



HOLY COMFORTER  
Episcopal Church

## HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2024

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

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### WELCOME!

The people of Holy Comforter joyfully welcome you to this historic church. We are happy that you are here, and we hope you will find your worship today meaningful and inspiring. If you are looking for a church to call your own, we hope you will consider our parish. At the root of all we do is our desire to live out the Great Commandment of Jesus Christ: to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Holy Comforter has made a difference in our lives, and we believe it can do the same for you.

In peace,  
*The Rev. Greg Brown*  
Rector

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✙ (at 10:00) *Before the service: for children 3 years to 5th grade, please bring your child down to the Children's Chapel and they will be brought back to the sanctuary at the Peace. For children younger than 3, our nursery is available on the lower level of this building. Please ask a host for directions to children's chapel or nursery.* ✙

**"BCP" refers to the Book of Common Prayer, found in the pew rack in front of you.**

VOLUNTARY (at 10:00)

*Magnificat* (Randall Thompson, 1899-1984)  
(three setting for organ of a medieval chant melody)

WELCOME

### THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*sung at 10:00*)

#73 *The King shall come when morning dawns*

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT

*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.**

TRISAGION (8:00: spoken three times)

*Celebrant* Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy, Immortal One,  
*People* **Have mercy upon us.**

TRISAGION (10:00)

S102 (Archangelsky)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Celebrant* God our Father,  
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary  
that she was to be the mother of your Son.  
Though Mary was afraid,  
she responded to your call with joy.  
Help us, whom you call to serve you,  
to share like her in your great work  
of bringing to our world your love and healing.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world.  
**Amen.**

*People* **Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;  
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.  
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;  
and bless us your children, who long for your coming.  
Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

*Lector* A reading from the book of Zephaniah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 15

*8:00: read responsively*  
*10:00: sung by the choir*

*Lector* My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

*People* **From this day all generations will call me blessed: \***  
**the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his**  
**Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

**He has shown the strength of his arm, \***  
**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

**He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.**  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
**The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:5-10

*Lector* A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said,  
"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;  
in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.  
Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL PROCESSION (*sung at 10:00*)

#265 *The angel Gabriel from heaven came*

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*please remain standing*)

*Deacon* Brothers and sisters, as we joyfully await the full manifestation of God's reign in Christ, let us pray for the needs of the church and the world.

*Intercessor* O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High and reach from beginning to end, mightily and sweetly ordering all things. Behold and bless your church, remembering especially Sean, our presiding bishop; Sam and Jennifer, our diocesan bishops; Greg, Cat, and Daisy, our priests; and all the members of this parish. Be present in ordering the life of this and every congregation.

*People* **Come and teach us the way of prudence.**

O Adonai, God of the Covenant, ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and on Mount Sinai gave your law. Forgive us when we stray from your guidance and will.

**Come and redeem us for our life together.**

O Root of Jesse, you stand as an ensign to humankind; before you rulers will shut their mouths, and nations bow in worship: We pray for your peace and justice in every nation and throughout the world; be present to all whose lives are ravaged by war and strife; especially we hold before you those from among us who serve their country. Guide the leaders of this and every land into the paths of peace and goodwill. We pray for our president, Joe, and our president-elect, Donald, our governor, Roy, and our governor-elect Josh.

**Come save us and do not delay.**

O Key of David, and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can shut, you shut and no one can open: Guide us in opening the doors of opportunity for the unemployed, for the homeless, for prisoners, and for all who are oppressed; and lead us in closing the doors that lead to poverty, bigotry, and injustice.

**Come and set the captives free.**

*Deacon:* *O King of the Nations and their Desire, you are the cornerstone that makes us one. We lift up all who are suffering and in need, especially... and all those we now name, either aloud or in our hearts. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous, and help us minister to them in your love.*

**Come and save us whom you have fashioned out of clay.**

*O Dayspring, radiance of the Light Eternal and Sun of Righteousness: Shine your light on those who have died; remember especially those we now name either aloud or in our hearts, and bring comfort to all those who mourn.*

**Come and enlighten all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.**

*O Emmanuel, God with us, Expected One and Savior, We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially... and all those we now name, either aloud or in our hearts. Make each of us ready to receive you into our hearts, to serve you in all whom we meet, and to greet you in the fullness of your glory in the day of your appearing.*

**Come and save us, O Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* Come, O come Emmanuel, you are the way, the truth and the life.  
Come, living Savior, come to your world which waits for you. Hear these prayers for your love's sake. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN *(please kneel)*

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THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

THANKSGIVINGS *(please be seated)*

*Birthdays for the Week:*

12/23 Emily Livingstone Parker, Dedria Kolb;  
12/24 Jim Lofton, Josefina Serrano, Ella Kolb; 12/25 Paul Perlik; 12/27 Sarah Whitmire;  
12/28 Emma Cooke, Marcia Reuter, Trick Stewart, Isaac Brown

*A Collect for Birthdays*

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Anniversaries for the Week:*

12/23 Liz & Petar Daniel; 12/28 Jack & Terri Matthews, Heather & Tom LaJoie

*A Collect for Anniversaries*

O gracious and everliving God, you have created us in your image: Look mercifully upon these couples who come to you seeking your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they have made; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

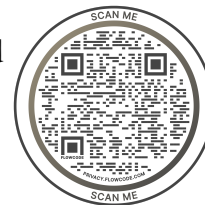
ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

*Magnificat* (Johann Pachelbel, 1653-1706)

You are invited to contribute financially to Holy Comforter's mission and ministry by placing your gift in the offering plate as it is passed, or by giving electronically via the QR code printed here.



### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here \_\_\_\_ be -

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low. Praise God a-bove, ye heav'n - ly hosts; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly

12  
Ghost. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The musical notation is in 4/4 time and G-clef. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here \_\_\_\_ be -". The second staff starts with a measure rest and then continues the melody. The lyrics are: "low. Praise God a-bove, ye heav'n - ly hosts; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly". The third staff continues the melody. The lyrics are: "Ghost. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!".

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (PRAYER B, FROM *COMMON WORSHIP*)

*Celebrant*  
*People*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
He is the one foretold by all the prophets,  
whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.  
John the Baptist was his herald  
and made him known when at last he came.  
In his love Christ fills us with joy  
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer,  
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.  
And so, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your glory,  
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

SANCTUS (8:00: spoken, 10:00: sung)

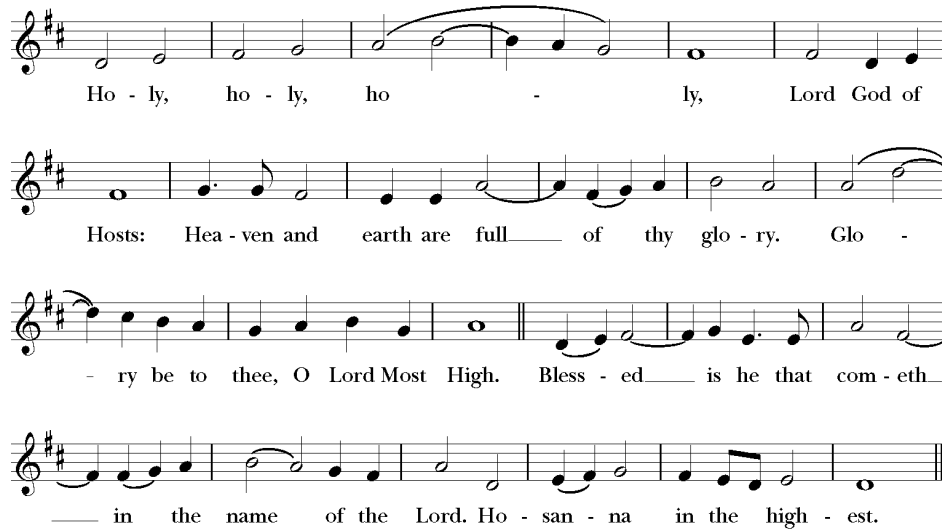
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

S114 (Willan)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the + body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.



Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of *[N and]* all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**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 ANTHEM (8:00: spoken, 10:00: sung)

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

S158 (Willan)

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. O Lamb of God, that  
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, grant us thy peace.

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC (*sung at 10:00*)

#66 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*  
#60 *Creator of the stars of night*

THE SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (*when needed*)

*Celebrant*

In order that all may receive Holy Eucharist (N) will take communion to (N) today.

*All*

**In the name of this congregation, 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.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING *(please kneel or stand)*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *(sung at 10:00)*

#74 *Blest be the King whose coming*

DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY *(at 10:00)*

*Magnificat* (Johann Pachelbel)

*Following the service, all are invited to greet one another at coffee hour for refreshments fellowship, outside Henry Hall.*

**HOLY COMFORTER PRAYERS THIS WEEK**  
**DECEMBER 22-28, 2024**

CURRENT PRAYERS

**Of support** *for parishioners* Cesar Ortiz, Jarvis Miller  
*for family and friends* Cat and Matt Tertner, P.J. and Buffy Levington, Lisa, Wesley, and Willow Snead-DePiero, Emma Henry, David Lockett, David Brown, Dottie Stowe, Mollie Elliot  
*for those who have died* Elfriede Engels, Ginger Prisinzano, Tim Wilmot, Anja Whittington

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and  
and in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Liz and Petar Daniel.*

ON-GOING PRAYERS

*Of support for* Vicky Adkins, Linda Carr, Rev. Cat Connolly, Ray Diamond, Hope Diaz, Tom Fennimore, Cathy Francis, Jeffrey Freed, Efraim Nathaniel Gonzalez, Connie Guthery, Hoover Harelson, Bryan D. Jackson, Margaret Kahn, Anne Lisk, James Moore, Amy Alexander Myers, Vera Payne, Sean Riley, Amy Samonds, Lydia Cristou Samonds, John Sapielak, Carolyn Mae Smith, Linda Shuping Smith, Nell Smith, Joey Starnes, Katharine Thomas, Tim Thomas, Michael Weeks, Kathleen Wilder, Cindy Wilshire, Michael Wilson, John Womack  
*for military service* David Cavins, Stephen DenBoer, Bryan Gamboa-Alfaro, Steven Parmley, Michael Sgarlata, Michael Sparta

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**CLERGY & STAFF**

The Reverend Greg Brown, Rector  
The Reverend Cat Connolly, Associate Rector  
The Reverend Daisy Colon, Deacon  
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**VESTRY**

*Terms ending 2024:* Joyce Bott (Senior Warden), Natalie Castro, Jason Evans, Carlyle Knox (Junior Warden)  
*Terms ending 2025:* Mary Amos, Anne Binns (Clerk), Tom Cooke, Bob Murphy  
*Terms ending 2026:* Tim Cavins, Jacqueline Howells, Niki Manke, Diana Smith



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**The Episcopal  
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# The Sunday Spirit



### This Sunday

- 8 am early service
- 10 a.m. English Service (also available through Online Worship)
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 11:30 a.m. The Gathering
- 12:30 p.m. La Misa -

### **Servers this Week**

**Celebrant:** Rev. Cat

**Preacher:** Fr. Greg

**Verger:** Pat English, Chris Bates

**VPOD:** Tom Cooke, Ann Binns

**Acolytes:** Heather LaJoie, Olivia Kassebaum, Sam Evans, Drew Gilmore, Neva Rolfes

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Karen Crane, Nancy English Johnson

**Lectors:** Jon Wood, Mary Cox & John Cox

**Flower Delivery:** Penny Crawford

**Eucharistic Visitors:** Mary Monahan

**Altar Guild:** Richard Stutts, Kathy Pristash, Carol Redfern, Jane Kearns  
(La Misa: Iris Dominguez, Monica Vargas)

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I love Christmas carols. Many of them are so beautiful, and one of my favorites is 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel'. The name "*Emmanuel*" means "God with us." It's a name we don't tend to use except during Advent, but it summarizes the wonder of what is happening - God come to be with us in our joy and sorrow, our fear and hope. The arrival of *Emmanuel* fundamentally reshaped the relationship between humanity and God, allowing us today the remarkable gift of knowing God's presence for ourselves.

That's why we give gifts at Christmas (a reason for the shopping madness and stress!), to echo the greatest gift of all: God with us in Jesus. As Mary and Joseph journeyed to Bethlehem, carrying the weight of uncertainty (and the weight of a 9 month pregnancy!), they too were waiting for *Emmanuel*. And then, in the birth of Christ, love became touchably human, dwelling in the vulnerability of a baby.

The gift of presence is powerful. The gift of being present with someone cannot be underestimated. It's ok, good, and blessed, to take time out of the whirl of this season to spend some precious minutes or hours being present, for yourself or someone else. Give grace to yourself to rest and be still in God's love. Give the gift of *Emmanuel* shining through yourself as you are present for someone else, and let "O Come, Emmanuel" be your prayer. God is coming, but also with you now, even as we wait these last few days together for the greatest gift of all.

Rev. Cat+

## Christmas Service Times

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

5 p.m. Family Eucharist with children's sermon,  
musical prelude at 4:30 p.m.  
7 p.m. La Misa - Spanish language service.  
10:45 p.m. Candlelight Service with choir.  
Musical prelude at 10:15 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS DAY  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

11:00 a.m. Jeans & Jammies informal service

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### Holiday Hours

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Vestry, Clergy and Staff of Holy Comforter!** Although the office will be closed from Dec. 23 through Jan.1 for Christmas break, Holly will be in the office on December 27, 30 and 31 from 10 am - 4 pm for any last minute giving help you may need. Normal office hours will resume on January 2.

### Check your statements!

Holly mailed giving statements Friday. PLEASE review them to make sure that the church has received all the checks you believe you sent in. We have had issues with the postal service losing checks twice this year, and we want to ensure that we have received your generous gifts.

### It's not too Late!

In Christ, power is infinite. He can multiply our generous individual gifts to make an impact in so many areas. Please join us in making a pledge for 2025 and making a difference - both in our church community and for our neighbors in Charlotte.

You can pledge online at:

<https://www.holycomfortercharlotte.org/pledge-now/>

### Worship & Education

#### Sundays during The Hour

The Gathering, a weekly Bible 101 class for adults looking at the next Sunday's readings, led by Chris Bates in the Atkinson conference room. Bring your coffee and curiosity.

#### Epiphany Pageant

Our bilingual Epiphany Pageant will be Jan. 5 at 11 am. Contact [Kimberly Rockas](#) to sign up your child.



### Help Us Connect Our Spaces to Our Charlotte Community

We have beautiful facilities that we would love to share, both to increase our revenue and to connect with our wider community. If you know of a group or an individual that you think would like to rent our space please direct them to <https://www.holycomfortercharlotte.org/facilities-rental/>

### La Escuelita Weekday School Priority Admission Opportunity for Holy Comforter Church Members!

Are you seeking a nurturing environment where your child can learn and grow in a dual-language preschool? We're excited to offer early admission to La Escuelita Weekday School exclusively for our Holy Comforter members from January 16 to 30!

#### Why Choose La Escuelita Weekday School?

- Dual Language Learning: Give your child the gift of bilingual education, preparing them for a bright future.
- Loving Environment: Experienced, caring teachers dedicated to your child's growth and development.

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- Small Class Sizes: Personalized attention in a close-knit, supportive community. Two teachers in each class.

### Early Admission Benefits

Secure your child's spot before open enrollment on January 31. Contact us with questions or to schedule a tour of our school at [laesws@holycorfortercharlotte.org](mailto:laesws@holycorfortercharlotte.org).

### Fellowship

#### Community Dinner is on break until February!

Look for a new signup sheet in January, and reach out to [jessicad@holycorfortercharlotte.org](mailto:jessicad@holycorfortercharlotte.org) to volunteer.

#### First Tuesday Dinner on January 7

Our First Tuesday Dinner group gathers on Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Atkinson Building, for dinner and dialog. First Tuesday Dinner is a gathering of younger adults, supported by a small group of older adults who can cook, giving space for deeper conversation and new friendships. The discussion prompt for January: what's a "rule of life" and why should we care? ALL are welcome. To connect, email Beth at [eahardin@mindspring.com](mailto:eahardin@mindspring.com)

#### Attention Christian and Episcopalian Bibliophiles!

As a gift to the parish, Mack Silver has given a goodly amount of books from Rev. Gay Silver's Library to Holy Comforter. We will give first chance at them to our parish family for personal use before looking at what might be suitable for permanence in our church library. The books (and some others) are on a table in the library, feel free to take as many as you wish. Included among them are some nice Books of Common Prayer. (Sorry, I have already claimed the BCP from 1790! - Fr. Greg+)

### Outreach

#### Room in the Inn

Our second weekend: We have a few positions open for the weekend of January 4/5: Van Driver Saturday and Sunday; One female overnight Host; Friend At Church, and Laundry Pickup (done Wednesday through Friday). We have a new QR code link to the new SignUp Genius for volunteers to sign up. Please visit the Room in the Inn bulletin board for more.



#### Lunch Bags for Roof Above

Here is the link to sign up for Saturday, January 4th. It's not too early: <https://tinyurl.com/4rew7h7p> Contact [Brad Patterson](#) with questions at [pattint12@yahoo.ca](mailto:pattint12@yahoo.ca). Thank you for your continued support!

#### Warm and Fuzzy Tree

During Advent we will be filling our Warm and Fuzzy Tree with things to keep people warm this winter. Beyond Our Walls will then distribute the items. Bring in hats, scarves, and gloves and pin them to the tree.

#### Holiday Party with YWCA

On Sunday Dec. 22, 4:30-6:00 p.m., we'll be hosting a Families Together holiday party at the Park Road YWCA with Christmas and Kwanzaa crafts followed by pizza. Let Jane Crutchfield [info@holycorfortercharlotte.org](mailto:info@holycorfortercharlotte.org) know if you'd like to help. (The Y requests **adults only** due to the sensitivity of the Families Together program.)