



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST | JANUARY 12TH, 2025

8:00 am & 10:00 am



*Natalya Rusetska (Ukrainian, 1984–)
Baptism of Christ, 2013. Tempera on board, 18 × 18 cm.*

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/

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.

Flowers and Candle Dedications – Candles are lighted St. Barnabas to the Glory of God.

Flowers are placed by Paula Smith in loving memory of her parents, Raleigh and Reva Baker, and her brother, Mark Baker.

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

Notable Events

THURSDAY	JAN 16	Begin a three-week Book Study Series 7:00 pm
THURSDAY	JAN 19	Forum on Survival and Disaster Recover Kits 11:30 am
SUNDAY	JAN 26	Parish Annual Meeting 11:15 am

VOLUNTARY

INTROIT

A New Year carol

Sung by The Choral Scholars

Here we bring new water from the well so clear,
 For to worship God with, this happy New Year.
*Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;
 The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.*
 Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe,
 Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go.
*Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;
 The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.*
 Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin,
 Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in.
*Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;
 The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.*

WORDS: From *Tom Tiddler's Ground* - Walter de la Mare

MUSIC: Benjamin Britten

THE WORD OF GOD

Stand as you are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Take my life

1 Take my life and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
 2 Take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 3 Take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 4 Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its

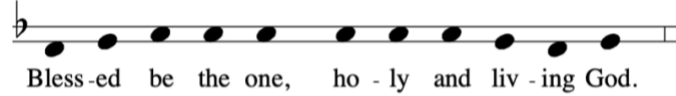
Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move
 ful for thee; take my voice and let me sing
 ges for thee; take my sil - ver and my gold,
 treas - ure store; take my - self and I will be

at the im - pulse of thy love, at the im - pulse of thy love.
 al - ways, on - ly for my King, al - ways, on - ly for my King.
 not a mite would I with - hold, not a mite would I with - hold.
 ev - er, on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

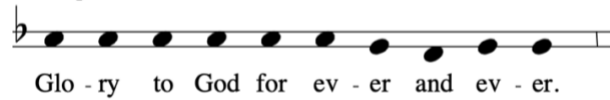
"Levy-Dew", is a Welsh folk song associated with an old New Year's Day custom. Very early in the morning on New Year's Day, children would gather evergreen foliage, draw fresh water from the well, and go from house-to-house sprinkling water over the inhabitants or on their doors, sometimes in return for a few coins. As they did this, they would sing "Levy Dew". The "gold upon her toe" is surely light from the sun setting on the old year, the "gold upon her chin" the light from the New Year's rising sun. The "bright gold wires" and "bugles" are the stuff of heaven and Revelation. The song was set to music by Benjamin Britten in 1934.

Today, the first Sunday after the Feast of Epiphany, we celebrate and remember the baptism of Jesus. The color for this special observance is white.

The people standing, the Celebrant says



People



The *Collect for Purity* is a prayer of preparation.

We bring many things with us into worship, and we ask the Holy Spirit to help us set those distractions aside, even briefly, so that we may focus on our worship of God.

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

Glory to God

1. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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 C of that three-year cycle.

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

PSALM 29



8 am Said by All
10 am Cantor sings Refrain
All repeat
Choral Scholars sing verses
All sing Refrain

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. *Refrain*
- ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. *Refrain*
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. *Refrain*
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. *Refrain*
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- ⁹ And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!" *Refrain*
- ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- ¹¹ The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. *Refrain*

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

I sing a song of the saints of God (v 1-2)

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and _____
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are

pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and
 his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the world is bright with the

lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And
 Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And
 joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can

one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,

herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of
 by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son -
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just

God - and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

All stand.

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Baptism is the acceptance that we are beings made up of both matter and spirit. The journey through this life includes both body and mind AND includes all the relational aspects of life that we call spirituality. The baptism of Jesus recognizes this journey he has in common with us.

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

Today we welcome
Julie Shires back to our
pulpit. Last year Julie
graduated from our
diocesan preaching
class, and she has
been
licensed by our
Bishop to preach at
St. Barnabas. Thank
you to Julie for sharing
her voice with us.

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.

SEQUENCE HYMN

I sing a song of the saints of God

Prior page
Verse 3

THE SERMON

Followed by a moment of silent mediation.

Julie Shires

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.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the diverse and vibrant native communities who make their home here and across these lands. For all Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we are worshipping this morning. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. In our St. Barnabas' community, we pray for **Chantelle Powell, Stewart, Karen Reinecke, Matt C., Leslie, Kathryn H., Marilyn Cockshott, Richard Racho, Jefferson Medoza, Debbie Estes-Kielan, the Marcilla Family, and those affected by the fires in Los Angeles.** *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled. We pray for **former President Jimmy Carter, Joanne Pierce Misko, and Mike Peterson.**

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

*(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

People

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

*In this season after Epiphany we are using **Prayer Form 4** from our Book of Common Prayer. As this prayer emphasizes all of life, and death, is at the mercy of God.*

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people sit.

Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

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.

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 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 The Baptism of Christ Sung by the Chancel Choir

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane. [Today Jesus returned to the Jordan.]

When Jesus Christ baptised was,
The Holy Ghost descended with grace;
The Father's voice was heard in this place:
Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende. [This is my Son, listen to him.]

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.
There were three Persons and one Lord,
The Son baptised with one accord,
The Father said this blessed word:
Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.
Now, Jesu, as thou art both God and Man,
And were baptised in from Jordan,
At our last end we pray thee, say then:
Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende. Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.

WORDS: Medieval Text

MUSIC: Michael Bedford

DOXOLOGY

The people stand and sing

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

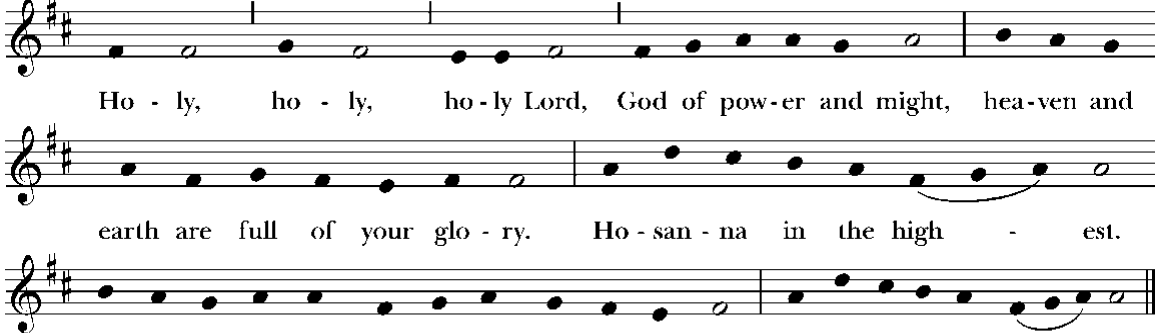
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

In this season after Epiphany we are using Eucharistic Prayer C from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.

At 8:00 am the Sanctus is said by the Celebrant and People
**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.**

At 10:00 am the Sanctus is sung by the Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Celebrant and People

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel. God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

The original version of this Eucharistic Prayer only listed the Patriarchs (men) from some of the early Old Testament stories. We know that God also honored the women of these stories, so we add them. You may note there are three men and four women. Remember that Leah and Rachel both had Jacob as a husband.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.**

*We alternate, by season, between the traditional version of the **Lord's Prayer** and the contemporary version of the Lord's Prayer. In this season of Epiphany we are using the latter versions which was developed at a cross-denominational conference in in the 1970s.*

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 Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God, all are welcomed at God's table.

COMMUNION HYMN

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove

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

1 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;
 2 See how we tri - fle here be - low, fond of these earth - ly toys;
 3 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise:
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;

kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
 our souls, how heav - i - ly they go, to reach e - ter - nal joys.
 ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
 come, shed a - broad a Sa - vior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

COMMUNION HYMN

O Holy Spirit, root of life

1 O Ho - ly Spi - rit, root of life cre - a - tor, cleans - er
 2 (E) - ter - nal Vig - or, sav - ing one, you free us by your
 3 (O) Ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en - com - pass us with

of all things, a - noint our wounds, a - wak - en us with lus - trous
 liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to wear our pain, and all - cre -
 wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en - cir - cling all, a - bove, be -

1. 2.
 move - ment of your wings, _____ of your wings. _____ 2 E -
 a - tion is re - stored, _____ is re - stored. _____ 3 O
 low, and through the (world.) _____

Final Ending
 world, _____ a - bove, be - low, and through the world,
 through the world, through the world. _____

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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**

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.



CONCLUDING HYMN

Christ is the world's true light

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
 2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
 3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
 the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
 cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

freedom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

LIFE AT ST. BARNABAS

2025 PLEDGE CARDS – Pledge cards were gathered on November 3rd during both services. We also received numerous cards in the collection plate and mail. If you have not yet returned your 2025 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. 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 dcsusan.stbarnabas@gmail.com.*

BOOK STUDY SERIES – On Thursday, January 16th at 7:00pm we will start a three-week series on Walter Wink's book "The Powers That Be."

All of us deal with the Powers That Be. They staff our hospitals, run City Hall, sit around tables in corporate boardrooms, collect our taxes, and head our families. But the Powers That Be are more than just the people who run things. They are the systems themselves, the institutions and structures that weave society into an intricate fabric of power and relationships. These Powers surround us on every side. They are necessary. They are useful. We could do nothing without them. Who wants to do without timely mail delivery or well-maintained roads? But the Powers are also the source of unmitigated evils. Corporations and governments are "creatures" whose sole purpose is to serve the general welfare. And when they refuse to do so, their spirituality becomes diseased. They become "demonic." Furthermore, unjust systems perpetuate themselves by means of institutionalized violence. However, even these rebellious Powers can be transformed in the crucible of God's love.

Jesus' gospel is God's answer to that system of domination. It offers an alternative more radical and thoroughgoing than any other in human history. Jesus himself, in his own life, broke the endless spiral of violence by absorbing its impact in his own flesh, and in his teachings about nonviolence he showed us a new way of living. Nonviolence leads not just to a new politics and a new society, however; it also involves the very personal task of forgiving our enemies. And it requires a deep spirituality centered in prayer that can liberate us from the illusions spun over us by the Powers and that can free us to create a society more friendly to life. In a world sinking into ever-deeper injustice and violence, Jesus offers an alternative

Purchase the book from your favorite bookseller and read the Introduction and Chapters 1-2 before the first class. Each of the one-hour classes will review several chapters from the book and segue into a discuss about how we be the hands and feet and voice of Jesus in the world to reclaim our society for God.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS – On January 19th during coffee hour in the side room of the Parish Hall we are having a demonstration and discussion about prepping for disasters. There will be games and a raffle, too! Prizes galore!

HYGIENE BAG ASSEMBLY – On January 31st from 1:30pm to 3:30pm we will be assembling Hygiene Bags for the Homeless in classrooms 3 and 4. "The most good you'll do in two short hours. Please come! I need your help!" – Laura McMaster

OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER VIRTUALLY

Sunday morning WORSHIP at 10:00 am – We live-stream our Sunday 10:00 am 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/StYouTube) 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 Mark. 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 Hildegard of Bingen, a mystic from the 11th and 12th centuries. She was a mystic (perhaps Germany's first) and a visionary, but she was also a prophet, a reformer, a scientist, an encyclopedist, a composer, and a dramatist – a Renaissance personality well before the Renaissance.

We are using *Let There Be Light* an edited collection of prayers and writings introducing some of her visions and spiritual insights.

We meet every Friday from 4:00 pm -5:00 pm. We next meet **in person** on **Friday, February 14th** (and every 2nd Friday) at St Barnabas. On 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.

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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 2025 – Rachel Mann, Carlos Ortiz (Jr. Warden), Brian Petersen
Class of 2026 – Robert Merritt, Sheila Miller, Tracy Schiro (Sr. Warden)
Class of 2027 – Leslie Campbell, Tom DeNatale, Corey Kielan

This Week's Altar Guild Team:
Tricia Ottesen, Marsha Fasse, Paula Smith

Sunday School Teachers:
Adrienne & Corey Kielan

Last Week's Coffee Hour Ministry Hosts
8:00 am: Lorrie Erno, Ann Mathias
10:00 am:

CALENDAR
January 12 - 19

TODAY	In-Person Holy Communion.....	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion.....	10:00 am
	Children’s Sunday School.....	10:00 am
	Buildings & Grounds Meeting after service	11:20 am
Tuesday	Morning Prayer (Hybrid Zoom & Church Library)	9:30 am
	Biblical Roundtable (Hybrid Zoom & Church Library).....	10:00 am
	12-Step Meeting (outdoors).....	12:00 noon
	Finance Committee meeting (Zoom).....	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Senior Fitness & Stretching with Sigrid	12:15 pm
	Writing From Life class.....	2:00 pm
	Choir Rehearsal.....	5:30 pm
Thursday	Morning Yoga with Sigrid.....	9:30 am
	Begin a New Book Series on “The Powers That Be”	7:00 pm
Friday	Senior Fitness & Stretching with Sigrid	12:15 pm
	Centering Prayer (via Zoom)	4:00 pm
Sunday	In-Person Holy Communion	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion.....	10:00 am
	Children’s Sunday School.....	10:00 am
	Forum on Survival and Disaster Recovery Kits (Forum Room).....	11:30 pm

**In-person and via Facebook Live*

SERVING TODAY

PREACHER Julie Shires
 PRESIDERS The Rev. Rob Keim
 DEACON The Rev. Dcn. Susan Arnold
 8AM MUSIC Sharon Williams
 MUSIC MINISTER Janis Johnson
 CHORAL SCHOLARS Leah Coffey, Catryna Benander
 Zach Allen, Alexander Miller

8 am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Gerti Garner
 LECTOR Candace Kincade
 CHALICE, USHER, VESTRY, COFFEE Robert Merritt
 USHER, COFFEE MINISTRY HOST Carlos Ortiz

10 am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Pamela Jones
 LECTOR Lynne Schulz
 CHALICES Debbie Miller, Tom Bormes, David Murray
 USHERS Diane Wilcock
 VESTRY ON CALL Corey Keilan
 LIVESTREAM Adam Loveridge
 COFFEE MINISTRY HOST Steve Jerrick & Harry Johnson



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