



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 24, 2023

8:00 am & 10:00 am



God's discerning, inclusive, Christ-centered church, engaged in outreach ministry, growing discipleship, and life changing worship.

Welcome to Indoor Worship at St. Barnabas'!

Welcome to our in-person indoor worship service. In order to worship safely we will:

- Have doors and windows open to provide fresh airflow,
- Be limited to those who have no COVID-19 symptoms and have not recently tested positive for COVID-19.
- Recommend that a mask be worn at all times, however, masks are optional for those who have been vaccinated and are healthy,
- Prohibit touching, hugging, and handshakes,
- Please note that we do not require COVID vaccination to attend worship at St. Barnabas.

Distribution of bread and wine:

- Starting from the back of the room, Ushers will invite you forward to receive the bread and wine.
- After receiving the bread, you may slip it under your mask to consume it.
- Then you may take a small bowl of wine from the tray and consume the wine before returning to your seat. Empty bowls may be placed in the baskets along the side of the room.
- If you prefer you may also drink wine from the common chalice.
- If you are unable to come forward, let the ushers know so the bread can be brought to you.

Four courtyard and two narthex bathrooms are available for your use. Please use the disinfecting spray that is in the bathroom. If you have any questions or concerns, the Ushers are available to assist you.

Welcome to Online St. Barnabas!

Welcome to those joining our virtual worship with Facebook Live. We are glad to have you with us in this new way. You may access our livestream starting at 9:45 am at facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/

A recording of the live-stream will be posted on the St. Barnabas YouTube Channel (bit.ly/StBYouTube) the afternoon following the service.

Bidding (intercessory prayer) Book – If you would like to add a prayer to be read during the church service, you may add it to the “Bidding Book” located at the back of the church to the left of the doors. If you cannot join us in person and would like to add a prayer to be read during the church service you can email the name of the person to our parish office at saintbarnabas.ag@gmail.com (before Wednesday morning), or add it to the comments section on Facebook Live during the livestream.

Greens and Candle Dedications – Candles are lighted by Jerri Pence in celebration of the birthday of her grandson Matthew Pence.

Poinsettias have been placed on the altar by Kim Valois in loving memory of Adah Kirkpatrick.

In addition to our Sunday morning Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:00 am, we offer the following...

Notable Events

Sunday	DECEMBER 24	Christmas Eve 4:45 pm and 10:45 pm
Monday	DECEMBER 25	Christmas Day 10:00 am
Sunday	DECEMBER 31	(No 8:00 am worship)
Sunday	DECEMBER 31	Christmas Lessons & Carols 10:00 am

INTROIT

Sung by The Chancel Choir

All hail to the days that merit more praise
 than all the rest of the year,
 And welcome the nights that double delights
 as well for the poor as the peer!
 Good fortune attend each merry man's friend
 that doth but the best that he may,
 Forgetting old wrongs with carols and songs
to drive the cold winter away.

'Tis ill for a mind to anger inclined
 to think of small injuries now;
 If wrath be to seek, do not lend her your cheek,
 nor let her inhabit thy brow.
 Cross out of thy books malevolent looks,
 both beauty and youth's decay,
 and wholly consort with mirth and sport,
to drive the cold winter away.

This time of the year is spent in good cheer,
 and neighbours together do meet,
 To sit by the fire, with friendly desire,
 each other in love to greet.
 Old grudges forgot are put in the pot,
 all sorrows aside they lay;
 The old and the young doth carol this song,
to drive the cold winter away.

When Christmas's tide comes in a like bride,
 with holly and ivy clad,
 Twelve days in the year much mirth and good cheer
 in every household is had.
 The country guise is then to devise
 some gambols of Christmas play,
 Whereat the young men do the best that they can
to drive the cold winter away.

ENGLISH CHRISTMAS CAROL,

"All Hail to the Days", also known as "To Drive the Cold Winter Away", is an English Elizabethan era Christmas carol from the 1600's, traditionally sung to the tune "When Phoebus did rest". The carol's lyrics allude to various seasonal festivities (wassailing, feasting, theatre performances) during Christmastide (the Twelve Days of Christmas - December 24 through January 5.)

This is our fourth and last Sunday in the Season of Advent.

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus into the world as a baby. The word "Advent" is Latin for "to come."

The color for the Season of Advent is purple or blue. As a way to mark this season of expectation and hope, we wear blue vestments at St. Barnabas. This is a recovery of an ancient English tradition stemming from Salisbury Cathedral, so the particular blue that is worn is referred to as "saram blue" (Sarum being the ancient Latin name for Salisbury.)

THE WORD OF GOD

Stand as you are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 4 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 5 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 4 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 5 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 4 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 5 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The Celebrant says

Blessed be the One who brings us peace.

People

The Holy One's love is new every morning.

This is the day the Creator has made.

People

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PROFESSION OF PEACE

- Celebrant* We follow Jesus of Nazareth, the Prince of Peace.
People We are a people of peace, yesterday, today and tomorrow.
We say “no” to war, for war has no power to save us.
We strive to embody the command to love God and neighbor.
- Celebrant* We will not be enemies with anyone
People not those who believe they are our enemies
not those whom we have been taught to hate
not even those whose actions make us afraid.
- Celebrant* We confess our complicity in a world of violence
People by believing the lie that violence can restore balance, offer
security or establish peace
by accepting the propaganda that nonviolent approaches are
ineffective by squandering vast resources to uphold our own might.
- Celebrant* We stand with those who have no power
People with those displaced or devastated by war and conflict
with those marginalized by systems that oppress them
with those excluded just because of who they are.
- Celebrant* We confront injustice
People seeking to understand how our own actions provoke conflict
examining circumstances through the lens of scripture
using nonviolent strategies of direct action.
- Celebrant* We embrace a life of peacemaking, even knowing that
People peacemaking requires humility of spirit
peacemaking requires sacrifice of privilege and power
peacemaking requires acts of great courage, with risk
and even suffering.
- Celebrant* We commit to bold witness to our church and to the world
People reflecting, praying and acting for peace
honoring those who have devoted their lives to the cause of
peace and justice
proclaiming that we are – all of us – God’s beloved children.
- Celebrant* For we belong to God
People and give our lives to the hope and possibilities of a world transformed.

KYRIE ELEISON

Said by all.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Señor, ten piedad. Cristo, ten piedad. Señor, ten piedad.
Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

This year our theme for the season of Advent is PEACE, in all of its beauty and complexity. Please join in reciting a Profession of Peace as we commit to bringing the Kingdom of God into our world. Some parts of this Profession may make you squirm. Pay special attention to those sections. Other parts may give you a sense of hope that there are things you can actually do to be a peacemaker.

The Kyrie is a prayer that is simultaneously a petition and a prayer of thanksgiving. It is an acknowledgment of what God has done, what God is doing, and what God will continue to do. In this version, the Kyrie is repeated first in Greek, then in Spanish, and finally in English.

Each Sunday, our worship includes a reading from
(a) the Old Testament,
(b) the Psalms,
(c) the New Testament,
and (d) the Gospels.

Our readings are on a pre-set three-year cycle called "The Revised Common Lectionary" or RCL. We are currently in Year B of that three-year cycle.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 LESSONS

The people sit.

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

A Reading from the second book of Samuel.

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

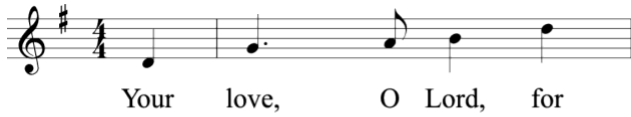
But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26

8:00 am | Said by All

10:00 am | Sung by the Chancel Choir
All sing refrain.



¹ Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

² For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. *Refrain.*

³ "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴ "I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations." *Refrain.*

¹⁹ You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: *

"I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

²⁰ I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him. *Refrain.*

²¹ My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.

²² No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down. *Refrain.*

²³ I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.

²⁴ My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name. *Refrain.*

²⁵ I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.

²⁶ He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'" *Refrain.*

SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Let there be peace on earth

Verses 1 - 2

1. Let there be peace on earth and let it be -
 2. Let peace be - gin with me, let this be the

gin with me; _____ Let there be peace on
 mo - ment now. _____ With ev' - ry step I

earth, the peace that was meant to be, _____ With
 take, let this be my sol - cmn vow: _____ To

2nd time to Coda

God as cre - a - tor, _____ bro - thers and sis - ters are

we, _____ Let us walk with each o - ther _____

_____ in per - fect har - mo - ny. _____

Coda



take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e -
ter - nal - ly. Let there be peace on
earth and let it be - gin with me.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

All stand.

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ken Kaisch

*Followed by a moment of silent mediation.***THE NICENE CREED***All stand.*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Deacon says

In this Season of Advent let us focus our minds and hearts on peace and offer our prayers to the God of Love for the Peace of Christ to come among all peoples, saying: *Bring us your peace.*

We pray for your holy catholic Church that all members may always be open to the immense generosity of God's love and pass it on to others who are searching for healing and peace.
God of love, **Bring us your peace.**

We pray for The Episcopal Church, the Diocese of El Camino Real, the San Luis Obispo deanery and this parish of St. Barnabas, that you will draw us into a deeper relationship with you and with one another. Help us trust you and one another in challenging times. Free us from fear and lead us into the peace of reconciliation with all peoples.
God of love, **Bring us your peace.**

We pray for new pathways of peace to open that will bring an end to violence of every kind among all nations, within our own nation, our communities, and in our homes, so that there will be safety and justice for everyone. We especially pray for a peaceful end to the wars in Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Gaza.
God of love, **Bring us your peace.**

We pray for the peace inclusion and wholeness brings. Especially we pray for all people who suffer from institutional prejudice and direct bigotry; that everyone will be respected, welcomed, and included.
God of love, **Bring us your peace.**

We pray for the peace of forgiveness and reconciliation for the wrongs done to native peoples in every land and especially for all Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we are worshipping this day.
God of love, **Bring us your peace.**

We pray for peace and the healing touch of Jesus to restore all who are suffering in any way. And we pray for those who have died that they rest in your peace.

In our own community, we continue to pray for: **Marilyn, Jim, Linda, Dave & Deb Habr, Stewart Gibson, Liz & children, Jonathan, Gabe's family, Christian, Marvid, Mary, Dr. John Brooks Slaughter, Rose Komar, Dan Hooper, Coleen, Janet, Pamela J., Bob Freeman, Jette (pronounced "Yette") Manuel, Rosalba, and Isabella.**

And the repose of soul for: Mike Napolitano, Charles Antonini, and Maurizio Grotto.
God of love, **Bring us your peace.**

(The Intercessor then reads the petitions from the bidding book and from the comment section of FB Live.)
God of love, **Bring us your peace.**

The Deacon adds a concluding Collect.

In this season our Prayers of the People reflect our theme of PEACE.

If you are in person then you may write pray requests into the Bidding Book on the shelf at the back of the worship space.

Words and names in bold are said together.

While we do have individual **Confession** it is more common for us to make a communal Confession like this one from our Book of Common Prayer. What have you left undone?

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People say

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people sit.

Birthdays: Matthew Pence, John Totten,
Anniversaries: Brian Stoltey & Shea Scheuer, Gary & Ann Coker,
 Carlos & Nancy Ortiz, Ken & Susan Kaisch

Birthday Prayer

Gracious God, who made us in your own image, we thank you for life, love, and joy. Send your blessing upon these your children, who have completed another year. Surround them with your grace, fill them with your love, and strengthen them to be your servants in the world. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

We thank you, Gracious God, for the love you have implanted in the hearts of your servants and for your continued blessings upon them. Give them kind and loving hearts, always ready to ask forgiveness as well as to forgive. Support them through times of trial, strengthen their love for one another, and may that love empower them to be instruments of God's love in the world. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After the Confession and Absolution we share **The Peace** with one another as a preparatory step for the Eucharist.

If are joining us on Facebook Live and you have a **birthday, anniversary or other celebration** please type that into the comments.

Prayer for Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

My soul gives glory to my God

1 My soul gives glo - ry to my God. My
2 My God has done great things for me: yes,
3 From age to age, to all who fear, such
4 Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -
5 Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -

heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my
ho - ly is this name. All peo - ple will de -
mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice
motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spi - rits
ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past

low - li - ness in man - y mar - vel - ous ways.
clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.
far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.
sat - is - fied, the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.
prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

This Advent hymn is from a supplemental Episcopal hymnal called Voices Found. This is a hymnal which emphasizes music and hymns by women composers and poets. The words for this particular hymn are based on the words of Mary, the mother of Jesus, words that we know of as the Magnificat.

*This morning our
worship does not
include a Eucharist.
Instead, **The Great
Thanksgiving** is a series
of prayers giving our
praise and thanksgiving
to God.*

The Great Thanksgiving

The People standing.

The Celebrant says

Please join in as we continue to give thanks and praise to God. Saying together...

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

The Celebrant continues.

Let us give thanks to God for all the blessings so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and
promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
**To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Deacon says

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR PEACE

The people remain standing

Celebrant says Holy God, the bread and cup remind us how good you are. You nourish us
in our journey of faith, reminding us that you are always present with us.
As we journey through Advent, prepare us to hear your call.

People **Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

Celebrant As we receive your peace, may we see where we can share it with others.
Guide us in our words and actions.

People **Where there is hatred, let us sow love.**

Celebrant We give you thanks for who you are.

People **And the blessings of being called your people. Amen**

The people stand and the Priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the
knowledge and love of God and of God's son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessings of
God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you are remain with you forever.
Amen.

CONCLUDING HYMN

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say -

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

Two Noël's: *Vieux Noël* & *Noël Angevin*

César Franck

LIFE AT ST. BARNABAS

2024 PLEDGE CARDS – Pledge cards were gathered on November 5th during both services. We also received numerous cards in the collection plate and mail. If you have not yet returned your 2024 pledge card, please drop it by, put it in the collection plate, or mail it to the church office. If you need a blank card, please pick one up in the narthex or the office. Thank you all for your support of our church and the many ministries here.

SOMEONE TO LISTEN TO YOU – When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full-attention kind of listening. A person in pain needs that kind help. That's one of the ways **Stephen Ministers** care for others. They share the warmth of God's love with those who need it most: the lonely, the depressed, the grieving. People are precious, and when they hurt or suffer, they deserve the best care and support we can offer. That's why our congregation has Stephen Ministers. Their training, commitment, and service make them the best at providing care for people who need it. Every day you see people who are hurting: those who have lost a job, have lost a loved one, have gone through a divorce, or are battling a terminal illness. Stephen Ministers are God's representatives who bring his love to those who are hurting. ***Do you need someone with these gifts to listen to you?*** Deacon Susan can find a Stephen Minister for you. Call the church or email her at dcnsusan.stbarnabas@gmail.com.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT – Take a look at the Weekly-E to find a report on this month's ministry. Each month we will be focusing on one of the many ministries of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church. This month our focus is on the Counters who process the offering. Janette Sofranko is the ministry leader.

NOMINATIONS FOR VESTRY AND DIOCESAN CONVENTION – The Nominating Committee has begun its work at the end of October to identify and recruit three new Vestry members for three-year terms. In addition, five people to be nominated to represent St. Barnabas at the Diocesan Convention. Terms begin with the Parish Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28th. If you have someone that you think should be considered by the Nominating Committee then please let them know. The committee includes Melissa Biel, Steve Jerrick, and Kris Vardas.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, December 24 – 4:45 pm and 10:45 pm – Christmas Eve Eucharist

Monday, December 25 – 10:00 am – Christmas Day Eucharist

Sunday, December 31 – (no 8:00 worship) – 10:00 am Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sunday, January 7 – 8:00 am and 10:00 Eucharist and Epiphany celebration

LAMENTATION FOR THE HOLY LAND – Sunday, January 7, 2-3 pm at Meadow Park, San Luis Obispo. A time to gather without a political agenda to remember our common humanity and to grieve the trauma and loss of life that has happened and is happening in Israel and Gaza, and the fear and suffering it is causing locally. You are invited to wear black as a sign of lamentation. Sponsored by Interfaith Coalition for Peace, The Episcopal Clergy of San Luis Obispo.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER VIRTUALLY

Sunday morning WORSHIP at 10:00 am – We live-stream our Sunday 10:00am worship services on the St. Barnabas' Facebook page: facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/

All you need is a computer or device with an internet connection and speakers to watch the live-stream; you do not need to have a Facebook account. A recording of the live-stream will be posted on the St. Barnabas YouTube Channel: (bit.ly/StBYoutube) following the service.

If you would like to participate more fully in the service, the order of service booklet is available for download on the St. Barnabas website by clicking the big blue "Weekly Bulletin" button on our website. Sunday morning worship bulletin is available starting at 1:00 pm on Thursday.

TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER at 9:30 am – Now Hybrid on Zoom and the church library in person. If you have a Book of Common Prayer at home that will be useful to have on hand.

Click this link to attend via your computer or device:

bit.ly/stbarnabasmorningprayer

To dial in call 1-669-900-6833. When prompted put in the meeting id of **878 6513 4138#** and when prompted for a password put in **365072#**, and then hit **#** a second time.

BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays at 10:00 am – Now Hybrid on Zoom and the church library in person. Bible Study will start at 10:00 am immediately following Morning Prayer. The Zoom login is the same as Morning Prayer (above). We are looking at the book of Genesis and for each of the 50 chapters, the text is printed and followed by a reflection, questions, and a prayer. The publisher invites us to "Come and explore the advent of humanity and the interplay of God and Humans with this daily guide..." The reflections are written by a variety of authors, clergy, scholars, and lay people. Feel free to contact Gerti Garner at ggrgarner@gmail.com for more information.

Friday 4:00 pm CENTERING PRAYER – Each Friday afternoon at 4pm we will hold a Centering Prayer Service. After first gathering for a few minutes, we practice our 20 minutes of silent Centering Prayer. Following the practice, we will be reading and discussing a passage from Catherine of Siena, a 14th century mystic who composed and dictated *The Dialogue*, a summary of her theology, her spirituality, and her pastoral concerns, becoming the first woman published in one of the Italian dialects. We are using *Set Aside Every Fear*, an edited collection of her prayers and reflections.

We meet every Friday from 4 – 5pm. We meet **in person** on **Friday, January 12th** (and every 2nd Friday) at St Barnabas. All other Fridays we meet via Zoom: bit.ly/stbarnabascenteringprayer.

To dial in call 1-669-900-6833. When prompted put in the meeting id of **867 7756 1670#** and when prompted for a password put in **034979#**, and then hit **#** a second time.

MAKING DONATIONS TO ST. BARNABAS

ELECTRONIC TRANSFER: You can make an electronic transfer to St. Barnabas using Quick Pay with Zelle set up. Many banks and financial institutions offer this method of funds transfer. Donations can be set up as one-time or recurring. To transfer money, use the email address of the Financial Secretary (stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com) as the recipient. If you have questions or difficulties setting it up, call Janette Sofranko at 805-801-4526. There are no fees associated with this type of transfer.

PayPal is another option for electronic transfer. You can find St. Barnabas using the email address of the Financial Secretary: stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com PayPal does charge St. Barnabas a processing fee.

AUTO PAY FROM YOUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION: Many banks and financial institutions offer a service often called Auto Pay or Bill Pay. It's fairly easy to set up online or at the bank. The donation can be set up as one-time or recurring. The bank will issue the check on the date you give them and mail the check to St. Barnabas.

MAIL YOUR CHECK: You can also mail your check to St. Barnabas. Please put "Attn Financial Secretary" on the envelope. The address is: 301 Trinity Ave., Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

If you have any questions on how to make your donation, please feel free to contact Janette Sofranko, Financial Secretary, at 805-801-4526. You can also send an email to stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support of St. Barnabas.

DONATE

**DONATIONS OF TIME AND TALENT ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT AS FINANCIAL DONATIONS.
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPS SERVE EACH SUNDAY!**

Vestry Members – The governing board of our parish is made up of the following:
Class of 2024 – Melissa Biel, Steve Jerrick, Kris Vardas (Sr. Warden)
Class of 2025 – Rachel Mann, Carlos Ortiz (Jr. Warden), Brian Petersen
Class of 2026 – Robert Merritt, Sheila Miller, Tracy Schiro

This Week's Altar Guild Team:

Jane Delgadillo, Pam Pano, Jerri Pence, Gerti Garner, Charmaine Petersen

Sunday School Teachers:

Pam & Aly Pano

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Ministry:

8:00 am Tracy Tschanz, Karen Reinecke
10:00 am Cherry Baldwin

This Week's Coffee Hour Ministry:

8:00 am David & Sharon Williams
10:00 am

CALENDAR
Week of December 24 – December 31
OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK AND REOPENING ON JANUARY 2

TODAY	In-Person Liturgy of the Word.....	8:00 am
	In-Person Liturgy of the Word*	10:00 am
	Children’s Sunday School.....	10:00 am
	Christmas Eve Eucharist (childcare provided)	4:45 pm
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Monday	Christmas Day Holy Communion	10:00 am
Tuesday	12-Step Meeting	12:00 noon
Friday	Centering Prayer (on Zoom).....	4:00 pm
Saturday	Prison Volunteer Training.....	8:00 am
Sunday	In-Person Christmas Lessons & Carols	10:00 am
	Children’s Sunday School.....	10:00 am

**In-person and via Facebook Live*

SERVING TODAY

Presider The Rev. Rob Keim
 Preacher The Rev. Ken Kaisch
 Deacon The Rev. Dcn. Susan Arnold
 8am Music Sharon Williams
 Minister of Music Janis Johnson
 Choral Scholars Blake Diaz, Taylor Hatch, Ava Portz

8 am

Eucharistic Minister/Usher Carlos Ortiz
 Lector/Usher Robert Merritt
 Vestry on Call
 Coffee Hour Ministry Sharon & David Williams

10 am

Eucharistic Minister Gerti Garner
 Lector Paula Smith
 Ushers Pat & Penny Chambers
 Vestry on Call Sheila Miller
 Coffee Hour
 Livestream Jeff Diehl



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