



Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist Rite II
December 20, 2020 - 10:30 am

The Word of God

Prelude-*Awake, O Sleeper*- A. Miller

Wendi Gustafson- Organ

Opening Hymn- *Blest be the King whose coming (v. 1&4)*

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Descant

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him
God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly
God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
barred! Not robbed in roy - al splen - dor, in
heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who
God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
 power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 bear it so he can make us free!

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Kyrie

My Heart Sings Out 15 - BCP p. 356

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

ky - ri - e e - lei - - - - i - son.

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Ky - ri - e e - lei - - - - - son.

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The Collect of the Day

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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.***

All are seated.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Reader A reading from the Second book of Samuel (7:1-11,16)

Now 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.***

The Canticle Appointed

Reader The Canticle appointed for today is Canticle 3 *The Song of Mary*. Let us read in unison.

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (16:25-27)

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 *Savior of the nations, come (v. 1)*

Hymnal 54



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

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All stand

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (1:26-38).

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sermon

Fr. Stephen Shortess

Nicene Creed

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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 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.*

After the Creed: You may sit, kneel, or remain standing for the Prayers.

The Prayers of the People: Form III

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Reader Father, we pray for the members of Emmanuel, Lockhart; St. Thomas', San Antonio; for our Vestry and staff; and for your holy Catholic Church;

People *That we all may be one.*

Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Reader We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and his wife Caroline; for Michael our Presiding Bishop and his wife, Sharon; for David our bishop and his wife, Patti; for Stephen our rector and his wife, Jennifer; for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Reader We pray for Donald our President, Greg our Governor, Donna our Mayor, for the Congress and Supreme Court of this nation, for all legislators and jurists in our state, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Reader Have compassion on Whitney Morgan, Russel Gustafson, Carolyn Lehman, Elizabeth Walker, Ralph Boehnke, Mozzelle Dempster, Susan Neuman, Ardith Perry, Penny Sengler, Theresa Zapata, Jean Norris, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Reader Preserve those who travel, surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger;

People *and bring them in safety to their journey's end.*

Reader Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit,

People ***That by their ministries, the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified;***

Reader Give to Ruth Burgess and all the departed eternal rest;

People ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Reader We praise you for Blessed Andrew and all your saints who have entered into joy;

People ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For those who give their time to help with the Children's Advocacy Center.

For all healthcare professionals and their families.

For our armed forces and their families at home and abroad.

For all who suffer from the effects of the novel coronavirus.

For our friends and family who are homebound or residing in care and recovery facilities, especially: Kenneth Minter, Ann Benham, Audrey Herron, Betty

Rainey, Judy McClendon, Patsy Creager, and Rose Foegelle.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

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Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant 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.***

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord 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

Birthday Prayers

Celebrant and People

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Chuck Ingersoll, Sudy Bruns, Leslie Muenchow, Phoebe Smith, Tammy Fellows, Art Lindey, and Angie De Los Santos, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn—*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming*

Hymnal 81

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
* 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
To show God's love a - right, she bore to
true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer D
Sursum Corda-

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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.*

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Celebrant Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Celebrant Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

Hymnal S 129

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.

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After the Sanctus: You may kneel or remain standing for the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Celebrant Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

Celebrant When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Celebrant 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." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People ***We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

Celebrant Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for you holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of you Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with St.

Andrew and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Celebrant and People

***Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.***

Give us this day our daily bread.

***And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will know to give you a blessing. If you would like to be baptized, please speak with Fr. Stephen!

Communion Hymn 1- O come, O come Emmanuel (v. 7&8)

Hymnal 56



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



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 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heav - en - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



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

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Communion Hymn 2- *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

Hymnal 324



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

All

***Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.***

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

Blessing

Postcommunion Hymn—Come thou long-expected Jesus (1&4)

Hymnal 66

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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Dismissal

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Celebrant Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude—Veni Emmanuel- J. Kerr

Wendi Gustafson- Organ



*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Owen Keddal by Sally
and Mark Keddal.*

Ministers in the Lord's Service

Celebrant- Fr. Stephen Shortess

Lay Reader- Mark Keddal

Altar Guild- Lynnette Jackson, Kelly Olson, George Ann Fuqua, Theresa Casey

Ushers- Paul & Claudia Gaytan

Offertory Tellers- Al & Janice Pruitt

Musicians- Leo Garcia- Choir Director/Cantor

Wendi Gustafson- Music Director/Organ

Cameramen/Technicians- Aaryn Perry, Gil Merkle, Jack Merrell, Betty Anderson,
Warren Wundt

Sound- Jim Anderson

Announcements

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 p.m.- Prayer Garden (weather permitting or in McKeogh Hall)- Christmas Pageant

7:00 p.m.- Church (livestream)

10:30 p.m. Church

Christmas Day Service

10:00 a.m.- Chapel

Make sure to sign up to let us know of your intention to attend one of the Christmas services. Maximum occupancy in the Church is 70 people, and 20 people in the Chapel. To ensure the sanitization of the sanctuary for all services we will need some volunteers to help disinfect the pews in between the 7pm and the 10:30pm services on Christmas Eve. If you are willing to help, please call the office.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS- It has been St. Andrew's tradition to adorn our worship space with flowers and poinsettias. If you would like to give Christmas Flowers or Poinsettias in memory of or in thanksgiving for someone, please **call Joyce Richey or the church office.** There also will be **forms available in the pews and in the narthex** to fill out requesting flowers or poinsettias. Poinsettias are \$10.00 a plant and donations towards the Christmas flowers are \$25.00. **All requests and monies need to be in the church office by Monday, December 21st.** Thank you!

In observance of Christmas and New Year's **the church office will be closed from noon on Wednesday, December 23rd to Friday, December 25th and from noon on Thursday, December 31st to Friday, January 1st.** We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!