SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A LION'S SHARE

NOVEMBER 25, 2023

Parish Thanksgiving Dinner 2023

Thank you to all who attended and shared family dishes during our Annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November19th. We had 55 parishioners and new friends in attendance!

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"It all begins with Gratitude," says Guillermo Vasquez, the head of the Bay Area nonprofit Indigenous Permaculture. "I give thanks one, two, three times to our creators and makers for everything." This has been the attitude and action of Indigenous Permaculture since its creation in 2002. The idea behind this project is to form partnerships with local communities and indigenous peoples as a part of the "obligation to bring in Mother Earth's way of thinking" to all systems, Guillermo reports from a yellow flowering field of mustard, groundcover in the Bay Area's East Bay.

"We are all connected," he continues. "We empower low-income peoples to understand and respond directly to how food, nutrition, health, and land are intertwined." IP is more than a food production and gardening program, although the food they produce does provide free vegetables to local food pantries and other distribution sites. Guillermo is most interested in seeing how the connection between creation and the creator are formed through partnership with the land and the cycles of the Earth. He operates with an idea of Tiguanceguite, or, working together. "Always together, never out of alignment."

Questions for Reflection:

The concept of alignment is a powerful one, allowing us to bring all our energies into focus. How do you seek alignment in your ministry?

"It is all related," he explained, "food, energy, water, community." Whether in rural or urban environments, permaculture, also known as biointensive polyculture, is a blend of traditional farming techniques that help people grow food while conserving water, land, and energy. It is a holistic way of examining gardening and the world, a process Guillermo calls cosmovision. When we share our most sacred meal, we are giving thanks for a system rooted in an ancient abundance, blessing upon blessing. We honor the life of the created land and the many lives who have touched it, sown, reaped, and shared its increase with a hungry world. TENS.org

Guillermo Vasquez is of Mayan descent and grew up in Central America. He came to the Bay Area to study Agroecology at University of California, Santa Cruz.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING

DECEMBER 2, 2023 at 11:00 A.M

HAMPTON MAID, HAMPTON BAYS

Join us on Saturday for a Women's breakfast gathering. **RSVP November 27th.** The cost is $33.00 per person. As an extra bonus there is a lovely gift shop on the premises.

MENU CHOICES

Pancakes with sausage or bacon
French Toast with sausage or bacon
Eggs with sausage or bacon
Eggs Benedict
Omelete
Coffee/Tea

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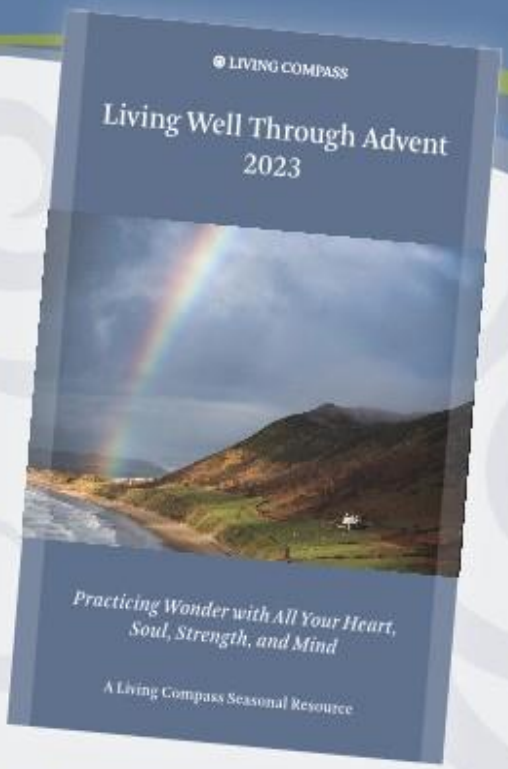
2023 ADVENT SEASON!



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Robbin Brent
David Dill
Jess Elfring-Roberts
Regan Schutz
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Find these Advent resources at **livingcompass.org/advent**

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SUGGESTED ITEMS:

- RICE
- BEANS
- PASTA
- SAUCE
- PB & JELLY
- CANNED TUNA & CHICKEN
- CHEF BOYARDEE MEALS
- SOUP
- OATMEAL
- CEREAL BARS/ SNACK BARS
- APPLESAUCE
- MAC 'N CHEESE (BOXES & MICROWAVEABLE)
- MASHED POTATO MIX

TOILETRIES:

- SOAP
- SHAMPOO
- CONDITIONER
- TOOTHPASTE
- TOOTHBRUSHES

The Liturgical Guide & Ministry Schedule

November 2023

Liturgical Day & Color	November 5, 2023 All Saints Sunday	November12, 2023 24 Pentecost Proper 23A	November 19, 2023 25 Pentecost Proper 24A	November 26, 2023 Last Pentecost Christ the King
Lectionary Readings (Revised Common Lectionary)	Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12	Wisdom 6:12-16 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13	Zephaniah 1:7,12-18 Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46
	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
LEM	Sundy Schermeyer	Virginia Gilmore	Carol Laube	Carol Jubinski
Lector	Dick Gardner	Carol Jubinski	Tom Simson	Tom Hadlock
Usher	Steve Turner	Tom Hadlock	Pete Williams	Tom Simson
	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
LEM	Laureen Andria	Rob Perdock	Carol Fitton	Madeline Glover
Lector	Deni McChesney	Barbara Pettus	Helen Horton	Bill Glover
Greeter/Ushers	Tim Feil Bill Glover	Steve DeCaro Paul Okula	Tom Horan Kevin Tunney	Tim Feil Sandy Wyman
Altar Guild	Edie Hofmann Lee Wadelton	Catharine Nobiletti Karen Love	Victoria Garcia Diane Feil	Catharine Nobiletti Laura Bott

Services at Saint Mark's

Weekends (Regular Schedule)

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Thursdays

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing

Baptisms, Weddings, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointment

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To see the readings for the next two Sundays, click on the links at the top of the schedule on this page

or visit lectionarypage.net

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 22 Pentecost (Proper 25A) 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am SCBOE Early Voting Polling Location 11:00am Coffee Hour	30 Parish Office Closed 10:00am SCBOE Early Voting Polling Location	31 BB Halloween Parade Vigil of All Saints 7:00am SCBOE Early Voting Polling Location	1 All Saints Day All Saints Day 7:00am SCBOE Early Voting Polling Location 7:30pm Alanon	2 All Souls Day 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:00pm SCBOE Early Voting Polling Location	3 *Richard Hooker, Priest and Theologian, 1600* 12:00pm SCBOE Early Voting Polling Location	4 9:00am Farmers Market 9:00am Men's Breakfast 10:00am SCBOE Early Voting Polling Location
5 All Saints Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am SCBOE Early Voting Polling Location 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour	6 Parish Office Closed *William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1944*	7 *Willibrord, Archbishop and Missionary, 739* 12:30pm Staff Meeting	8 *[Ammonius, Hermit, c.403]* 7:30pm Alanon	9 *[Richard Rolle, Walter Hilton, and Margery Kempe, Mystics, 1349, 1396, and c.1440]* 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing	10 *Leo of Rome, Bishop, 461*	11 *Martin of Tours, Bishop, 397* Veterans Day 9:00am Farmers Market
12 24 Pentecost (Proper 27A) 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Beinecke Building Tour 11:00am Coffee Hour	13 Parish Office Closed	14 *Consecration of Samuel Seabury, First American Bishop, 1784* 12:00pm WH Women's Group	15 *[Herman of Alaska, Missionary,1837]* 7:30pm Alanon	16 *Margaret of Scotland, Queen, 1093* 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 1:45pm BB Thanksgiving Show	17 *Hugh, of Lincoln, Bishop1200*	18 *Hilda of Whitby, Abbess, 680* 9:00am Farmers Market 2:00pm Hall Rental
19 25 Pentecost (Proper 28A) 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour 2:00pm Parish Thanksgiving Dinner	20 *Edmund, King, 870* Parish Office Closed	21 *[Mechthilde of Hackeborn and Gertrude the Great, Mystics and Theologians, 1298 and 1302]* 9:30am BB Thanksgiving Breakfast 12:30pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Vestry Meeting via zoom	22 BB Closed *Clive Staples Lewis, Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1963* 7:30pm Alanon	23 BB Closed *Clement of Rome, Bishop, c.100* Parish Office Closed Thanksgiving Day 2:00pm Wedding	24 *[Catherine of Alexandria, Barbara of Nicomedia, and Margaret of Antioch, Martyrs, c.305]* BB Closed Parish Office Closed	25 *James Otis Sargent Huntington, Monastic and Priest, 1935* 9:00am Farmers Market
26 Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Coffee Hour	27 Parish Office Closed	28 *Kamehameha and Emma of Hawaii, King and Queen, 1863 and 1885*	29 7:30pm Alanon	30 St. Andrew the Apostle 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing	1 *Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637 or [Charles de Foucauld, Monastic and Martyr, 1916]*	2 *Channing Moore Williams, Bishop and Missionary, 1910* 9:00am Winter Farmers Market 11:00am Women's Bruch 5:00pm Christmas Tree/Menorah Lighting

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WEEKEND SERVICES

(SAT.) 500 p.m.—Holy Eucharist
(SUN.) 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
(Livestreamed)

THURSDAY SERVICES

11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

SCAN ME

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano
Bishop of Long Island
The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf
Assisting Bishop of Long Island
The Rt. Rev. Daniel Allotey
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The WEEK AHEAD

Monday, 11/27	**Parish Office Closed**	
Wednesday, 11/29	7:30 p.m.	Alanon Meeting in Atwater Room
Thursday, 11/30	10:00 a.m.	Advent Study – An Unlikely Advent – 4 week program
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing
	12:30 p.m.	Threshold Singers in the Atwater Room
Friday, 12/01	5:30 p.m.	Westhampton Women's Garden Club Christmas Party
Saturday, 12/02	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Farmer's Market in the Parish Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast – Hampton Maid in Hampton Bays
Sunday, 12/03	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist in the Church with anointing & prayers for healing.
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall
	9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist in the Church with anointing & prayers for healing.
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Participating in Today's Service

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

LEM	Carol Jubinski
Lector	Tom Hadlock
Usher	Tom Simson
Altar Guild	Diane Stewart, Virginia Gilmore
Coffee Hour	Parish Hall

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

LEM	Madeline Glover
Lector	Bill Glover
Ushers	Tim Feil, Tom Horan
Altar Guild	Catharine Nobiletti, Laura Bott
Coffee Hour	Parish Hall

November Birthdays

Carol Fitton	11/07	Robert Laube	11/16
Eleanor Kast	11/08	Kelly Pickering	11/16
Peyton Feil	11/08	Margaret DeCaro	11/18
Geri Wyman	11/09	Sundy Schermeyer	11/19
Barbara Pettus	11/09	Janet Jurgielewicz	11/20
Timothy Feil	11/10	Jeanine Graviano	11/24
Timothy Jurgielewicz	11/14	Jock McLean	11/28
Carol Laube	11/15	John Kern	11/30

November Anniversaries

Peter & Lori Williams	11/06
Edward & Barbara Callahan	11/23
Arthur & Virginia Connolly	11/28

11/19Please Pray for Your Parish Every Day at 12:00 Noon. And remember the People of Israel, Palestine, Sudan, Armenia, Ukraine and the United States of America too!

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday 11/19	8:00 am	**23**
Sunday 11/19	10:00 am	**54**
	Total:	**77**

11/19 2 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner **55**

(**75** Households prayed with us online)

11/23 No Bible or Mid-Week Healing Service

11/23 Andria-Palladino Wedding **26**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Study—"An Unlikely Advent" starts this Thursday, Nov., 30th at 10:00 a.m.

Covenant Class for those who wish to be Confirmed, Received or to learn more about the Episcopal Church will start in the new year.

Prayers for Healing—On the first Sunday of each month, Fr. Chris will offer anointing and prayers for healing during both services.

Bright Beginnings Toy Drive – New unwrapped toys by December 14th.

Coffee Hour: There is a sign-up sheet for the December 10 a.m. service outside of the parish hall. Your help will be very much appreciated. Host/hostesses needed for the Sundays in December (No Coffee Hour following our December 24th services).

Women's Breakfast – Today is the deadline to rsvp for the Women's Breakfast on Dec. 2nd.

Pipe Organ – arriving on Monday, Dec. 4th. Volunteers needed especially after church on Sunday, Dec. 3rd to lay the Masonite on the floor.

Altar Flowers - If you would like to dedicate Rosemary plants for the Altar during Advent, contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at Laura.bott17@gmail.com. One plant is available for Dec 10, 17 & one for the 9 a.m. service on the 24 and two for the 31st. The plants are $40.00 each.

Christmas Remembrances – Forms are available on the table outside of the parish hall for names to be submitted for the Christmas Remembrance list. All donations will be used for the beautification of the church for Christmas. **Please note the deadline is December 17th.**

Mark Your Calendar:

December 2 – 11:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast
December 17 – 4:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service
December 31 – 9:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols Service with Pot-Luck Brunch following.

Community Events

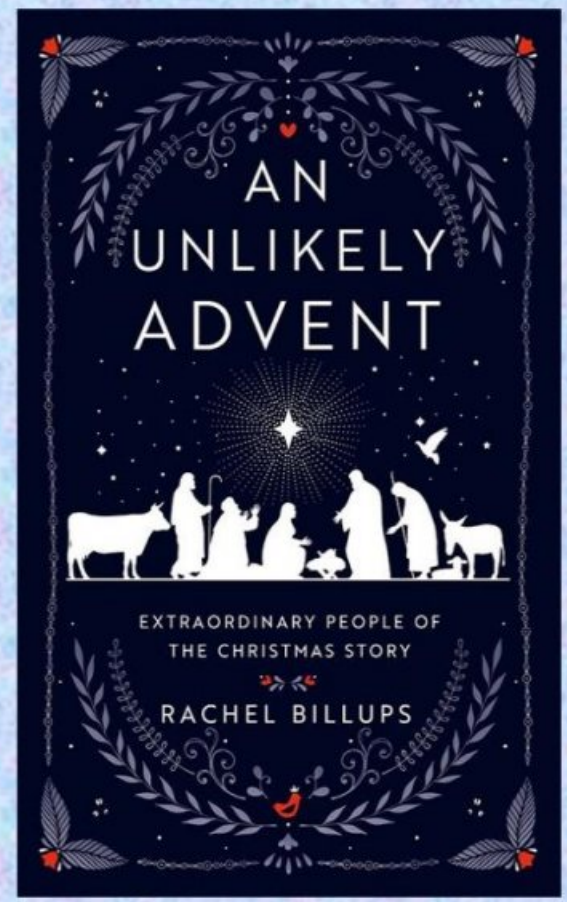
December 2 – St. Mary's Hampton Bays, Christmas Fair from 9 am -2 p.m.
West Presbyterian in Quiogue, Christmas Bazaar from 1-3:30 p.m.
Menorah/Christmas Tree Lighting at the WHB Village Green 5:00 p.m.

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested: ***Noah Berger*** *(Req. by Jenn Kast),* ***Stan Billie*** *(Req. by Jenn Kast),* ***Deana Chiusano*** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore),* ***David Fridae, Nancy Fraser*** *(Req. by Ki Nobiletti),* ***Roberta Good*** *(Diane Stewart's Sister),* ***Jason Gordon*** *(Req by Kate Gabrielsen),* ***Elaine Hanes*** *(Req by Kate Gabrielsen),* ***Barbara Ireton*** *(Req. by Carol Smith),* ***Cathy Jones*** *(Farmers Market),* ***Gretchen & Jim Jubinski*** *(Fr. Chris' Parents),* **Campbell Kast** *(Req. by Jenn Kast),* **Cole LoRusso** *(Marj Kulesa's Nephew),* **Fred Meyer** *(Parishioner),* **Jock McLean** *(Parishioner),* **Sean McLean** *(Req. by Jock McLean),* **The Reverend Abigail Murphy** *(Priest in EDLI),* **Sudie Nostrand** *(Carol John's Sister),* **Paul Oele** *(Parishioner),* **Cassie Panzarino** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore),* **Joan Petrella** *(Parishioner),* **Jean Scopinich** *(Parishioner),* **John Stewart** *(Parishioner),* **Sarah Witters** *(Req. by Victoria Garcia),* **Owen Foster** *(Diane & John Stewart's grandson),* ***John Martinelli*** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore,* ***Marilyn Dorsa*** *(Req. by Drew Clark),* **Michele Parks** *(Req. by Marjorie Kulesa.* **Fred Rees Garcia** *(son of Victoria Garcia),* **Christina Kouris** *(Req. by Sandy Wyman,* ***Wilfred Funk*** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore),* ***Rebekah Lessard*** *(req by Jinny Gilmore) and* ***John Saladino*** *(Req. by Victoria Garcia).*

If there are any names that can be removed, kindly contact Kate in the church office 631-288-2111.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces: *Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner and James Mercready.*

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by The Wolgemuth Family in Thanksgiving of all our many blessings and in Celebration of the birthdays of Roxie Sarroff & Beth Reidelberger.



Advent Study

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

November 30, December 7, 14, 21

Expect the unexpected this Christmas.

This four-week Advent study focuses on the experiences of four sets of often overlooked characters in the Nativity story. During this Advent season, Rachel Billups guides readers through the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace by sharing the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds. Each set of unexpected characters has something to teach about living faithfully on the journey to Christmas.

Books can be ordered through Amazon or Cokesbury. Scholarships are available.

Notes on this Sunday's Readings—November 26th *(Last Pentecost-Proper 29A)*

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Today is the final Sunday of the Church year, on which we celebrate the Kingship of Christ. Since last Advent, we have been reading the Gospel according to Matthew most Sundays.

In this final reading from the Gospel of Matthew, we have Jesus' description of the final judgment. Those who will be welcomed into his Kingdom are those who show their love to Christ by caring for the outcast and helpless.

The prophet Ezekiel, centuries before Christ, foresaw the coming of the Shepherd-King, sent by God to his people. This kingship would be one of caring love and of peace to the entire human race.

In the second reading, an extended passage describes Christ as the final fulfillment of God's plan for the universe. We who are the beneficiaries of that plan for our lives are gathered up into Christ who is our head and who gives his own being to all that exists.

Our gatherings for worship are meant to be points of departure for us to move into the world in active works of ministry to the hungry, the helpless, the imprisoned, the lonely, the sick, and the dying. The reign of Christ must begin with members of his body the Church making him known in the world, especially to the least of his sisters and brothers.

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Readings for Sunday, November 26, 2023

The Collect
Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament—Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Psalm 95:1-7a ***Venite, exultemus***

[1] Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

[2] Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

[3] For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

[4] In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

[5] The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

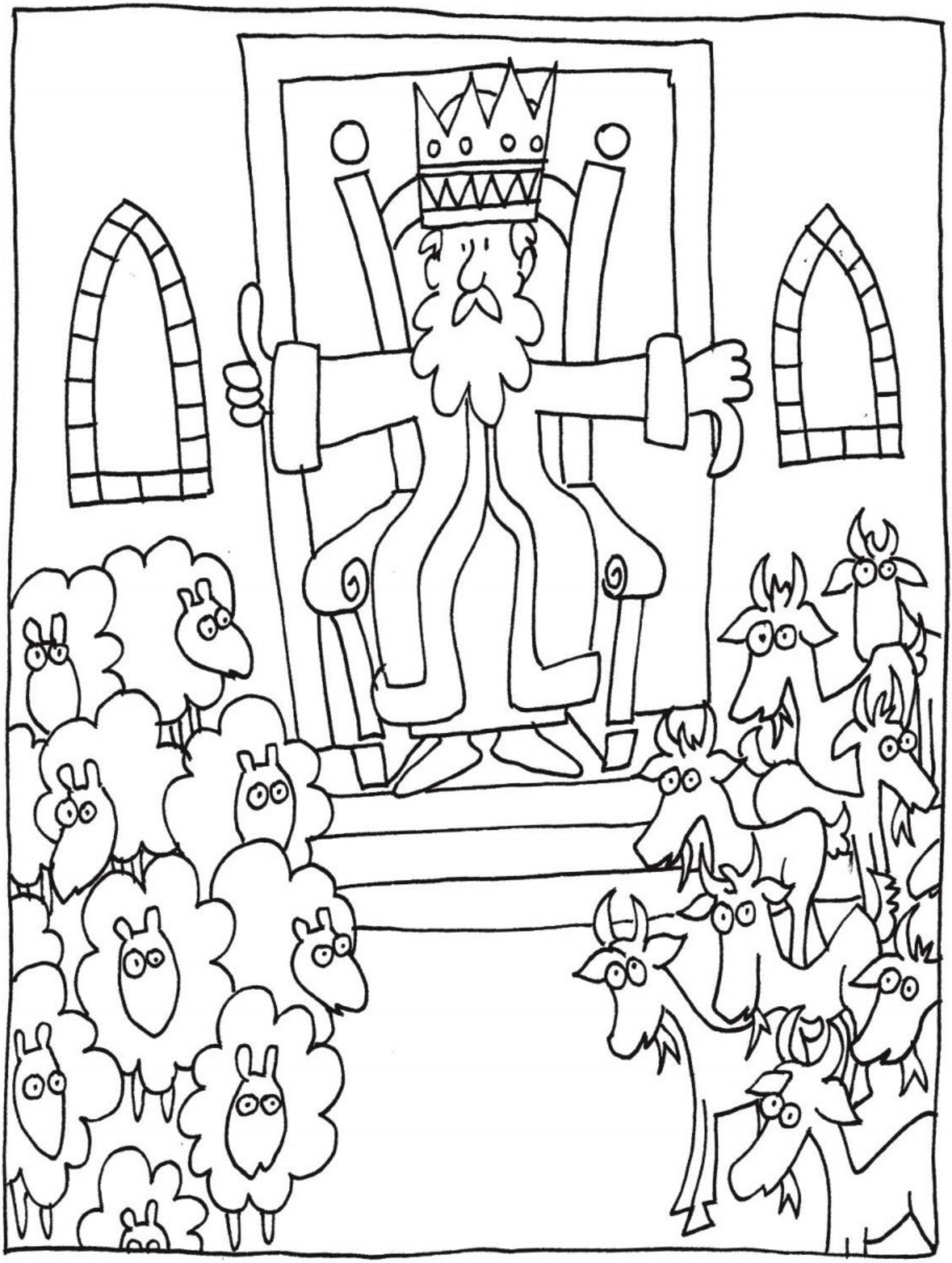
[6] Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

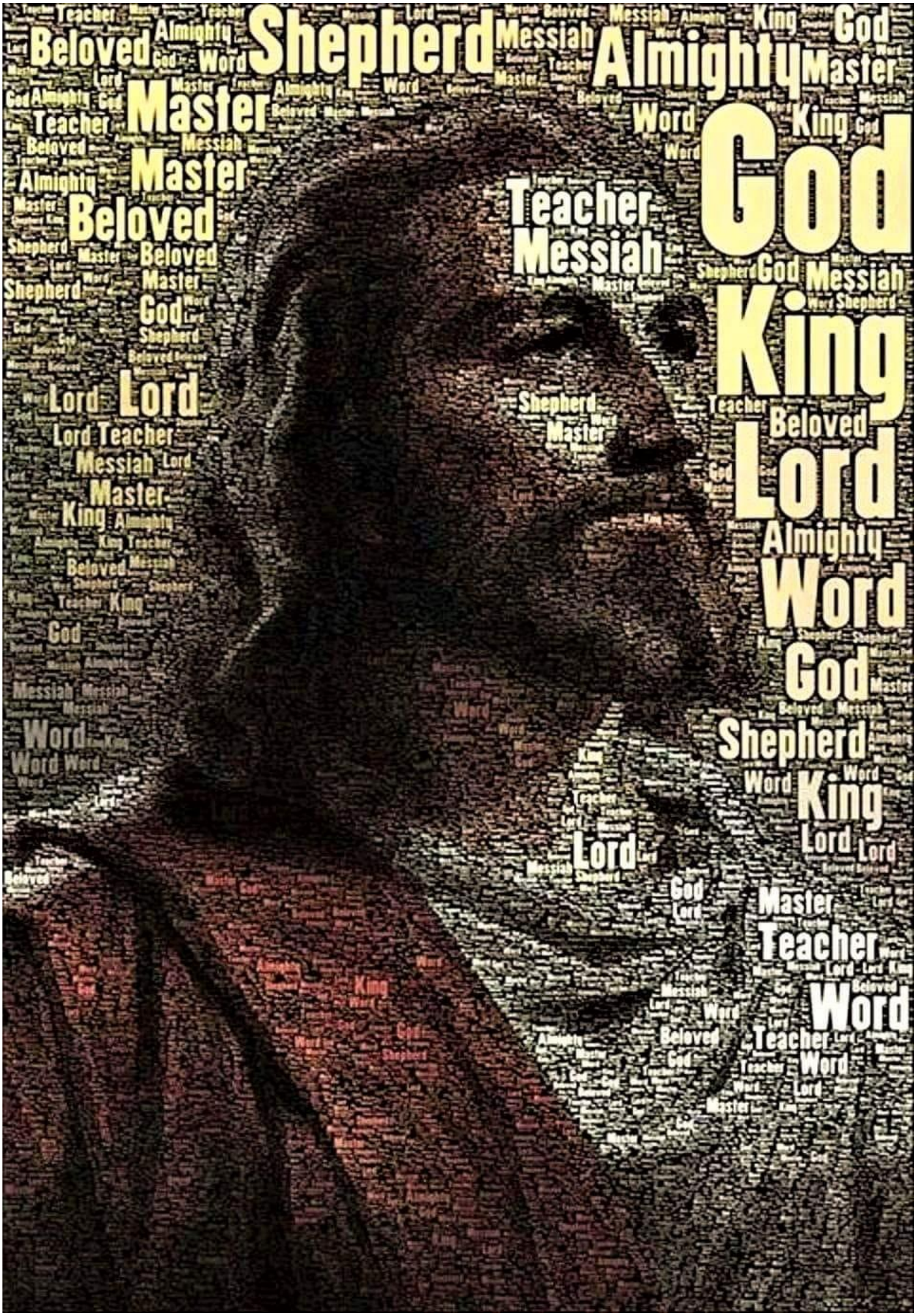
[7] For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

The Epistle—Ephesians 1:15-23
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Gospel—Matthew 25:31-46
Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Coloring Page for November 26th *(Last Pentecost – Proper 29A)*

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BULLETIN INSERTS

November 26, 2023 – Christ the King (A)
Christ the King Sunday

Today, many parishes within The Episcopal Church celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast day falls on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Sunday before the beginning of Advent. The feast is a relative newcomer to the liturgical calendar; it was first instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, when he wrote the encyclical *Quas Primas*. Here, he lays out the different understandings of kingship that Jesus Christ possesses.

Pius XI also explains how Christians ought to live as a result of Christ's kingship: "He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God." By the 1970s, the Feast of Christ the King had been more or less institutionalized throughout many Christian denominations and was fixed as occurring the last Sunday before Advent.

The lessons for this day support the understanding of Christ as sovereign. Jeremiah writes, "The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land." The Song of Zechariah bridges the seasons beautifully as we hear the prophecy foretelling the ministry of St. John the Baptist, from whom we'll hear more very shortly. The Letter to the Colossians explains, "[The Father] has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." It is only in the Gospel reading that we see the most difficult aspect of Jesus' kingship: "The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'" We remember that Jesus' kingship is not distant and remote in some capital city thousands of miles away. His kingship is not detached nor aloof. No, he reigns for now in the very hearts of the faithful, freeing us and bringing us together under his most gracious rule.

Collect for the Feast of Christ the King
Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen (BCP 236).

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BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

4:00 p.m.—Music Begins
4:30 p.m.—Service

Join us for a peaceful worship service for those who struggle with finding the joy of the Christmas season because of a loss due to death, divorce, sickness, or unfortunate and tragic circumstances.

If you are suffering this holiday season, join us for beautiful music, comforting prayer, and inspiring words of Hope.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

November 18th, 2023

It is a privilege to share with you about how God has continued to be present at Camp DeWolfe, amongst the life of our Diocese. Camp DeWolfe is a holy and sacred outdoor space, for retreat, rest, and experiencing God in nature and community. This year, the Family Camp programs for families, small groups, and individuals, welcomed over 1,500 campers of all ages, as part of our summer programming. Once again, the Camp DeWolfe ministry welcomed its largest number of guests to visit the camp during the summer months. By the end of 2023, Camp DeWolfe will have hosted just over 5,000 guests, representing campers and retreat guests from a variety of faith backgrounds, ethnicities, and cultures, from both our year-round retreat and summer programs.

We are blessed to witness God continuing to utilize this place to touch the lives of so many people each year. And it is our prayer that you will consider camping or retreating in 2024 and partner with us, through our ministry of hospitality and service to all, as we develop and empower leaders in Christ. In the spring, we will again be offering our "Service Saturday" programs, hosting volunteer groups at Camp DeWolfe, as we prepare for the summer season. All ages are welcome!

I would like to thank the staff of Camp DeWolfe, the Camp Board of Managers, and Bishop Provenzano for their unwavering prayer and practical support of Camp DeWolfe in 2023. It is through their efforts that we were able to better live out our mission and I ask that you join me in thanking them for their faithfulness.

At this time, I ask you to please consider making an end-of-year donation to the ***Fr. Domenic Ciannella Annual Fund for Camp DeWolfe***. Your donation will help us raise the support needed to start the 2024 ministry season well. Please visit **www.campdewolfe.org/donate-online-today** or simply mail a check to "Camp DeWolfe" using the postage paid return envelope. Please know you are welcome to pause, play and pray with us in Wading River, and we pray God's blessing upon you as we approach this Advent Season.

In Christ,

The Rev. Matthew Tees
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SUMMER CAMPING PROGRAMS & FOUR SEASON RETREAT CENTER

Donations of can goods and cash to support the Food Pantry at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

THE GREATER
Westhampton
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Save the Date!
Winter Festival
WESTHAMPTON BEACH
Saturday, December 2nd, 2023
Festivities will include:
CHRISTMAS TREE & MENORAH LIGHTING
AND A WHOLE LOT MORE!
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY & CALENDAR OF EVENTS
WWW.WESTHAMPTONCHAMBER.ORG

THE GREATER Westhampton CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

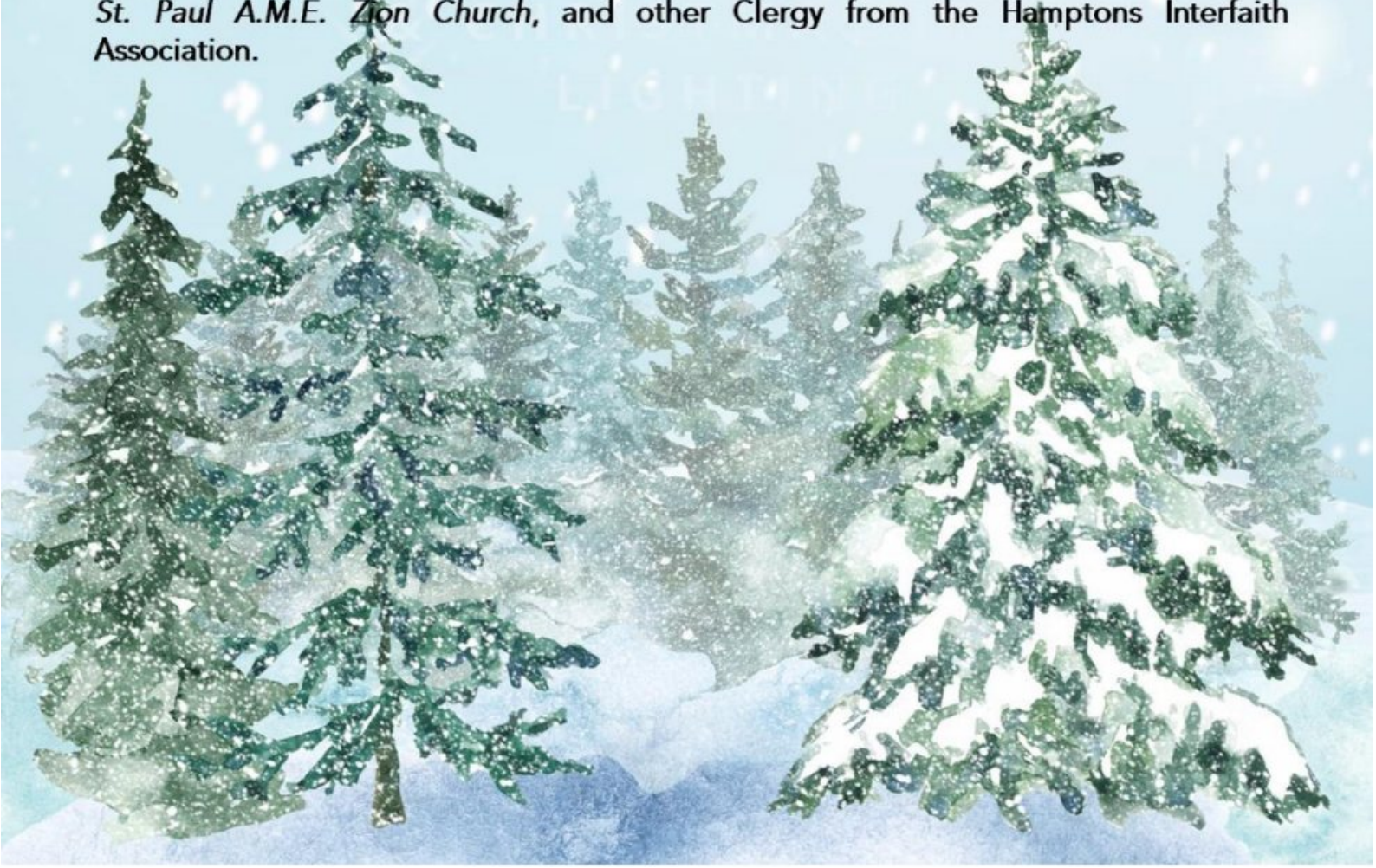
Menorah and Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Please join us as we light the Menorah and Christmas Tree on the Village Green in Westhampton Beach on Saturday, December 2nd with a rain date for December 3rd.

The Festivities begin at 5:00 PM with Caroling led by the Threshold Singers, Cookies & Hot Cocoa, and a Visit from Santa.

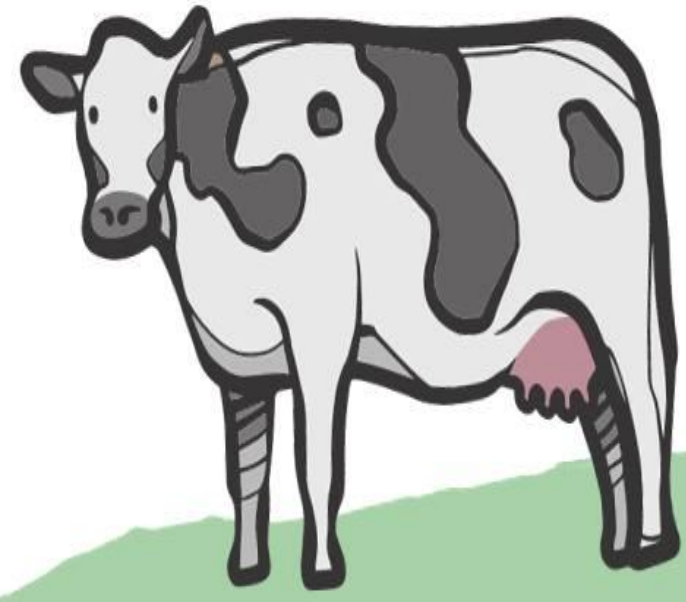
The Lighting Ceremony will commence at 5:40 PM with a welcome from Mayor Maria Moore, Rabbi Avaraham Bronstein, *Hampton Synagogue*, The Rev. Gale Williams, *St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church*, and other Clergy from the Hamptons Interfaith Association.



THE GREATER Westhampton CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

We are moooooving!

The Farmers Market will be held on Saturdays, 9 AM to 1PM Saint Mark's Episcopal Church 40 Main Street, WHB



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Messiah

SING ALONG

COMMUNITY MESSIAH SING

Sunday, December 3 ✦ 4 pm ✦ FREE

Catherine Sandstedt, soprano; Natasha Nelson, mezzo-soprano
Thomas Killourhy, tenor; Michael Pitocchi, baritone
St. John's Festival Orchestra; Carol Weitner, organist
Bryce Westervelt, conductor

The audience is the chorus for the Christmas portion
of Handel's beloved masterpiece.
So grab your (orange Novello) Messiah score
or borrow* one from us for this special event
which will bring our greater community together in song.

Proceeds from this event will go to
St. John's community outreach partners.

*scores are available to rent for $5 each

St. John's Episcopal Church

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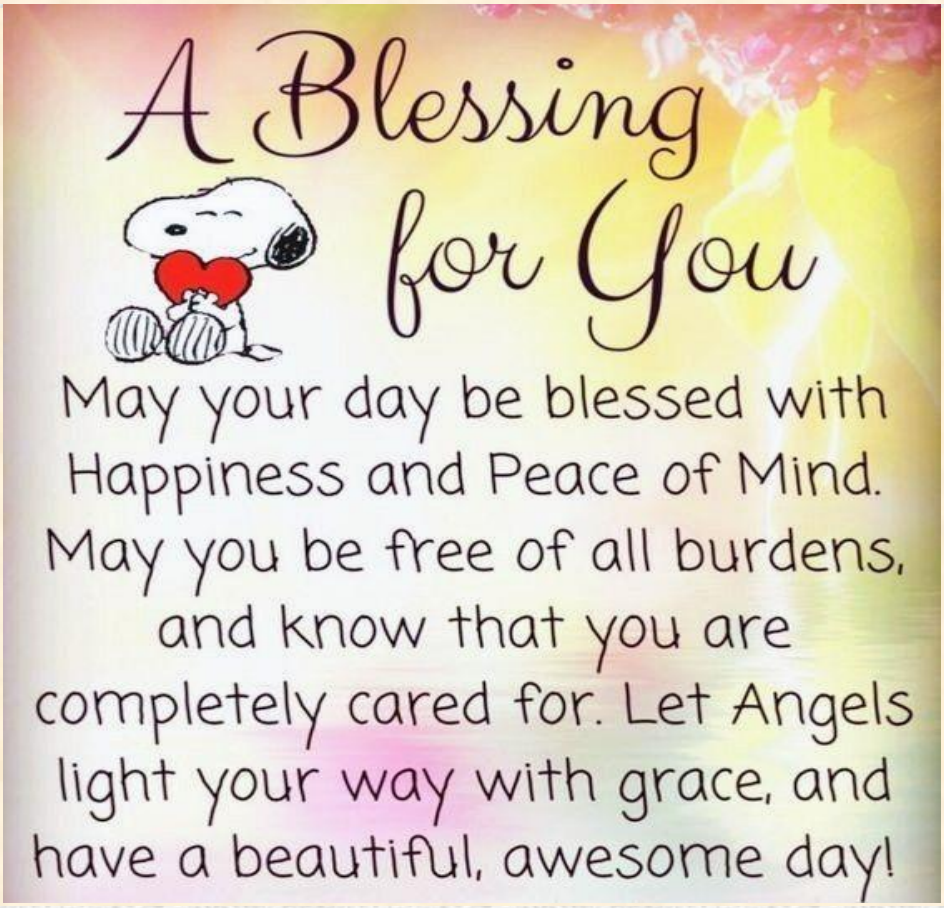
Rites of Passage

November Birthdays
7 Carol Fitton
8 Eleanor Kast
8 Peyton Feil
9 Barbara Pettus
9 Geri Wyman
10 Timothy Feil
14 Timothy Jurgielewicz
15 Carol Laube
16 Kelly Pickering
16 Robert Laube
18 Margaret DeCaro
19 Sundy Schermeyer
20 Janet Jurgielewicz
24 Jeanine Graviano
28 Jock McLean
30 John Kern

November Anniversaries
6 Peter & Lori Williams
23 Edward & Barbara Callahan
28 Arthur & Virginia Connolly



On the Lighter Side...

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