



*Second Sunday After Christmas: January 2, 2022*



# Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

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## Lay Ministry

### **8:00 AM LECTOR/LEM**

01/02: DEBBIE SHAFFER

01/09: DEBBIE SHAFFER

### **10:30 AM LECTOR**

01/02: SUZANNE TAYLOR

01/09: DAVID STIPE

### **ACOLYTES**

01/02: MATT WOLFF

01/09: MATT WOLFF

### **ALTAR GUILD**

01/02: LAURA FUNK, GEORGIANNA HARRISON,  
GAIL ROLSTON

### **VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY**

01/02: DAVID KIRKLIN, ELIZABETH PORTER

01/09: MARIE AUGHTRY, FRANK MCKEE

### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

01/02: SUZANNE TAYLOR

01/09: ELIZABETH PORTER

### **TECH TEAM**

DAVID CLEGG

JACOB FAUNCE

JEFF FAUNCE

JENNIFER FAUNCE

GEORGIANNA HARRISON

QUENTIN IREY

## Service Times

### **SUNDAY**

8:00AM . . . . . HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

10:15AM to 12:00PM . . . NURSERY OPEN

10:30AM . . . . . HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

### **WEDNESDAY**

10:30 AM . . MORNING PRAYER (VIA ZOOM)

## Morsel for Meditation

I think there is no suffering greater than what is caused by the doubts of those who want to believe. I know what torment this is, but I can only see it, in myself anyway, as the process by which faith is deepened. A faith that just accepts is a child's faith and all right for children, but eventually you have to grow religiously as every other way, though some never do. What people don't realize is how much religion costs. They think faith is a big electric blanket, when of course it is the cross. It is much harder to believe than not to believe. If you feel you can't believe, you must at least do this: keep an open mind. Keep it open toward faith, keep wanting it, keep asking for it, and leave the rest to God.

Flannery O'Connor, *The Habit of Being: Letters of Flannery O'Connor* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1988), 354.

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Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*

The Rt. Rev. Dr. George R. Sumner, *Bishop*

The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk, *Rector*

The Rev. Gordon Miltenberger, *Assisting Priest*

David Gish, *Music Director*

John Shasteen, *Organist*

Angela Dryer, *Parish Administrator*

# Order of Worship

## 8:00 — HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

### Introduction to Worship

Opening Sentence . . . . .	BCP 323
Collect. . . . .	BCP 182
The Lessons	
First Reading . . . . .	Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm . . . . .	Psalm 84
Epistle . . . . .	Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a
Gospel . . . . .	Luke 2:41-52
Sermon . . . . .	The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk
Nicene Creed . . . . .	BCP 326
Prayers of the People . . . . .	BCP 328
The Confession. . . . .	BCP 331
The Peace. . . . .	BCP 332
Announcements	

### **Holy Communion**

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer I) . . .	BCP 333
Sanctus . . . . .	BCP 341
The Lord's Prayer . . . . .	BCP 336
<i>Agnus Dei</i> . . . . .	BCP 337
The Presentation . . . . .	BCP 338
Post Communion Prayer . . . . .	BCP 338
The Blessing & Dismissal . . . . .	BCP 339

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (black)  
H = Hymnbook (red)  
A3 = Alleluia III (yellow)

## 10:30 — HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

### Prelude

Processional Hymn . . . . .	<i>H #87</i>
<i>Hark! the herald angels sing</i> (Mendelssohn)	
Opening Sentence. . . . .	BCP 355
<i>Gloria in excelsis</i> . . . . .	<i>H #S280</i>
The Collect . . . . .	BCP 233
The Lessons	
First Reading . . . . .	Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm . . . . .	Psalm 84
Epistle . . . . .	Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a
Gospel Hymn . . . . .	<i>H #93</i>
<i>Angels, from the realms of glory</i> (Regent Square)	
Gospel . . . . .	Luke 2:41-52
Sermon . . . . .	The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk
The Nicene Creed . . . . .	BCP 326
Prayers of the People (Form II) . . . .	BCP 385
The Confession. . . . .	BCP 360
The Peace. . . . .	BCP 360
Announcements	

### **Holy Communion**

Offertory . . . . .	<i>H #517</i>
<i>How lovely is thy dwelling place</i> (Brother James' Air)	
Offertory Anthem . . . . .	<i>A3 #221</i>
<i>Doxology (Old 100th)</i>	
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) . .	BCP 361
The Lord's Prayer . . . . .	BCP 364
<i>Agnus Dei</i> . . . . .	BCP 407
The Presentation . . . . .	BCP 362
Communion Hymns	
<i>More Precious than Silver</i> . . . . . <i>A3 #115</i>	
<i>It is Well With My Soul</i> . . . . . <i>A3 #100</i>	
Post Communion Prayer . . . . .	BCP 365
The Blessing & Dismissal . . . . .	BCP 366
Recessional Hymn. . . . .	<i>H #100</i>
<i>Joy to the world! (Antioch)</i>	

## *Pray for the Church, the Body of Christ*

Please pray for those on our prayer list this week: Father Gordon, and Mike Lavigne. We also pray for our Daughters of the King Ministry as they bring their strength and service together by praying for friends and for the people.

**Contact our church office to add a name to our prayer list.**

### *Upcoming Events*

- Wednesday, January 5:** Morning Prayer at 10:30am; Bible Study in Clardy Hall at 7pm - pizza provided
- Sunday, January 9:** Acolyte training between services

### *December Vestry Highlights*

#### **At the December Vestry meeting, the Vestry:**

- Finished Kevin Martin's Parish Leadership Guide for the New Normal and plan to start John Stott's *Basic Christian Leadership* in 2022.
- Heard that the Parish staff has received a Christmas ham/turkey.
- Was congratulated by the Rector for doing a good job of meeting new folks.
- Reviewed the Christmas events that are good to invite folks to attend (i.e., Lessons & Carols, our Advent Series, and Christmas Eve services).
- Decided that the February Vestry Retreat & Meeting will be on Saturday February 12th in the Parish Hall.
- Heard that as of Epiphany, January 6th, the Rector will be incommunicado. God willing, he will return around Easter.
- Heard that The Rev. Trent Pettit will be the fulltime assisting priest, and will be living in Greenville beginning January 5th. He expects to stay for two months. His stipend will be covered by Church Insurance.
- The Rev. Canon Chris Brown will function as the supply priest during the period of Fr. Trent's departure and Fr. Nick's return.
- Heard that we are seeking bids to repair the HVAC system in the Parish Hall
- Heard that Gerald Huffman gave a bid to paint Clardy Hall ceiling at \$2,972, and a bid to replace ceiling tiles at \$4,607.
- Heard that we have a bid to raise the sunken areas of the sidewalk for \$7,700.
- Heard that we have a bid for a full replacement of the parking lot at \$195,000.
- Heard that the Outreach Committee plans to have an Afghan Refugee donation drive in February or March.
- Approved purchasing equipment for our online broadcast from the funds received from the Gladys Clayton fund.
- Approved the written Duties of the Vestry on Sunday morning.
- Heard that the November income was \$24,321.24 and expenses were \$18,189.14, thus we had a cash flow of \$5,945.32.
- Heard that the YTD income was \$274,980.80 and expenses were \$189,685.02, thus we had a cash flow of \$85,295.82.

#### **December 26**

Offering: \$1,459.00 ~~ Attendance: 62

**Cover Art:** William Holman Hunt, *The Finding of the Saviour in the Temple* (Birmingham, England: Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, 1854/1855), oil on canvas, detail.