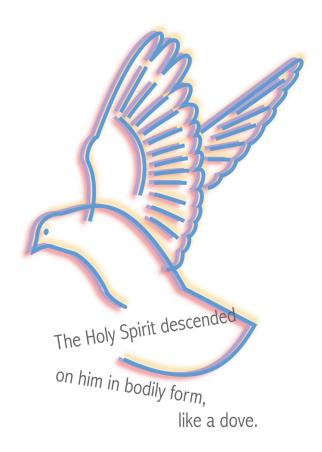
# Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY January 12, 2025 • 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II



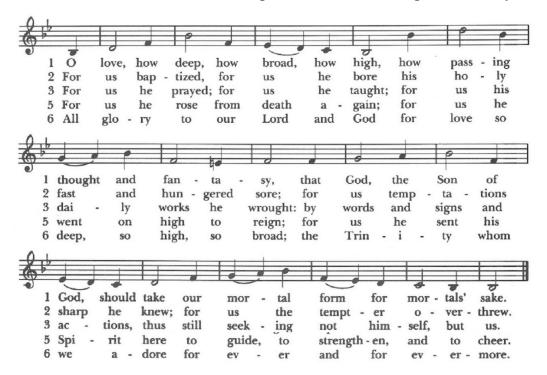
Our Mission
"Living Our Faith by Serving God and Others"

The Reverend Dr. Allen Hill, Rector

**PROCESSIONAL** 

Oh Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

**Hymn 448** 



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **OPENING ACCLAMATION (standing)**

Celebrant A voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

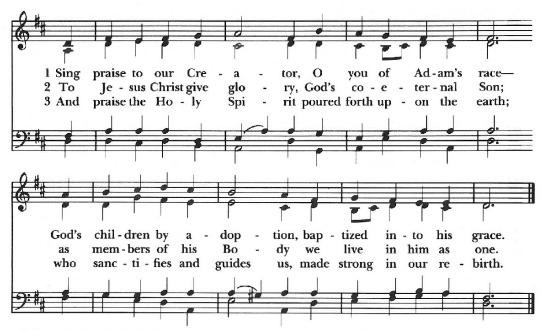
[Matthew 3:17]

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People and blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Words: Mark Evans (b. 1916), alt.

Music: Christus, der ist mein Leben, melody Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616); harm. after Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-

everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People Thanks be to God

Silence-What indeed is God saying?

### **PSALM 29** (Read Responsively)

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon:
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

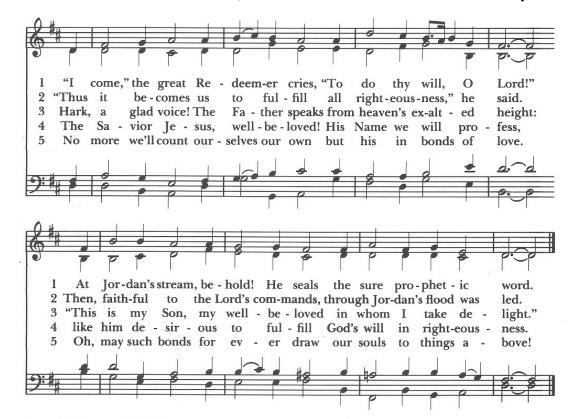
THE EPISTLE Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**People** Thanks be to God.

Silence-What indeed is God saying?



Words: Christian Hymnbook, 1865, alt.

Music: This Endris Nyght, English melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

People Alleluia!

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON (Please be seated)

Mother Rachel Hill

Silence

### THE NICENE CREED (Please stand)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Washed clean by the waters of

baptism, let us pray that we may live the life to which he has called us.

Lord Jesus, eternal Word, proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner, hear us as

we pray for all who proclaim your word.

Lord of truth,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Lord Jesus, baptizing with the Spirit and with fire, strengthen us to withstand all the

trials of our faith.

Lord of truth,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Lord Jesus, bringing forgiveness to all who repent, teach your Church dependence on

your grace.
Lord of truth.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Lord Jesus, beloved Son of the Father, anoint us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit.

Lord of truth.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Lord Jesus, bringer of hope, provide for those who lack the basic necessities of food

and shelter, for the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and destitute, and for all

who are in need.
Lord of truth.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Lord Jesus, fulfilment of the promises of old, give hope to all who suffer from physical

pain or distress, minister to the aged and infirm, and bring healing to all who are sick and suffering, especially Celeste, Walter, Mae, Cynthia, Herb, Rhonda, Bonnie, Lee, Russell, Marcie, Erin, Sterling, Marcie, Jan, Jackie, Anita David, Valerie, Suzy, Mason,

Kayleigh, Ellen, Essie, Elizabeth, Virginia, Patsy, Nancy, Sam, and Susan.

Lord of truth,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Lord Jesus, bring comfort to all who are in mourning or grief; give hope to all who

suffer from sadness or depression; and bring peace to all who struggle with anxiety and

fear.

Lord of truth.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Lord Jesus, hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of

your coming kingdom, especially those whom we love.

Lord of truth.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father makes us and all things new. Transform the

poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make

known your heavenly glory.

Lord of truth,

People Hear our prayer.

A brief silence is kept. The Celebrant then says the concluding Collect:

#### Celebrant

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN** (*The people kneel, as able*)

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### Celebrant

†Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

## COMFORTING SENTENCE AND THE PEACE (Standing)

Celebrant We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

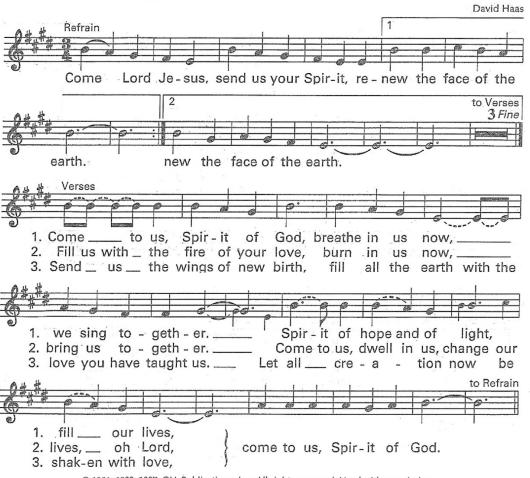
#### **OFFERTORY**

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

## Send Us Your Spirit

**PSB 58** 



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### LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B (Standing) DOXOLOGY



CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

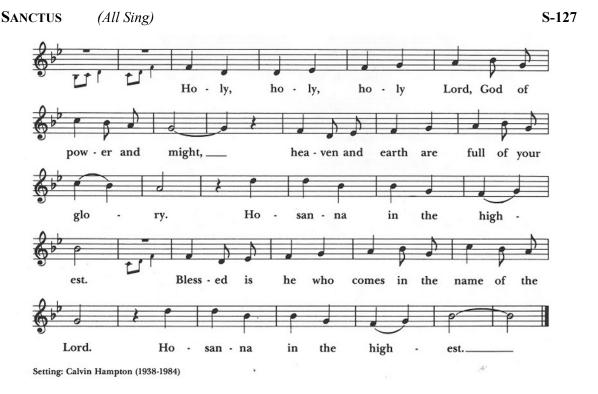
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The people stand or kneel, as able.

#### Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

### Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

#### The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

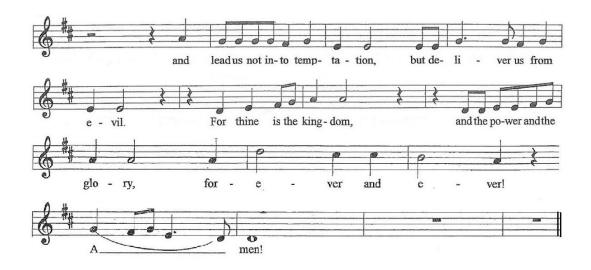
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,





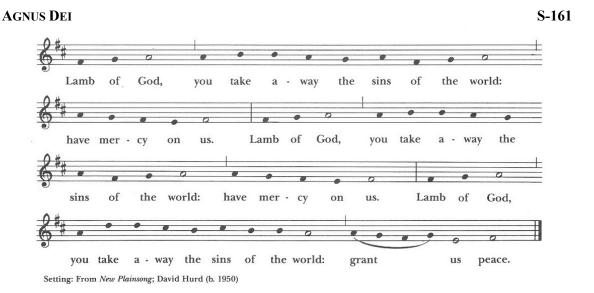
#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

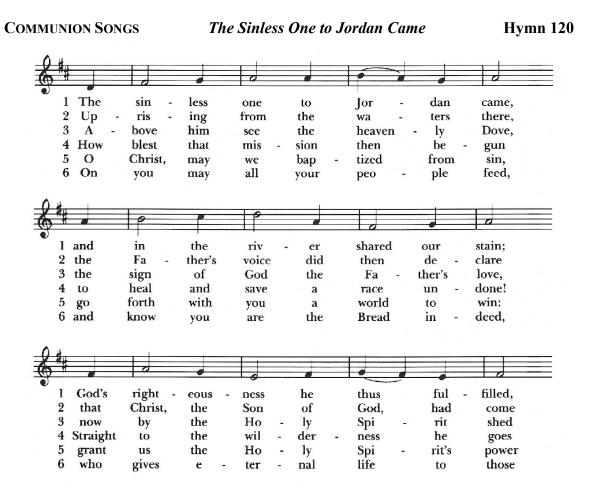
People Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

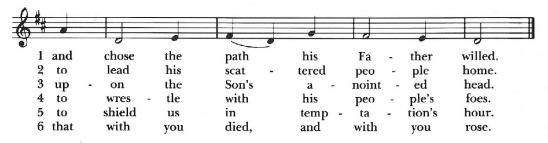


Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## People Thanks be to God.

All baptized Christian believers are invited to receive Holy Communion. All others are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. To receive this option, please cross your arms over your chest in front of the priest.



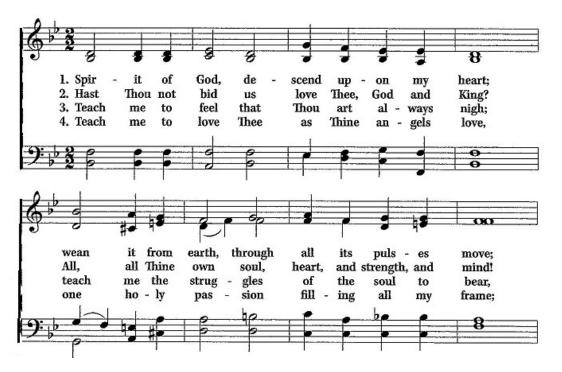


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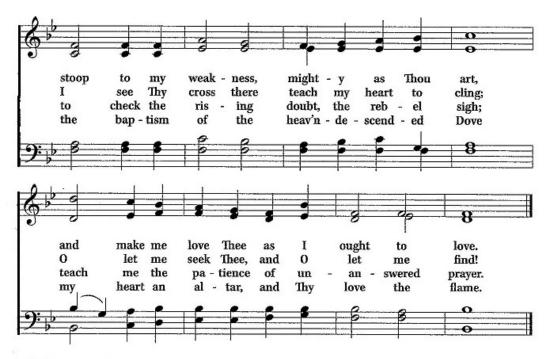
Music: Solemnis haec festivitas, melody from Graduale, 1685

## Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

**CLH 217** 



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WORDS: George Croly, 1854

MUSIC: Morecambe, Frederick Cook Atkinson, 1870

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (All stand)

Celebrant Let us pray.

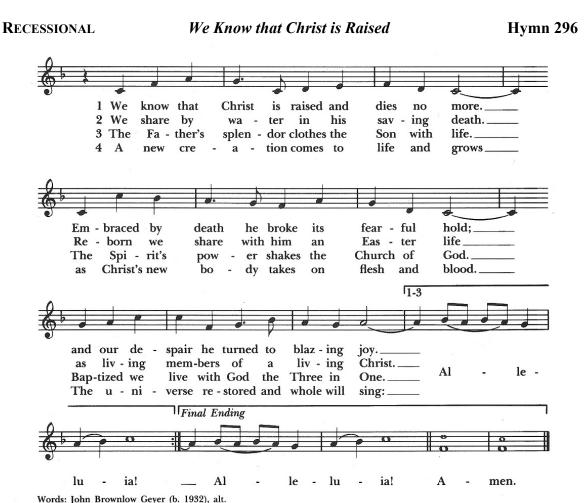
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

(Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.)

## THE BLESSING

Celebrant May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.** 



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Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

#### DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.



Pray for our sick, especially Celeste Rosenau, Walter, Mae, Cynthia Jester, Lee & Bonnie McHugh, Herb & Rhonda Laing, Russell, Marcie, Erin Roaza, Sterling Henderson, Marcie, Jan Calvin, Jackie Montgomery, Anita Davis, Valerie, Suzy Young, Mason Salsgiver, Ellen Strouth, Kayleigh, Essie, Elizabeth, Virginia, Patsy Killian, Nancy MacDonnell, Sam MacDonnell, and Susan Drake.

Pray for all who have died.

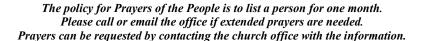
Pray for all who serve in the military, especially Hayden Livingston, Mathew, and Parry Alexander Thomas.

Pray for our companion churches in Cuba, Saint Michael's and All Angels in Ceballos and St. James the Apostle in Baraguá; and their priests, Mtr. Haydée Lugo Marrero and Fr. Roberto Faya Amaro.

Pray for our school; for Peter, Head of School; for Amy, Head of Middle School; for Brenda, Head of Lower School; for Michelle, Director of Preschool; and especially for Josh Osmialowski.

Pray for those celebrating birthdays, especially Charles Rosenberg, Quinn Brown, Martha Coxe, Roger Messimer, and Alpha Holmes.

Pray for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Phil & Jeanie Beyer.



## Happenings at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

## TODAY

## **JANUARY 12**

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

9 a.m. Centering Prayer

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday School

12 p.m. Stephen Ministry Mtg

5 p.m. HCEC Book Group

The nursery is open 9-12 on Sunday.

## THIS WEEK

Monday, January 13 Evening Prayer, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, January 14

Morning Prayer, 9 am (FB) Daisy Troop Meeting, 4:30 pm

Wednesday, January 15

Morning Prayer, 9 am
Westminster Oaks Service, 3 pm
Sg – Judy, 4 pm
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 5:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 pm

Thursday, January 16

Morning Prayer, 9 am (FB) Chair Yoga, 3:30 pm

Friday, January 17

Saturday, January 18

Food Pantry, 9 am



The flowers at the altar today are sponsored by Lynn Caley Monica with gratitude for her Holy Comforter family.

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