

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN and its weekly announcements can be found

- on Grace's [website](#), and
- announcements appear in the bulletin for at least two weeks.

WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD in thanksgiving for the many hands and voices that animated the incredible services on Christmas Eve. Liturgy is literally “the work for the people.” From the Greening of the Church to the singing of the choir to provoking perhaps recalcitrant family members to church on Christmas Eve, the people of Grace produced a glorious in celebration of the Nativity of our Lord.

WE WELCOME BACK BARBARA ADLER to the organ bench this morning. Nancy will return next week. The choir is taking the week off as well.

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Beth Shavalier	Parish Administrator
Chris Jansen	Sexton & Facilities Manager
Mary Jane Belinky & Barbara Brownrigg	Altar Guild Leadership Team
Alan DeWolfe	Head Usher

The Vestry

Calvin R Barnstead II and James A Baker, Wardens

Carl R. Vallely, Treasurer

Class of 2018

Margaret Chaffee

Vacant

Class of 2019

Brenda Barnstead

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Class of 2020

Alan DeWolfe

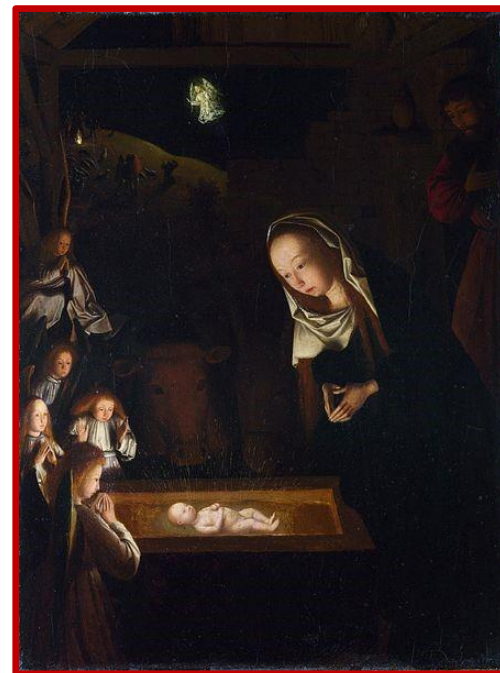
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Birth of Jesus, Geertgen tot Sint Jans (1484-90)

Season of Christmas

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, 2018

Prelude: “A la Venüe de Noël” or “Nous dites Marie”

Jean-Francis Dandrieu

GATHER IN THE LORD’S NAME

Hymn in Procession: #93

Regent Square

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Collect for Purity

Gloria: Hymn #421

Allein Gott in der Hoh

Collect of the Day

Insert

PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

1st Lesson

Insert

Psalm

Insert

2nd Lesson

Insert

Gradual Hymn: #98

Puer noblis nascitur

The Holy Gospel

Insert

Homily

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 388

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

Exchange of the Peace

PREPARE THE TABLE AND MAKE EUCHARIST

Offertory: “Noel Vosgien”

Jean Bouvard

Sanctus: Hymnal #S-125

Community Mass

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

The Breaking of Bread & Communion

Communion: “Noel for the Flutes”

Louis-Claude D’Aquin

Post Communion Hymn: #324

Picardy

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD

The Blessing

Hymn in Procession: #102

Irby

Announcements

Dismissal Charge

Postlude: “Swiss Noel”

Louis-Claude D’Aquin

ALL PEOPLE OF GOD, including children, are welcome to receive communion, regardless.

REMEMBER THE DATES:

January 5 – Monthly rummage sale and community lunch.

January 6 – Learning Communities presentation, Welliver Hall.

January 12 – Episcopal Church Kitchen Group (Trinity, Grace, Emmanuel, St. Matthews) free lunch (at Grace).

January 21 – Vestry, 6p. All active communicants are welcome to attend and help in our discernment for Grace Church’s future. Vestry document are on the [website](#).

January 27 – Annual Meeting.

THE EPIPHANY. Grace Church’s diocesan delegates are greatly impressed by the diocese’s **Learning Communities Initiative**. Meeting with coaches and following a process of discernment, 30 CNY congregations have begun to reconnect with their neighborhoods in surprising ways. Bishop DeDe observes, “*Fear and anxiety have given way to trust in God’s leading... Episcopalians and their neighbors are praying together, listening to one another, and learning to be God’s beloved community in every circumstance.*” If Grace is truly serious about an ethos different from its past, we think this well supported process could be an option for us. As such dramatic shifts are not for everyone, we have encouraged vestry and congregation to explore this initiative (particularly the videos) at <https://cnyepiscopal.org/resources/formation/learning-communities/> (also linked on our website under resources). We need your input.

Alas, nobody will do their digital homework. The deadline to sign the parish up is approaching. So, at coffee hour on January 6th we will have a presentation of the videos in Welliver Hall. Please come.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING is coming up Sunday, January 27. So far, this is what you need to know:

- Yes, there will be lunch.
- Reports should be submitted (preferably in digital form) to the office by January 18.
- There will be elections for two (2) wardens and two (2) vestry members. Do not be surprised if others think you are called to this ministry; be open and prepared to pray.
- Qualifications for voting and holding office is **Communicant in Good Standing**, *i.e.*, regular attendance and financially contributing.