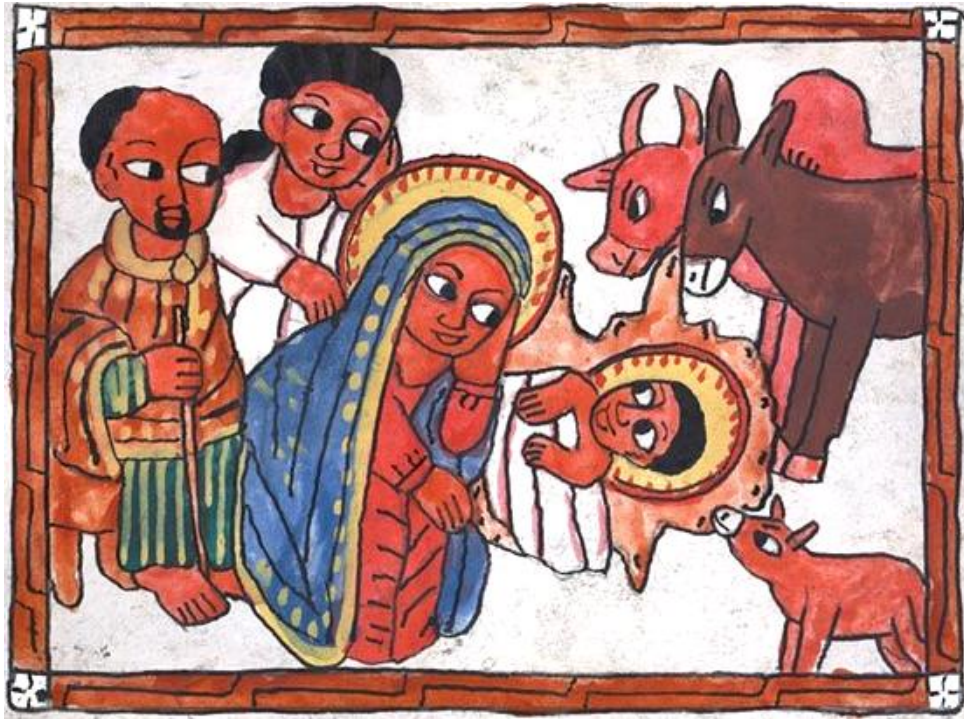




# St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24, 2023 | 4:45 pm & 10:45 pm  
CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023 | 10:00 am



*Member Legesse Mengistu – Ethiopian Nativity Icon*

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.
- Recommend that a mask be worn at all times, however, masks are optional for those who have been vaccinated and are healthy,
- Please note that we do not require COVID vaccination to attend worship at St. Barnabas.

Distribution of bread and wine:

- Starting from the balcony and then the back of the room, Ushers will invite you forward to receive the bread and wine.
- 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, instead of an individual bowl, you may 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/](https://facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/)

A recording of the live-stream will be posted on the St. Barnabas YouTube Channel ([bit.ly/StBYouTube](https://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](mailto:saintbarnabas.ag@gmail.com) (before Wednesday morning), or add it to the comments section on Facebook Live during the livestream.

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

### *Notable Events*

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve 4:45 pm and 10:45 pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>DECEMBER 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day 10:00 am</b>
	<b>DECEMBER 26-28</b>	<b>  OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>(No 8:00 am worship)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>Christmas Lessons &amp; Carols 10:00 am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 1</b>	<b>Confirmation Class 7:00 pm (series of three)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 25</b>	<b>Bishop visits St. Barnabas 8:00 am and 10:00 am</b>

# Christmas Carol Sing Along

On Christmas Eve we will begin each service with fifteen minutes of your favorite Christmas Carols. These hymns may be found in the Blue Hymnal in the pew rack in front of you.

Christmas hymns are #77 through # 115. **Which hymns would you like to sing?** During the worship service are already singing **100, 101, 109, 111, 115, 135.**

## VOLUNTARY

## Christmas Carols for Organ

### INTROIT

### Sweet Little Baby Jesus

### Robert Hunter MacGimsey

Sweet little Jesus boy, they made you be born in a manger  
Sweet little holy child, they didn't know who you were  
Didn't know you come to save us, Lord, take our sin away  
Their eyes were blind; they couldn't see  
They didn't know who you were.

Long time ago, you were born  
Born in a manger low, sweet little Jesus boy  
The world treat you mean, Lord; treat me mean, too  
But that's how things are down here.  
We don't know who you are

Sweet little Jesus boy, born such a long time ago  
Sweet little holy child, we didn't know who you were

*Christmas Eve begins the short season of Christmas, a twelve day period in which we remember how Christ came into the universe as a baby boy, the first perfect union of human and divine. We know this perfect union as Jesus and his birth changed the entire universe forever, changes that we can scarcely imagine.*

*The color for this season is **white** and you will see that in the hangings on the pulpit and lectern and on the stoles around the necks of the clergy.*

# THE WORD OF GOD

*Stand as you are able.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

Joy to the world!

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

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

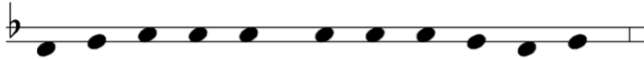
heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

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

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
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 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

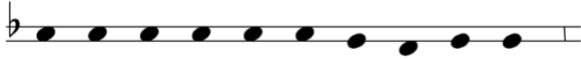
heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

*Celebrant*



Bless-ed be the one, ho - ly and liv - ing God.

*People*



Glo - ry to God for ev - er and ev - er.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant says*

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.**



OPENING ANTHEM

Angels we have heard on high!

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

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

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of Mary: Grant that we, who have turned our lives towards you and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*The people sit.*

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Reader*         The Word of the Lord.

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

*The Collect of the Day is a prayer that “collects” and organizes our thoughts. Like a sonnet or haiku, it follows a traditional structure – a preamble (address, invocation), a petition, and a conclusion (meditation). There is often an allusion to the Gospel reading. There is a Collect of the Day for each week of the year as well as special feast days.*

*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.*

*We respond to the reading of Scripture by thanking God for the gift it is to us.*

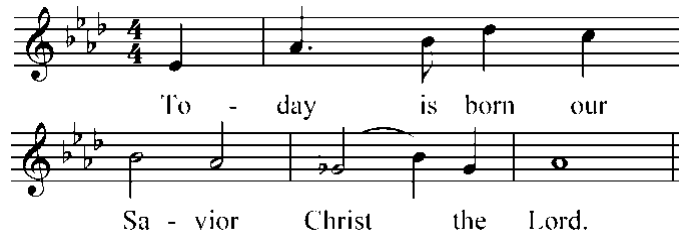
Like the other Scripture readings in today's worship, **Psalm 96** is specifically assigned to Christmas Day. This particular psalm is known as an enthronement psalm in which God is not only praised by the Hebrew people, but by all nations of the world.

This reading is from the Apostle Paul's letter to his envoy and coworker in the early church. It is a reminder to **Titus** to complete the things that need to be done to spread the good news of Jesus to the people on the island of. This particular passage from the letter reasons that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus should cause us to live our own lives differently.

**PSALM 96**

**Christmas Eve - Sung by the Chancel Choir.**

**All sing refrain.  
Christmas Day – Said by All**



- <sup>1</sup>Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- <sup>2</sup>Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. *Refrain.*
- <sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup>For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods. *Refrain.*
- <sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup>Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary! *Refrain.*
- <sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- <sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts. *Refrain.*
- <sup>9</sup>Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- <sup>10</sup>Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! \*  
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity." *Refrain.*
- <sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- <sup>12</sup>Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes, \* when he comes to judge the earth *Refrain.*
- <sup>13</sup>He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth. *Refrain.*

**SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14**

A Reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

<sup>11</sup>The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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



SEQUENCE HYMN

What child is this

Verses 1 - 2

*Unison or harmony*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

*This is Luke's version of the birth of Jesus. In it Luke tries to put into words something that cannot be put into words. The birth of Jesus has changed the universe forever. The glory and majesty of that event in history is not only beyond words, it is beyond our human understanding. But, we try anyway. In can be helpful to envision a shift of these words from our rational brain down to our relational heart. In this way the joy of the birth enfolds us.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20**

*All stand.*

*Deacon*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People**

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Deacon*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

**What child is this**

**Verse 3  
See page 9**

**THE SERMON**

**The Rev. Rob Keim**

*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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All remain standing.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*The Episcopal Church does not have a separate statement of faith or list of things we believe. Instead we hold the ancient **Creeds**, such as the Apostles' and Nicene, to be our statements of faith. They contain the core of our belief as Christians, but do not limit our faith.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Lucinda our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
**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, Rosalba, Isabella, and Jette (pronounced "Yette") Manuel.**

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life., and we will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially  
**Mike Napolitano, Charles Antonini and Maurizio Grotto.**

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*(The Intercessor then reads the petitions from the bidding book and from the comment section of FB Live.)  
And after a moment of silence the Deacon adds a concluding Collect.*

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand.*

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

*Prayer requests written in the bidding book (located on the shelf at the back of the worship space) and names put into the Comment Section of Facebook Live will be included in the bulletin next week.*

*In the Season of Christmas we do not recite the Confession and Absolution, that would normally be in this part of our worship. Instead, we move directly to the sharing of the Peace.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

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

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM    O Holy Night    4:45 pm Sung by the Chancel Choir 10:45 pm Sung by the Choral Scholars

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!  
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night divine, O night, O night divine

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
Here came the wise men from the Orient land.  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
In all our trials born to be our friend.  
He knows our need, he guards us from all danger.  
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!  
O night divine, O night, O night divine.

*O Holy Night (Cantique de Noël) is a sacred song based on a French poem by Placide Cappeau in 1843, with the first line "Minuit, Chrétien, c'est l'heure solennelle" (Midnight, Christian, is the solemn hour) that composer Adolphe Adam set to music in 1847. The carol reflects on the birth of Jesus as humanity's redemption. The song was premiered in Roquemaure in 1847 by the opera singer Emily Laury.*

## DOXOLOGY

*The people stand and sing*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye  
heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Barnabas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Deacon says*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*At this point in the Eucharistic Prayer the Celebrant makes the sign of the cross over the bread and wine and welcomes the infusion of the Spirit. The elements are now considered blessed or consecrated.*



*People and Celebrant*

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.



# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant and People sing together*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the Alleluia. The second staff contains the beginning of the main text. The third staff contains the end of the main text. The fourth staff contains the second line of the Alleluia.

*After receiving your bread and wine please take a candle, light it, and return to your seat with the lit candle.*

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



COMMUNION HYMN

Away in a manger

1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord  
 2. The cat - tle are low-ing, the Ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord  
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close by me for

1. Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky — looked  
 2. Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes, I love thee, Lord Je - sus, Look  
 3. ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

1. down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 2. down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.  
 3. thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

*You are welcomed to join the choir in singing the Communion Hymns. Or, you may elect to listen.*

COMMUNION HYMN

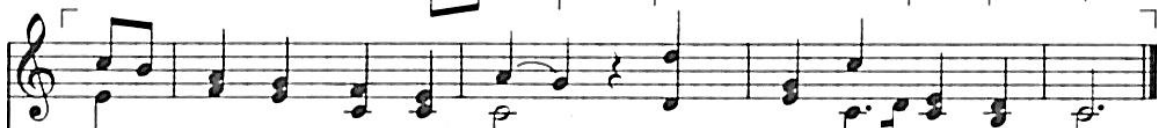
While shepherds watched their flocks



1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, All seat - ed on  
 2. "Fear not!" said he; for might - y dread Had seized their troub -  
 3. "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, Is born of Da -  
 4. "The heav'n - ly Babe you there shall find To hu - man view  
 5. "All glo - ry be to God on high, And to the earth



the ground, The an - gel of the Lord came down,  
 led mind, "Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring  
 vid's line, The Sav - ior who is Christ the Lord,  
 dis - played, All mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands,  
 be peace: Good will hence - forth from heav'n to men,



And glo - ry shone a - round, And glo - ry shone a - round.  
 To you and all man - kind, To you and all man - kind.  
 And this shall be the sign: And this shall be the sign:  
 And in a man - ger laid; And in a man - ger laid.  
 Be - gin and nev - er cease, Be - gin and nev - er cease."



AFTER COMMUNION

Silent night

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

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

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

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

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People say together*

Almighty and ever living 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 Christ,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*The blessing by the Priest is a reminder of the many blessings we already have from God. We are aware of some of the blessings and unaware of others. Our response to these blessings is gratitude and joy.*

*The people stand and the Priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**

### CONCLUDING HYMN

The first Nowell

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
3 And by the light of that same star  
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;  
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system contains five lines of lyrics. The second system contains five lines of lyrics. The music is written in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are printed below the corresponding musical notes.

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,  
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,  
 4 and there it did both stop and stay  
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord  
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Refrain*

*Deacon*

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

*People*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**VOLUNTARY**

**Now Sing We, Now Rejoice (*In dulci jubilo*)**

**Paul Manz**

*At our best we take our worship experience back out into the world so that we extend our worship throughout the rest of our day. In addition, our worship should lead to action in which we are the hands and feet and voice of Jesus in the world.*





## 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](mailto: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/](https://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](https://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](https://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](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup>** (and every 2nd Friday) at St Barnabas. All other Fridays we meet via Zoom: [bit.ly/stbarnabascenteringprayer](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, Julie Shires

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

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

*\*In-person and via Facebook Live*

**SERVING TODAY**

Presider/Preacher   The Rev. Rob Keim  
Deacon           The Rev. Dcn. Susan Arnold

Minister of Music   Janis Johnson  
Choral Scholars   Blake Diaz, Taylor Hatch, Ava Portz, Regan Rowins  
Livestream Producer   Jeff Diehl

**4:45 pm**

Eucharistic Minister   Robert Merritt  
Lector           Tricia Ottesen  
Chalices           Karen Reinecke, Gerti Garner, Todd Long  
Ushers           Karen Reinecke, Ann Mathias, Tom Bormes

**10:45 pm**

Eucharistic Minister   Pamela Jones  
Lector           Rachel Mann  
Chalices           Kevin Pence, Tom Bormes, David Murray  
Acolyte           Adrienne Kielan  
Ushers           David & Susan Murray

**10:00 am Christmas Day**

Eucharistic Minister   Deborah Miller  
Lector           Lynne Schulz  
Chalices/Ushers   Gerti Garner, Tom Bormes



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