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The Second Sunday of Advent/ Year B

Ministry Assignments

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Sunday, December 10th
The Second Sunday
of Advent

Eucharistic Ministers

8am

Jay Wyman

10am

Susan Fuller

Linda Brown

Lector

Lucy Hancock

Altar Guild

Ritva Torma

Susie Walker

Usher

Hancock

Flower Guild

Cate McMahon

Flower Delivery

Arlene Salzgeber

Greeter

Ann Champagne

Joyce Lake



Advent 2023

The Weary
World Waits.

Crying out in the
wilderness.

Beloveds of All Saints,

Advent is a season of expectation, the word itself meaning “coming.” Many families spend these four weeks waiting for children to come home from college, to prepare to travel to spend Christmas with loved ones, or for relatives to come for Christmas dinner. For young children, these days of waiting can seem like a thousand years. Others are amazed at how quickly time is flying, as they sense the end of their own lives drawing near. While for some struggling with loneliness or loss, the season cannot be over quick enough.

As we experience the season of Advent, we recall stories from the past that are told and retold as a way of remembering the significance of these waiting days. The beginning of Mark’s gospel begins to build a

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The Second Sunday of Advent
Year B
December 10, 2023



Advent carries two simultaneous visions of our expectations: we await yet again the birth of the babe in the manger, and we also await Christ's coming again to fulfill all things. We often prepare for Advent by "getting ready": planning, organizing, and ordering supplies for various gatherings and worship services. Yet preparing for the coming of Christ is not a matter of having everything under control. Christ's arrival disrupts—disrupts injustice, sin, and brokenness in a society in which we are deeply embedded. A prayer for Christ to come to us is a prayer for a holy disruption of our lives that we cannot control and that we might struggle to accept.

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m., The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
The Rev. William Petersen, Celebrant
Holly Simons, Minister of Music

Sunday December 10

Links to the Readings

- [Isaiah 40:1-11](#) Good news of God's coming to a people in exile
- [2 Peter 3:8-15a](#) Waiting for and hastening the day of God
- [Mark 1:1-8](#) John appears from the wilderness
- [Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13](#)
Righteousness shall prepare a pathway for

foundation of the dramatic story that will follow. We are introduced to the characters: Jesus the Son, God the Father, the Holy Spirit, John the Baptist, and people in need of confession and forgiveness. A defining event—John baptizing in the wilderness—and foreshadowing of the one who will bring about reconciliation and resurrection set the stage for the narrative that will follow.

Whether you enjoy or dread this time of year, come to worship on Sunday to listen and wonder how does this gospel story setup foreshadows and shapes how you experience what is to come. Our sending blessing in Advent recognizes the expectant nature of the season:

May you trust in whatever sacred thing bubbles up from within you.

May you remember that the Divine takes on flesh and yours is no exception.

May you be a conduit of eternal love, and a moment of grace

for a world that waits and longs for hope.

In the name of the one who ✝ creates, saves and sustains you. *Amen.*

Awaiting the incarnation with all the anticipation and anxiety,

Bill+



Christmas Worship 2023
Sunday, December 24th
Advent IV – 9:00 am
Candlelight Christmas Eve
5:00 and 9:00 pm
Sunday, December 31st
Lessons & Carols – 9:00 am

The Collect of the Day

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.



A beautiful first snow at All Saints' Wolfeboro

Flower Dedication

The chancel flowers are given in the Glory of God

**POINSETTIA
DEDICATION**
*slips due in the
office by
Tuesday,
December 17th.*



**God loves you.
No exceptions.**



The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.

This week we pray for:

For our Parish

Howard Blaney, Linda Brown, Jim & Anne Bullitt, Prue Fitts, Felicity Freund, Louise Graham, Judy Hess, Don Johnson, The Jeffers Family (Polly, Dave, Rachael), Zell Kellogg, Bhupendra & Judy Khetani, Norma Lunney, Jacqueline McLaughlin, Penny Meyer, Connie Mitchell, Warren Muir, Carol Pearson, Danielle Pierpont, Bree Schuette, Sebastian Tordonato, Lee White, Inger Woerheide.

For our Family & Friends

Basil Brown, Rebecca DeNeault, Candy Desrocher, Michael Dowd, Anne Fish, Stephanie Fullam, Ruth Gray, Linda Hall, Susan Belt Hartson, Dillon Johnson, Faye Juul, Jim Lunney, Margie, Tom Southern, Marguerite Truesdale, Peggy Young.

From The Music and Tech Corner...

This past week, a parishioner sent me this link of Yo-Yo Ma playing an amazing rendition of “Gabriel’s Oboe” by Enrico Morricone; also the theme music to the movie “The Mission”. His comment was “This is the



music of heaven”.... and I have to agree. As we think of the Annunciation of the angel Gabriel to Mary, see if you hear the whispers of the deep angst and profound joy in the God decision to wrap Himself in the profound mystery of human flesh. Gabriel’s Oboe with Yo-Yo Ma:

[https://youtu.be/4DcaNok-MFI?](https://youtu.be/4DcaNok-MFI?si=UBlOwOhwzsHa3oip)

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Secondly, this poem by German theologian and poet, Rainer Maria Rilke (*The Book of Hours*, Book I, Poem 45) strikes a chord as we begin our Advent journey.

You come and go. The doors swing closed
ever more gently, almost without a shudder.
Of all who move through the quiet houses,
you are the quietest.
We become so accustomed to you,
we no longer look up
when your shadow falls over the book we are reading
and makes it glow. For all things
sing you: at times
we just hear them more clearly.
Often when I imagine you
your wholeness cascades into many shapes.
You run like a herd of luminous deer
and I am dark. I am a forest.
You are a wheel at which I stand,
whose dark spokes sometimes catch me up,
revolve me nearer to the center.
Then all the work I put my hand to
widens from turn to turn.

The editors of the online S.A.L.T. publication added these thoughts:

“.....we hold in mind that this Child of Humanity is also none other than God, the One who exceeds all forms and dwellings. An “arrival,” that is, of the One who is always with us and within us, a great wheel, a running herd in a dark forest, a gently opening, closing, opening door.

As the season of Advent begins, Rilke helps us contemplate the quiet, astounding mystery of the Incarnation: a God who comes and goes, and even so, a God in whom all things turn.”

Blessings on your journey into the second week of Advent...

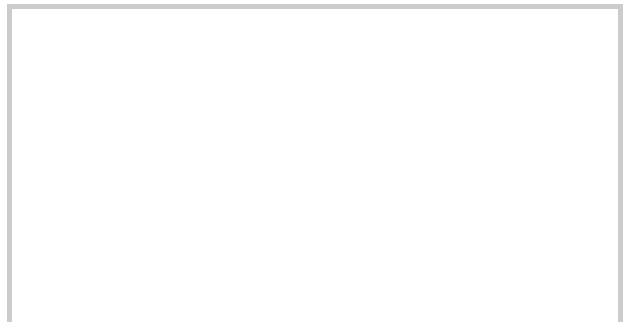
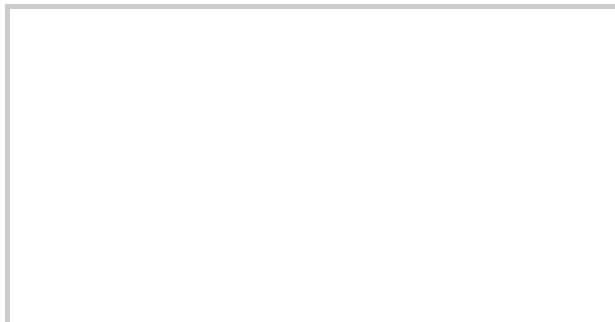
Holly

Thank You for all who helped with the 'greening' of the church

On Monday evening, following our first winter weather event, more than 30 people assisted with decorating the church for Advent and Christmastide. Decorations were displayed, carols sung, and a fun stand-up potluck enjoyed. Thanks to our Flower Guild and all who participated!

Below: Junior Warden Bob Christmas puts the star on top of the tree

[Click here for a link to more pictures](#)





Christmas 2023 in the Holy Land

Our image of a Bethlehem birth where 'all is calm and all is bright' does not reflect the realities of Bethlehem at the incarnation, nor today. God is with us, breaking into our world, accompanying and comforting the suffering as shown in the nativity from Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem below. For the first time in modern history, there will be no Christmas tree or Christmas celebrations in Bethlehem. The birth of the Prince of peace will be celebrated in holy services only.



Christmas Church Pastor the Rev. Munther Isaac notes that Christmas in Palestine this year has the Christ Child under the rubble. He says: "The child of Bethlehem is our hope. For the children of Gaza and all victims of wars. In Gaza today, God is under the rubble. He is in the operating room. If Christ were to be born today, he would be born under the rubble. We see his image in every child killed and pulled from under the rubble. In every child in incubators."



Help Needed

We have a family of two that could use assistance with meals and in other ways. Visit <https://mealtrain.com/k0o18v> and/or contact Bree Schuette to see how you might be able to assist.

2024 Altar Flowers reservation is now open online.

<https://ttsu.me/2024altarflowerrequest>

You can also drop a dedication slip in the office or email your request to allsaints@metrocast.net.

We also have more dates available at the end of this year to fill.

<https://ttsu.me/allsaintswolfe>.

*Please remember to drop your payment to the office prior to your dedication.
Thank you.*



VESTRY NOTES

The Vestry met on Monday, November 20th. Here's a quick summary of our meeting. Please ask questions of any member if you'd like more information.

Celebrate: Did you enjoy the puzzle of our "Many Members, One Body" that has been on display in the Church? Wasn't it fun to have a guest preacher *and* Pastor Bill at our ingathering services? Thanks for turning in your pledge and puzzle piece.

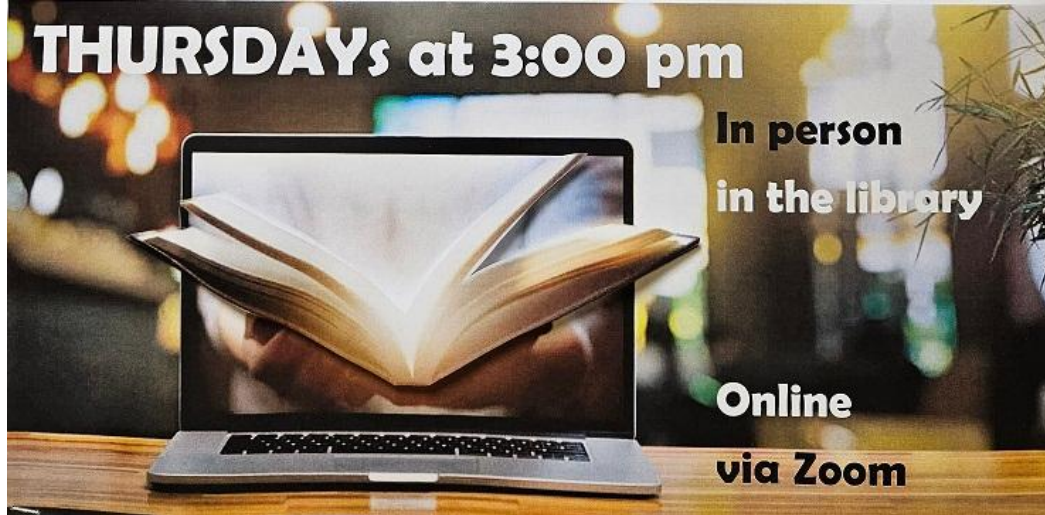
Challenge: You wouldn't believe how long we talked about the \$3000 increase in snow plowing for this coming winter! We finally decided on a commercial contract (instead of per plow) with our landscaper, Cory Hunter.

Something to Anticipate: Our Solar Saints (and particularly Doug Smithwood) have been hard at work writing grants, etc. to add solar to the Outreach Building. This will save \$\$ and the climate.

-Clerk, Lyn Healy



BIBLE STUDY TOGETHER!



**Thursdays in the Beck Library and online via Zoom at 3:00 pm,
followed by Eucharist**

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study for December

*In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert
a highway for our God... Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together. - Isaiah 40:3, 5*

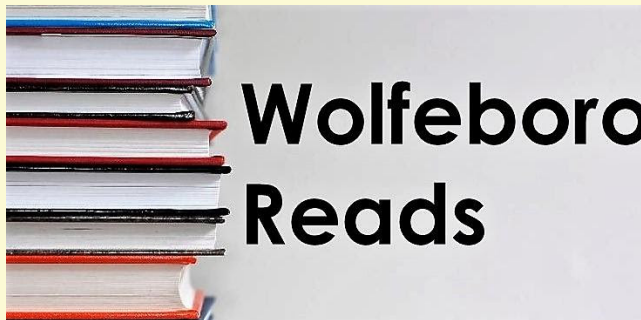
Advent is a season of preparation: shopping for gifts, decorating our homes and sanctuaries. Advent is also a time to prepare our hearts and communities for the coming of Christ, the Almighty God who came among us poor and homeless, a stranger and a child. There may be no better time to reflect on how we as the Episcopal Church embrace the Holy One who continues to draw near in the neighbor, the stranger, the refugee, or the one who seems most “other” to you. It is the ideal season to commit to becoming Beloved Community and growing loving, liberating, life-giving relationships across the human family of God.

We gather at 3:00 pm in the Beck Memorial Library and follow our Bible Study of Advent texts and discussion with a brief service of Holy Eucharist. Join us for one or all four Thursdays in December.



PREPARING TO BECOME THE
**BELOVED
COMMUNITY**

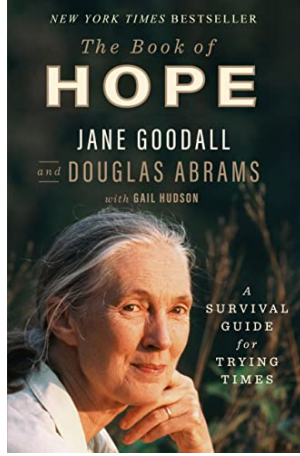
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Please join us for our community book group as we gather via Zoom on Tuesdays 4:00-5:15 pm for reflection and discussion. The Wolfeboro Public Library and Country Bookseller have our lists.

Wolfeboro Reads *The Book of Hope* by Jane Goodall in December

Looking at the headlines--the worsening climate crisis, a global pandemic, loss of biodiversity, political upheaval--it can be hard to feel optimistic. And yet hope has never been more desperately needed. In this urgent book, Jane Goodall, the world's most famous living naturalist, and Douglas Abrams, the internationally bestselling co-author of *The Book of Joy*, explore through intimate and thought-provoking dialogue one of the most sought after and least understood elements of human nature: hope.



Join us Tuesdays, December 5, 12 and 19 at 4:00 pm on Zoom to discuss these vital questions:

- How do we stay hopeful when everything seems hopeless?
- How do we cultivate hope in our children?
- What is the relationship between hope and action?

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98230488609?pwd=QXILUjczMlp2OWlqZVlEUml2K084dz09>

Meeting ID: 982 3048 8609 Passcode: 012281



Dinner Bell

DINING IN PERSON IN THE PARISH HALL
THURSDAYS 5:00 PM

December 2023

December 7, 2023

Butternut squash soup
Shepherd pie

December 14, 2023

Beef barley soup
Beef stew

December 21, 2023

Chicken noodle soup
Roast pork
Roast potatoes

December 29, 2023

Minestrone soup
Baked lasagna

A reminder that our Dinner Bell program offers a community meal weekly on Thursdays 5:00-6:00 pm in the parish hall. All are welcome and donations are accepted to offset costs.

Your help is also welcome to share hospitality with our neighbors, please speak with Carol Simpson or Pastor Bill to volunteer.

December 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH <i>December 2023</i>					1	2
					Pastor Bill Sabbath	10am AA Mtg (PH)
3 ADVENT 1 8 & 10am Worship- In person Live stream @ 10am 10am Sunday School 9pm AA (PH)	4 10am WFOH (L) 4pm Hanging of the Greens 7pm Allanon (L)	5 9am Women's Worship (L) 4pm Wolfeboro Reads 7pm Nar-Anson (L)	6 1pm Knitting (L) 4p Table Tennis 6:30pm Choir	7 9am Men's Bible Study (L) 3pm Midweek Bible Study (L) 5pm Dinner Bell	Pastor Bill Sabbath	
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Deb Out-Office Closed						
24 ADVENT 4 One Service at 9am Christmas Eve Services: 5 pm and 9 pm 9pm AA (PH)	25 Christmas Day OFFICE CLOSED 7pm Allanon (L)	26 9am Women's Worship (L) 7pm Nar-Anson (L)	27 1pm Knitting (L) 4p Table Tennis	28 9am Men's Bible Study (L) 3pm Midweek Bible Study (L) 5pm Dinner Bell	Pastor Bill Sabbath	
31 Service of Lessons & Carols One Service at 9am 9pm AA (PH)	PLEASE BE WORKING ON YOUR REPORTS TO SUBMIT TO THE OFFICE FOR ANNUAL REPORT. DEADLINE IS December 28th.				PARISH OFFICE 569-3453 Hours: Mon, Tue, Wed, 9am-4:00pm Thur, 9am-11:30am Fri Closed	

Life Ministries Food Pantry (569-6202) Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday 10am-1pm & 4-6pm Lord & Taylor Thrift Shop (569-6301) Thurs & Fri 10am-3pm - Sat 10am-1pm

Click on the Calendar for a pdf copy

There are many ways to connect with one another to see, hear and share God online at All Saints



E-NEWS UPDATE E-news editing has now moved to the Parish Office. Please have your submission requests to the office by Tuesday of the week you would like it in the e-news. You may email your requests to Debra at allsaints@metrocast.net.

DO YOU KNOW OF A CHILD
IN NEED OF SOME
EXTRA FOOD
OVER THE WEEKEND?

Kid-friendly weekend food bags are
distributed weekly at the schools and
community-based organizations throughout the GWRSD

For children 3 years old through grade 6
(not yet in school, attending school, or homeschooled)

To sign up or ask a question:

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OUTREACH COORDINATOR:

Deb Bunting email: dbunting@sau49.org or text: (802) 738-0408

End 68 Hours of Hunger Wolfeboro Area Chapter;
Serving children of GWRSD Towns



End 68 Hours of Hunger is a non-profit organization that provides weekend food
for children, in preschool through grade 6, at risk of food insecurity;
2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners, and snacks.

LIFE MINISTRIES
FOOD PANTRY



**HAVING A HARD TIME
GETTING FOOD FOR
YOURSELF OR YOUR FAMILY?
HELP IS AVAILABLE**

DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD DISTRIBUTION –
FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS MONTHLY

10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

4:00PM TO 6:00PM

264 S. MAIN STREET, WOLFEBORO

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www.lifeministriesfoodpantry.com

Providing access to food security with dignity and respect

Accessing books in the Beck Library

Catalog is on LibraryThing (<https://www.librarything.com/home>).

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