

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2023 at 10 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

The Word of God

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| Prelude | |
| Introit Creator of the stars of night | Choir |
| Opening Hymn #112 In the bleak of winter | Hymnal 112 |
| Advent Candle Lighting | Insert |
| Opening Acclamation | BCP, 355 |
| Trisagion #S-102 | Hymnal, S-102 |
| Collect of the Day | Insert |
| 1 st Reading | Insert |
| The Psalm | Insert |
| 2 nd Reading | Insert |
| Sequence Hymn #265 The angel Gabriel from heaven came (v 1-3) | Hymnal, 265 |
| The Gospel | Insert |
| Sequence Hymn #265 The angel Gabriel from heaven came (v 1) | Hymnal, 265 |
| Sermon | Pastor Steve Sathre |
| The Nicene Creed | BCP, 358 |
| Prayers of the People | |
| Peace & Announcements | |
| Offertory | |
| Doxology #380 (v 3) | |

The Holy Communion

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| 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 #66 Come, though long-expected Jesus | Hymnal 66 |
| Dismissal | |
| Postlude | |

Fourth Candle - The Candle of Joy (Pink candle)



Mary the Mother of Jesus

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Love. We light it and the Candles of Hope and Peace again as we remember that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God's promises and bring us everlasting peace and joy.

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

Today we light the Fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him.

From hope, peace, and love grows joy.

We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

(A person lights the Fourth Candle the Candle of Joy)

Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH - *The Episcopal Church in the Philippines*

St. Sylvan's, Dunseith: Paul Zaharia, Priest; Mary Ann Henry, Senior Warden; and for the Standing Committee: the Very Rev Mark Strobel, chair.

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. Michael 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. and Adella R.*

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS - *Avery Wos (Dec 25).*

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES - *Leslie & Anna Whitedress (Dec 25), Kent & Ardella Bellerud (Dec 29) and Don & Beth Johnson (Dec 29).*

CALENDAR

December 25: 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

December 25-29: Pastor Steve Away

December 27: No Service

December 29: 10:00 a.m. Deliver Sr. Meals

December 31: 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

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
Kim Gullickson
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.*

