable Chargers for Cell phones         |                |
| <b>Gift Cards to the Following Restaurants or Stores:</b> |                |
| McDonalds • Chick-Fil-A • Sonic                           |                |
| Culvers • Subway • Jersey Mikes                           |                |
| Amazon • Dollar General • Target • Walmart                |                |

## ANGEL TREE PRISON FELLOWSHIP PARTNERSHIP MINISTRY



The Community Outreach Committee is pleased once again to partner with Angel Tree Ministry, a program of Prison Christian Fellowship. Through Angel Tree we embrace children who have an imprisoned parent by providing them with a gift, given in love, on behalf of the incarcerated parent. This year we have 65 children, ages 4 months old to 18 years old.

An outreach member will be in the Parish Hall after services to assist with Angel selection. Angels include a child's name, age, gift suggestions and a special Christmas message sent to the child from his/her parent. For those wishing to purchase gifts for a child, the suggested minimum value is \$50.00.

**If you chose to sponsor a child, please locate the child or angel's name and code number on the sign-up sheet; then record your name and phone number beside the angel's name.**

On Sunday, **December 8th** please return your gift in a **GIFT BAG** to the church. Remove the **BOTTOM** portion of the angel tag and remember to attach the **TOP** portion of the angel tag to your gift bag.

Everyone benefits from participating in Angel Tree: the children experience the joy of knowing their parents haven't forgotten them, the prisoner experiences the dignity of the child having something personal from him or her, and those who provide gifts experience the joy and spiritual growth of putting our faith into action. Thank you so much for your support of this ministry.

**If questions, please contact Mary Anne Lock at 270.836.6128.**



### HOW TO GIVE A MONETARY DONATION FOR ANGEL TREE GIFTS

**CHECK OR CASH:** Envelopes are available at the back of the church for monetary donations to assist with gift purchases. A donation of any amount is very much appreciated.

**ONLINE GIVING:** If you would like some guidance, or additional information, you can use the following link to go to our website: <https://stmatthiasfl.com/online-giving/>.

Please use the following link for online giving: <https://onrealm.org/StMatthiasEpisc37600/Give>. Enter an amount and under "Fund" click on the arrow to drop down to **Angel Tree**.

**TEXT GIVING:** Send your text to **73256** and in the body of the text write **matthias** and the **amount**. For example, matthias \$50. The church's keyword for giving is **matthias**.

#### GIVE VIA TEXT MESSAGE

Text your church's keyword and amount to **73256** on your smart phone.

Once the text is sent, you will receive a confirmation message.

Click the link in the confirmation message to access the payment form.

Complete the payment form and verify the amount and fund.

When finished, click Give.

You will receive a receipt by text and email.

Your payment information is saved for future gifts.

If you have any questions, please call Hope Blume at the Church Office 352.394.3855.