

Mobile, Alabama
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Ten o'clock in the morning

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in The Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this booklet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Page numbers refer to the Prayer Book for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Prelude

arr. Richard Warner
(1946-2017)

How far is it to Bethlehem?

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath.

Children's Chapel (Ages 4 to Grade 3) Children will gather at the back and process behind their crucifer. They will return at the time of the Peace.

Processional Hymn

Winchester New
Hymnal 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within,
and let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

The Word of God

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

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

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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.**

Trisagion

Hymnal S-102

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.
Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.
Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP 211

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading:

Malachi 3:1-4

Reader: A Reading from the Prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16: The Song of Zachariah

Please read responsively by whole verse.

BCP 92

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

Second Reading:

Philippians 1:3-11

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with

me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel vs. 3

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Hymnal 56

The Holy Gospel:

Luke 3:1-6

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel vs. 4

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Hymnal 56

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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

The leader and people pray responsively.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Prepare your hearts for his arrival, praying, "Fill the valleys, make low the hills; come, great Redeemer, come."

Merciful God, increase our love to overflowing. Make your Church pure and blameless that we may greet with joy the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, great Redeemer, come.

Merciful God, we long for the light of hope to break into our world, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide us into the way of peace.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, great Redeemer, come.

Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of those calling us to be better stewards of your creation. We thank you for all you have made, especially those things that sustain and better our lives.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, great Redeemer, come.

Merciful God, you lead us with joy; you delight in our joy. You clothe us in beauty. We give you thanks for your tender care.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, great Redeemer, come.

Merciful God, you remember your children. You do not leave us in sorrow or affliction. Crown your children with glory; clothe them with righteousness.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, great Redeemer, come.

Merciful God, you have raised up salvation through your Son. Keep us, with all your saints, in the eternal life of Christ.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, great Redeemer, come.

Celebrant will add a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

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

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.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Every Perfect Gift: Stewardship 2022 Speaker Lucy Pryor Slaton

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Solo

Michael Larkin

(b. 1951)

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Mollie A. Adams, *soprano*

Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace, So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrows load.
To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever.

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near.
calling us to true repentance, since the Kingdom now is here.

Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away.
Let the valleys rise to meet Him and the hills bow down before Him.
Straight shall be what once was crooked, and the rougher place plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.
Comfort, comfort, now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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 unto our Lord God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent you beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are 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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Music at Communion

Hymn

Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens

Judge eternal, throned in splendor

Hymnal 596

Judge eternal, throned in splendor, Lord of lords and King of kings,
with thy living fire of judgment purge this land of bitter things;
solace all its wide dominion with the healing of thy wings.
Still the weary folk are pining for the hour that brings release,
and the city's crowded clangor cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the woodlands plead in silence for their peace.
Crown, O God, thine own endeavor; cleave our darkness with thy sword;
feed all those who do not know thee with the richness of thy word;
cleanse the body of this nation through the glory of the Lord.

Hymn

Old 124th
Hymnal 404

We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord
We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord;
your holy Name for ever be adored;
each day we live our psalm to you we raise;
you, God and King, are worthy of all praise,
great and unsearchable in all your ways.

Age shall to age pass on the endless song,
telling the wonders which to you belong,
your mighty acts with joy and fear relate;
praise we your glory while on you we wait,
glad in the knowledge of your love so great.

You, Lord, are gracious, merciful to all,
close to your children when on you they call;
and slow to anger, merciful and kind,
in your compassion we your blessings find.
We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

**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.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Psalm 42
Hymnal 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people
Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.
Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.
Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

People, look East!

Kristina Langlois
(b. 1959)

CATHEDRAL PRAYERS

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR:

Members:

Patti Biel, Megan Drane, Lara Sherer, Beth Schramm, Jane White-Spunner, Jessie Koger, Leroy Roberson, Bill Stafford, Bill Christian, Martha Middleton, Ken McElhaney, Bradley Forster, Mollie Adams, Norah Palileo, Ann Moody, Christina Rhodes, Martha Ann Stafford, Pat Burchfield, David Sanders, Spud Schramm

Friends & Family:

Rob & Amy Archer Ellis, Marilyn Leigh Ellis, Pier Louise Hardin, Father Dennis Brown, Sally Chow, Isabel Hulsey, Preston Griffith, Mary Rose Snider, Janet Heishman, Audrey Eller, Greg Cyprian, Margaret Murray, Jeanie Wilkins, Genie Inge, Lexie Mestas, Linda Ladnier, Dale Ladnier, George & Mary Ester Hall Bollis, Janie Andrews, Bender Middlekauf, Sally Maas, Law Stuart, Arrica Wagner, Fifi Twitty, Norma Jean McNair, Joan Cochran, Paul McLain, Michael Cameron, Ray Downey, Donna Wesson Smalley, Thinee Vanek, K. D. Inge, Lida Bowman, Bill Bowman, John Baylor, Gene Lee, J. Sydney Dann, Gaines Betbeze, Kate Morris, Chris Forwood, Roger Morrison, Carrie Wright, Kenny Rodick, Cheryl Smith, Danner Frazer, Cyndi Stagner, Scott Anderson, Bill Chambers, David Rich

For Those Serving in the Military:

Marlin Brutkiewicz, Laura Coale Williams, Ryan Hurt, Hunter Ladd, Blake Hickey, Susan Reniewicz Adams, Tia Cupit, Gray Stephens, Carter Gannon

Flowers:

The greenery on the altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Samuel Randall Stephenson.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for the church in Burundi.

Cathedral Cycle of Prayer:

Grace Episcopal Church, Panama City Beach

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for the Church in Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore; and West Side United Methodist Church, Mobile

Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer:

Bay County Jail, Panama City



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Christmas at Christ Church Cathedral



SUNDAYS OF THE ADVENT SEASON HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II AT 10:00 A.M.

First Sunday of Advent November 28
Second Sunday of Advent December 5
Third Sunday of Advent December 12
Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19



ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 12
4:00 p.m.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WITH THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II FOLLOWING

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.



CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 24

FAMILY EUCHARIST

Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 3:30 p.m.

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

Prelude music begins at 5:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 5:30 p.m.

(Nursery provided beginning at 5:00 p.m.)



CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY EUCHARIST

Saturday, December 25
10:00 a.m.

CATHEDRAL NOTES



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WITH VESTRY AND CONVENTION DELEGATE SELECTION

Today, December 5 following the service in the Chapter House

During the Annual Meeting today our children and youth are invited to create Advent wreaths.

We have everything ready in the undercroft (in the room next to the elevator).

We would love a couple more adult supervisors.

Announcing the Nominees for the Vestry class of 2024

Carl George Cunningham, Jr., Alison Stafford Mitchell, Kristyn Sifford Seawell

Lucy Pryor Brady Slaton, Thomas Bragg Van Antwerp, Jr., Lucy Rouse Wright

Floor Nomination Procedure for Vestry Members

A name may be placed in nomination as follows:

- The nominee has agreed to be placed in nomination.
- Before a name is offered on the floor the nominator will approach the Parish Officers, Chancellor, and Treasurer, who will certify that the nominee meets the requirements outlined in the *Resolution of Christ Church Cathedral* titled *Requirements and Responsibilities of Vestry Members* approved October 10, 2005.

Announcing the Nominees for Delegates to the Diocesan Convention

Harwell Ellis Coale, Jr., Jill S. Chow, Jubal L. Hamil, Carolyn S. Jeffers, Henry R. Seawell IV

Alternates: Weathers P. Bolt, Carl G. Cunningham, Jr.

We also give thanks for the thoughtful work of our Nominating Committee:

Ricky D. Bradford, Audrey W. Cunningham, Mary Carol Ladd, John N. Leach, Jr., Erica L. McElhaney, Robert L. Mitchell, Ginny Behlen, Tom Garth, Lucy Harrison, Bob Israel, Robby McClure, Leigh Rendfrey



EVERY PERFECT GIFT: STEWARDSHIP 2022

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above. John 1:17

Our campaign's theme from the Letter of James reminds us that all we have is God's gift to us, given so that a will to live may be born in us. This year's stewardship challenges us to grow into the people God is calling us to become. We have the opportunity and responsibility to build a strong foundation for the coming years, as Christ Church enters her third century.

2022 STEWARDSHIP SPEAKERS

Sunday, December 5

Lucy Pryor Slaton

Sunday, November 14

Bragg Van Antwerp

Sunday, November 21

Carl Cunningham

Look for more Stewardship information on our website, via email, and in letters.



TODAY IS NAME TAG SUNDAY

We hope everyone will wear a nametag today. You will find name tags and washable markers in the pews. Please write your name on a tag and wear it to hospitality following the service.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING PARADE

Today, December 5 at 5:00 p.m.

Decorate your car and drive down to the church. The parade will form up in front of the church on St. Emanuel Street, and drive to visit some of our more seasoned members. Call the Cathedral office at 438-1822 or use the sign-up link in the emails to let us know you are coming.



ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 12 at 4:00 p.m.

Come be part of a service rich with light as we celebrate the season of Advent. This service will contain Advent anthems, solos, and carols interspersed between readings illustrating the first and second comings of Christ.



SUPPER CLUB KICK-OFF RECEPTION

Sunday, December 12 at 5:00 p.m. immediately following Lessons and Carols

Bring a small nibble like cheese straws, bacon crackers, finger sandwiches in a disposable container to the Chapter House before the service. We will plate the goodies.

After the service enjoy a beverage and a bite with friends. To sign up, please go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E44AEAE2CA6FE3-supper1>



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & MUSIC OFFERING CARDS

The deadline to turn in names for the bulletin is Sunday, December 19

Please help us make the season more beautiful by remembering those who have gone before or by honoring those around us. Requests are \$15 each. Cards are in the pews and you can also find memorial designations online at:

<https://www.christchurchcathedralmobile.org/christmas-at-the-cathedral>



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 19 at 9:30

Come to church early on December 19 to see all your favorites including shepherds, animals, and the Holy Family. Even if you do not have children participating, please join us in celebrating the story of the nativity with our children. If you have a child between the ages of 3 years and 5th grade who would like to participate, please call the Cathedral office. Rehearsals will be on Sundays, December 5 and 12 during Children's Chapel and also after Church during coffee hour on the 12th.



CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Through Sunday, December 12

This year we are again sponsoring gifts for children in the Family Promise of Coastal Alabama program. Due to concern over shortages, all of the gifts have been purchases. Financial contributions would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to make a financial contribution, please go to:

<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=106841>.

At the donation link, please click on Angel Tree Donation.

We are also asking for Christmas in support of Murray House, the Episcopal Assisted Living Facility. Murray house is opening guest rooms and are in need of: twin comforters, twin sheets, towel sets, liquid body soap, shampoo, hand soap, boxes of tissue, laundry baskets, kitchen towels, and nail polish remover. Donations for Murray House may be brought to the Cathedral office or placed in the box in the Chapter House. We will be collecting for Murray House through Christmas Eve.

BIRTHDAYS

December 5

Jessie Koger

December 6

David Broome
Carter Drane

December 7

Jex Luce

December 8

Lucy Harrison
Shannon Reeves

December 10

Kathy Kelly
Gary Kohler

December 11

Tiny Spottswood

December 12

Will Bjorklund

December 13

Monique Hawkins
Bill Skinner

December 14

Alison Mitchell

December 15

Perrin Drew
Lewis Golden
Sam McKay

December 16

Lisa Drew

December 17

John McElhaney

December 18

Jubal Hamil
Annabel McKay

December 19

Skip Archer

December 20

Susan Crowson
Marion Donnelly
Dylan Gibson
Kim Harden
Graham Reeves



MINISTERS FOR TODAY

Celebrant.....The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson
 Assisting.....The Reverend Eric J. Zubler
 Psalmist, Intercessor..... Carolyn Jeffers
 Chalice Bearers Robby McClure, Carolyn Jeffers
 Lay Readers Bob Israel, Kennon Drew
 Organist Elizabeth A. Bemis
 Vocal Ensemble Mollie A. Adams, J. J. Haight,
 Dustin Gonzalez, Kanani Crandall
 Children's Chapel Crucifer Wilt Rendfrey
 Crucifer Alex Gamble
 Acolytes.....Maria Napier, Thomas Van Antwerp
 Cathedral Greeter John Leach
 UshersCart Blackwell, Rick Mitchell
 Altar Guild.....Barbara Archer
 Flower Guild.....Clayton Ryan
 Nursery Shameca Williams, Jaylyn Sneed , Lindsey Mecom



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The Right Reverend J. Russell Kendrick, *Bishop*
 The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson, Ph.D., *Rector and Dean*
 The Reverend Eric J. Zubler, *Clergy Associate to the Dean*
 The Very Reverend Johnny W. Cook, *Dean Emeritus*
 Elizabeth A. Bemis, *Organist and Music Director*

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Hymnal S-102: Setting: Ver. *Hymnal 1982*, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

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