

# 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

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY \* The Baptism of our Lord

January 7, 2024 - Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

The Word of God

Prelude

Opening Hymn #448 O love, how deep, how broad (vs. 1-3) Hymnal 448

Opening Acclamation BCP, 355

Gloria Hymnal, S-280

Collect of the Day Insert

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Insert

The Psalm Insert

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Insert

Sequence Hymn #121 Christ when for us you were baptized Hymnal, 121

The Gospel Insert

Sermon Pastor Steve Sathre

The Nicene Creed BCP, 358

Prayers of the People Form 2, BCP 385

Peace & Announcements

Offertory Piano or Organ

Doxology #380 (v 3)

The Holy Communion

Eucharist Prayer A BCP, 361

Sanctus: #S-129 Holy, holy, holy Lord Hymnal, S-129

The Lord's Prayer BCP, 364

Fraction Anthem: #S-155 Christ our Passover Hymnal, S-155

Communion Hymn Insert

Post Communion Prayer BCP, 365

Closing Hymn #616 (vs. 1-3) Hymnal, 616

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

**Annual Reports** from all active committees and groups are due in the church office (electronically) by Monday, January 15th. The annual meeting will be held following worship on January 28, 2024.

### CALENDAR

January 7: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist; 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

January 10: 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Potluck

January 11: Vestry Meeting

January 12: 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

**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.

**Today We Pray for** The Scottish Episcopal Church; St. Stephen's, Fargo: Jamie Parsley, Rector; John Anderson, Deacon; Jessica Anderson, Senior Warden; and for the Commission on Ministry: the Rev Harvey Henderson, chair.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED** - Karen N., Bishop Tom, Ron & Carol, Tom O., Carol K., Fr Randy K., Teri S., Amy Juhala

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**—*Sherrie Hopkins (Jan 10), Dionne Nelson (Jan 13)*

# 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  
Zanne Ness  
Pastor Steve Sathre  
Beth Lipp  
Ed Vos  
  
Traci Juhala  
Arlene Gray  
David Sorenson  
Renae Volk  
Joanne Lassiter  
Keith Henderson  
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.*

