

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL MEMORIAL CHURCH

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by Alekz Thoms

OUR DIVINE PURPOSE STATEMENT

WE BELIEVE that through Jesus Christ we are meant to faithfully and joyfully serve God and our neighbors.

WE WORSHIP as a community of believers who make people feel welcome from every walk of life. We value and welcome the diversity of all people.

WE SERVE seekers inside and outside the church to live in accordance with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Pastoral emergency? Call Pastor Steve Sathre at 701-255-6708

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2023

Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

The Word of God

Prelude

Introit Creator of the stars of night

Choir

Opening Hymn #72 Hark the glad sound!

Hymnal 72

Advent Candle Lighting

Insert

Opening Acclamation

BCP, 355

Trisagion #S-102

Hymnal, S-102

Collect of the Day

Insert

1st Reading

Insert

The Psalm

Insert

2nd Reading

Insert

Sequence Hymn #54 Savior of the nations, come! (v 1-3)

Hymnal, 54

The Gospel

Insert

Sequence Hymn #54 Savior of the nations, come! (v 1)

Hymnal, 54

Sermon

Pastor Steve Sathre

The Nicene Creed

BCP, 358

Prayers of the People

Peace & Announcements

Offertory There is no rose

Thoms Family

Doxology #380 (v 3)

The Holy Communion

Eucharist Prayer B

BCP, 367

Sanctus: #S-130

Hymnal, S-130

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, 364

Fraction Anthem: #S-164

Hymnal, S-164

Communion #56 O come, o come Emmanuel

Hymnal, 56

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, 365

Closing #437 Tell out my soul (vs 1-3)

Hymnal, 437

Dismissal

Postlude

Third Candle - The Candle of Love



John The Baptist

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Leader: Today is the Third Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Love. Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Peace. We light it and the Candle of Hope again as we remember Jesus, born in Bethlehem, our hope and our peace.

(A person lights the Candles of Hope, and Peace.)

Today we light the Third Candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. In their old age God gave to Zechariah and Elisabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God's love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God's forgiveness.

(A person lights the Third Candle, the Candle of Love.)

Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the love we have in Christ.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Lord God, Your witness John the Baptist grew up strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love that we would be witnesses to him and spread the good news of your love. As Christmas draws closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome him. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH - *The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea*
St. John's, Dickinson: Mary Massad and Leslie Ross, congregation leadership; and for
the Community of Deacons: the Rev Dn. Sloane Floberg & the Rev Dn. Terry Overbo,
co-chairs.

PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE AND PEACE *We pray for peace, but maybe we don't have the*
words. We pray that the lives of innocents and the lives of any human child of God will be spared.
We pray that our leaders will find a diplomatic way, a nonviolent way of solution. But we don't
know how to pray as we are. So, the Spirit must intercede for us at this time. – The Most Rev. Mi-
chael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.

PRAYERS REQUESTED - *Karen N., Peggy H., Bishop Tom, Dolly, Ron & Carol, Tom O.,*
Carol K., Fr Randy K., Terri S., Adella R.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS - *John Ringland (Dec 19), Beth Zillier (Dec 19), Jannelle*
Combs (Dec 21) and Virginia Olson (Dec 23).

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES - *None.*

CALENDAR

December 17: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist; 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

December 17: 11:00 a.m. Greening of the Church

December 19: 10:00 a.m. Touchmark Holy Eucharist

December 20: 5:00 p.m. Organ Music by Arlene Gray

December 20: 5:30 p.m. Service of Lessons & Carols; 6:00 p.m. Potluck

December 22: 10:00 a.m. Deliver Sr. Meals

A PRAYER FOR PEACE AND FORGIVENESS

Loving God of all the earth, we pray for those who perpetrate injustices in the Holy Land, regardless
of their motives; we pray that you will change their hearts and fill them with the spirit of mercy.
Teach us all the pathways of peace and forgiveness. Spirit of comfort whose glory covers the face of
our earth, comfort the oppressed, give shelter to those who have lost their homes, and let your peace
 dwell in every heart. With thankful hearts we pray in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus
Christ. Amen. Contemporary Way of the Cross, p. 49

LEADERSHIP

MINISTERS

Provisional Bishop, Diocese of North Dakota
Canon | *Ministry on the Margins* |
Interim Pastor
Deacon
Deacon
Sunday Bulletin | Monthly Calendar & Newsletter
Choir & Music Director | Cellist
Organist & Pianist
Guitarist & Pianist
Housekeeping
Sr Warden ('23)
Past Sr Warden ('23)
Jr Warden ('23)
Operations Treasurer ('23)
Investments Treasurer ('23)
Vestry ('23)
Vestry ('23)
Vestry ('24)
Vestry ('24)
Vestry ('25)
Vestry ('25)
Vestry Clerk

ALL ST. GEORGIANS

Tom Ely
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Pastor Steve Sathre
Beth Lipp
Ed Wos
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Traci Juhala
Arlene Gray
David Sorenson
Renae Volk
Keith Henderson
Joanne Lassiter
Colette Rudolph
David Martin
Steve Tillotson
Tom Hopkins
Olasupo "Supo" Olagoke
Jason Thoms
Jacinda Simmons
Jannelle Combs
Dan Dailey
Jacinda Simmons

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT - *Our diocese includes traditional homelands of Dakota, Lakota, Nakota, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Mandan, Hidatsa, & Arikara tribes. We acknowledge & understand this land was stewarded by people who lived here for thousands of years before the arrival of Europeans & express our appreciation for their continued faithful stewardship of this land.*

