

Those Serving Today, December 31, 2017

Altar Guild: CJ Charles & Cyndy Fields

Offering Tally: Ed Fain & Jim Gary

Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Helen Hudson & Dan Booher

Birthdays: Frank Escamilla (1/2)

Worship Leader: Sam Vaught; Readers @ 8a: Judy Wynne & Kitty Haffner ;

@ 10:30a: Rees Olander & Carole Meyer



The Festival of **Lessons and Carols** is a service celebrating the birth of Jesus that is traditionally offered at Christmas. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir music.

Announcements:

Today 8a & 10:30a – Lessons and Carols
No Christian Formation or EFM

Mon., 1/1 New Year’s Day- Office Closed

Tues., 1/2 Noon: League of Women Voters (WH)
5:30p – Board Meeting, N Bennett (Library)

Wed., 1/3 7:30a- Centering Prayer (WH)
4p- Bible Study (WH)

Sat., 1/6 All Day: Black Family Gathering (WH)
5:30p - Epiphany White Elephant Party @ Helen & Marc Hudson’s

*Rev. Jan is available by cell phone: 765-225-8554 or email: janet.oller@gmail.com.
Office hours are by appointment.*

The 2018 Altar Flower Calendar is now posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to give flowers in 2018, please sign up. See Betty Culley if you have questions.

St. John’s Episcopal Church



Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! If you are visiting St. John’s for the first time, please sign the guest register at the back of the church. If you are seeking a church home, we hope you will consider St. John’s. Contact us for more information. Know God’s presence in this place.

Generally, we kneel to pray, sit to listen and stand to sing and hear the Gospel. The candles represent the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, coming into our world to show us how to live. The candles are also a reminder to us of Jesus’ call to us to be a light to the world, driving out the darkness of sin and despair.

Please turn off all cell phones and pagers during the service.

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop of Indianapolis
The Rev. Jan Oller, Rector
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A Festival of Lessons and Carols
The First Sunday After Christmas
December 31, 2017

WE GATHER

Prelude

H102 “Once in royal David’s city” v. 1,2,5,6

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD AND PRAY

Bidding Prayer

Please remain seated

Lesson I: Genesis 3:1-23
H 89 “It came upon a midnight clear” (v. 1, 4)
Lesson II: Isaiah 35: 1-10
LEVAS 13 “My Lord, what a morning”
Lesson III: Isaiah 7: 10-15
H 77 “From east to west”
Lesson IV: Luke 1: 5-25
H 7 “Christ whose glory fills the skies”
Lesson V: Luke 1: 26-58
H 508 “Breathe on me, Breath of God”
Lesson VI: Luke 2: 1-20
H 79 “O little town of Bethlehem” v. 1,2,5
Lesson VII: Luke 2:21-36
H 115 “What Child is this?”
Lesson VIII: Hebrews 1:1-12
H 84 “Love came down at Christmas”
Lesson IX: John 1:1-18
H 93 “Angels from the realms of glory”

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Through Jesus Christ, God has shown us the sovereignty of divine love in compassion for the least, the lost, and the lonely. Therefore, we pray, saying: Compassionate Lord, receive our prayer.

God, we live in a world of plenty in which the poor struggle for daily bread. We pray for those who lack the basic necessities of life and those who willingly share the resources you have given. Correct those who hoard resources out of anxiety, ignorance, or selfishness. Open their eyes to your presence among the poor of the world and free them for joyful giving. For the poor, the benevolent, and the hard-of-heart, Compassionate Lord, **receive our prayer.**

God, you admonish us to offer hospitality to the stranger and to welcome the weary. We pray for travelers, for those who immigrate to new lands, for refugees of political and religious wars, and for those who have no place to call home. Bless those who offer refuge to the wayfaring stranger. Convict the conscience and open the heart of any who would raise walls of self-preservation and isolation. For the stranger, for those who minister to them, and for those who would refuse them. Compassionate Lord, **receive our prayer.**

God, you hear the cry of all who are in distress. Heal those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. Comfort them in their need and help those who care for them. We also pray for those who abandon the sick and suffering out of fear. Teach us to serve our sisters and brothers and to share the burden of disease of body, mind, and heart. For the sick and those in distress, for those who care for them and those who are afraid to offer fellowship to them. Compassionate Lord, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, confirm our prayer with the dedication of our lives to ministry; in the name of Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace

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Blessing May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless us in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten our hearts with the light of his holiness. Amen.

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

H 99 Go Tell It On The Mountain

Postlude