



# THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

*A Congregation of the Episcopal Church*

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**December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**3:00 P.M.**

**The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord**

**Holy Eucharist with Music**

## **Welcome to St. Martin's**

We are grateful you are with us in this sacred space. If you are joining us for the first time or the first time in a long time, please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex and leave your up-to-date contact information on a Welcome Card.

If you are new to St. Martin's, you can find blank name tags on the tables by the back and side doors.

At St. Martin's, we welcome the joyful noise of children and babies. If you feel the need to step out with your child, please feel free to make use of the Mary Chapel, located on the left hand side of the Church when facing the altar.

Devotional coloring page (for artists of any age) are included in the back of the leaflet. Crayons are available in the back of the Church. Please ask an usher if you need assistance finding them.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available for those who need them. Please ask an usher for a device.

**This afternoon, we will be acting out and singing "The Friendly Beasts" together.**

**Before we begin, please choose which friendly beast  
you'd like to be and pick up a mask for either:**

*a donkey, a cow, a sheep, or a dove!*

# PRELUDES

## OPENING HYMN

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to  
 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal, lo! he ab - hors not the  
 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of  
 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py mor - ning; Je - sus to thee be

Beth - le - hem; come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 Vir - gin's womb; on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther,  
 heaven a - bove; glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
 glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pea - ring;

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

Translation: F Oakeley, W. T. Brooke, et al. | Arr. David Willcocks

## THE CHRISTMAS ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* This night Christ is born:

**People** Alleluia!

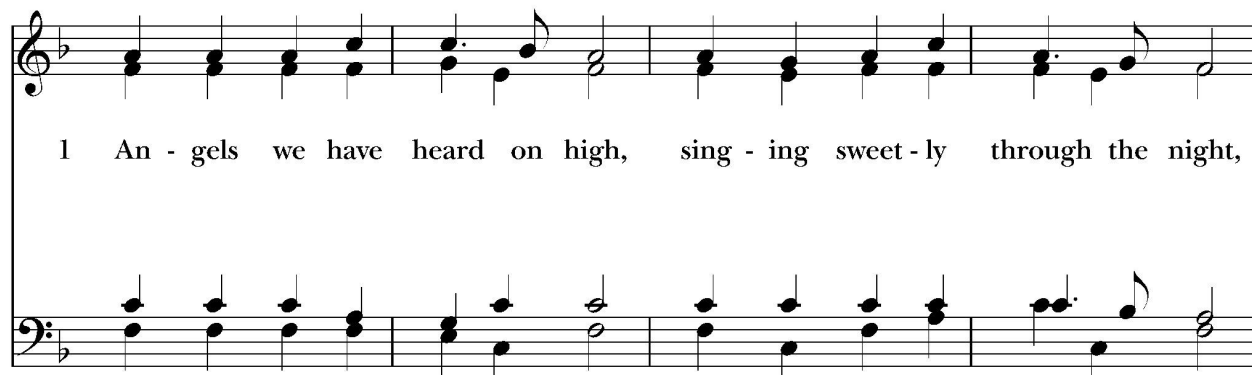
*Celebrant* This night the Savior comes:

**People** Alleluia!

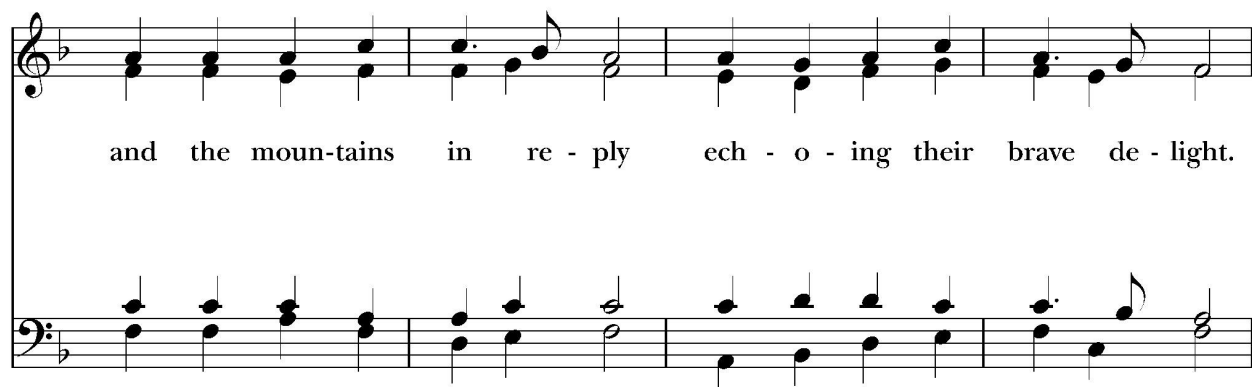
*Celebrant* This night the angels sing on earth:

**People** Alleluia! Glory to God in the highest!

## GLORIA



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,



and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.



*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a



Text: Angels we have heard on high | Translator: James Chadwick (1813-1882)  
Tune: GLORIA | Arranger: Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

## THE SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## The Word

### PSALM 96

*Cantate Domino*

*All* **Sing to the LORD a new song!**

*Leader* O sing unto the LORD a new song;  
sing unto the LORD, all the earth!  
Sing unto the LORD, bless His name;  
declare His salvation from day to day.  
Proclaim His glory among the nations,  
His wonders among all peoples.

*All* **Sing to the LORD a new song!**

*Leader* For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised;  
He is to be feared above all gods.  
For all the gods of the nations are worthless,  
but the LORD made the heavens.  
Honor and majesty are before Him;  
strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

**All Sing to the LORD a new song!**

*Leader* Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field be joyful, and all that is in it;  
then all the trees of the forests shall rejoice  
before the LORD, for He comes,  
for He comes to judge the earth.  
He shall judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with His faithfulness.

**All Sing to the LORD a new song!**

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

***People* Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE FRIENDLY BEASTS

Jesus, our brother, strong and good,  
was humbly born in a stable rude,  
and the friendly beasts around Him stood,  
Jesus, our brother, strong and good.

"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown,  
"I carried His mother uphill and down,  
I carried His mother to Bethlehem town;  
I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

"I," said the cow, all white and red,  
"I gave Him my manger for his bed,  
I gave Him hay to pillow His head;  
I," said the cow, all white and red.

"I," said the sheep with curly horn,  
"I gave Him my wool for His blanket warm,  
He wore my coat on Christmas morn;  
I," said the sheep with curly horn.

"I," said the dove, from the rafters high,  
"I cooed Him to sleep that he should not cry,  
we cooed Him to sleep, my mate and I;  
I," said the dove, from the rafters high.

Thus all the beasts, by some good spell,  
in the stable dark were glad to tell  
of the gifts they gave Emmanuel,  
the gifts they gave Emmanuel.

Translator: Robert Davis | Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

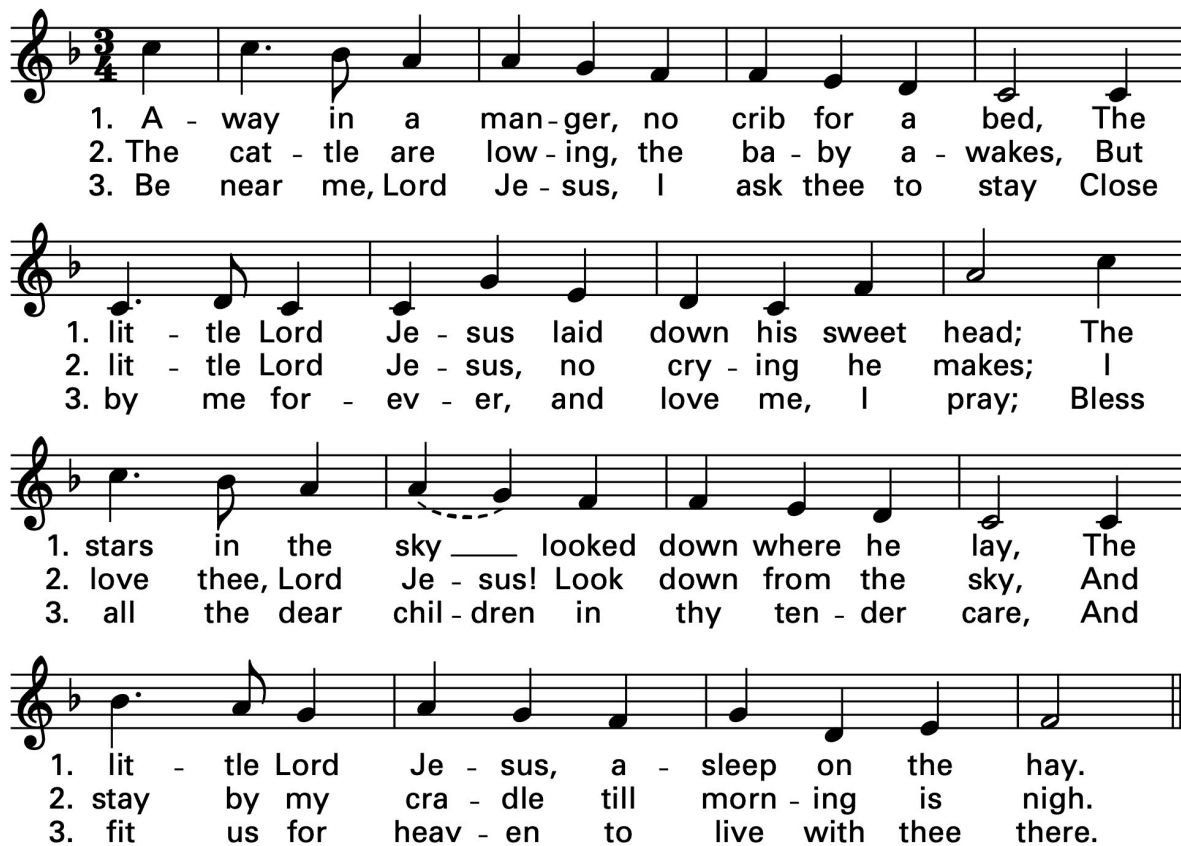
#### THE PRAYERS

*We invite you to join the Leader in this call and response prayer.*

*Leader* Lord of Peace, / on this holy night, / fill us with your peace. / Let the light of Christ's  
birth shine, / bringing joy to all. / Amen.

#### THE PEACE

#### THE OFFERTORY



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The  
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But  
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The  
 2. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I  
 3. by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless

1. stars in the sky — looked down where he lay, The  
 2. love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And  
 3. all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
 2. stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
 3. fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Author (attributed to): Martin Luther; Author (st. 1-2): Anonymous (1885); Author (v. 3, attr.): John T. McFarland (1892)  
 Tune: MUELLER (Murray)

## The Holy Communion

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift 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 our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds. And you gave us your son, Jesus, as a baby, to be the Light of the World, so that we might all become your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS** (*Said by all*)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with Mary and Martin and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**All      Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People      Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God's Love for God's Loving People.



Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Author: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848) | Translator: John Freeman Young (1820-1885) | Tune: STILLE NACHT

Composer (melody): Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863) | Harmonizer: Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*We invite you to join the Leader in this call and response prayer.*

*Leader* We thank you, God, for this life. / We thank you for this holy food. / Strengthen us to be your hands 🙌 / and feet 👣 / in this world. / And thank you for always being with us. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

## CLOSING HYMN

Joy to the World!

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
\*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
3 far as the curse is found, far  
4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
peat the sound - ing joy,  
as the curse is found,  
won - ders of his love,

Text: Joy to the world! the Lord is come | Author: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) | Tune: ANTIOCH  
Adapter and Arranger: Lowell Mason (1792-1872) | Composer: George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

## THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in our savior's birth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## POSTLUDE

Postlude on *Mendelssohn*

David Willcocks (1919-2015)

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**Join Us for Christmas Day!**  
**10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Music**

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**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ARE OFFERED TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

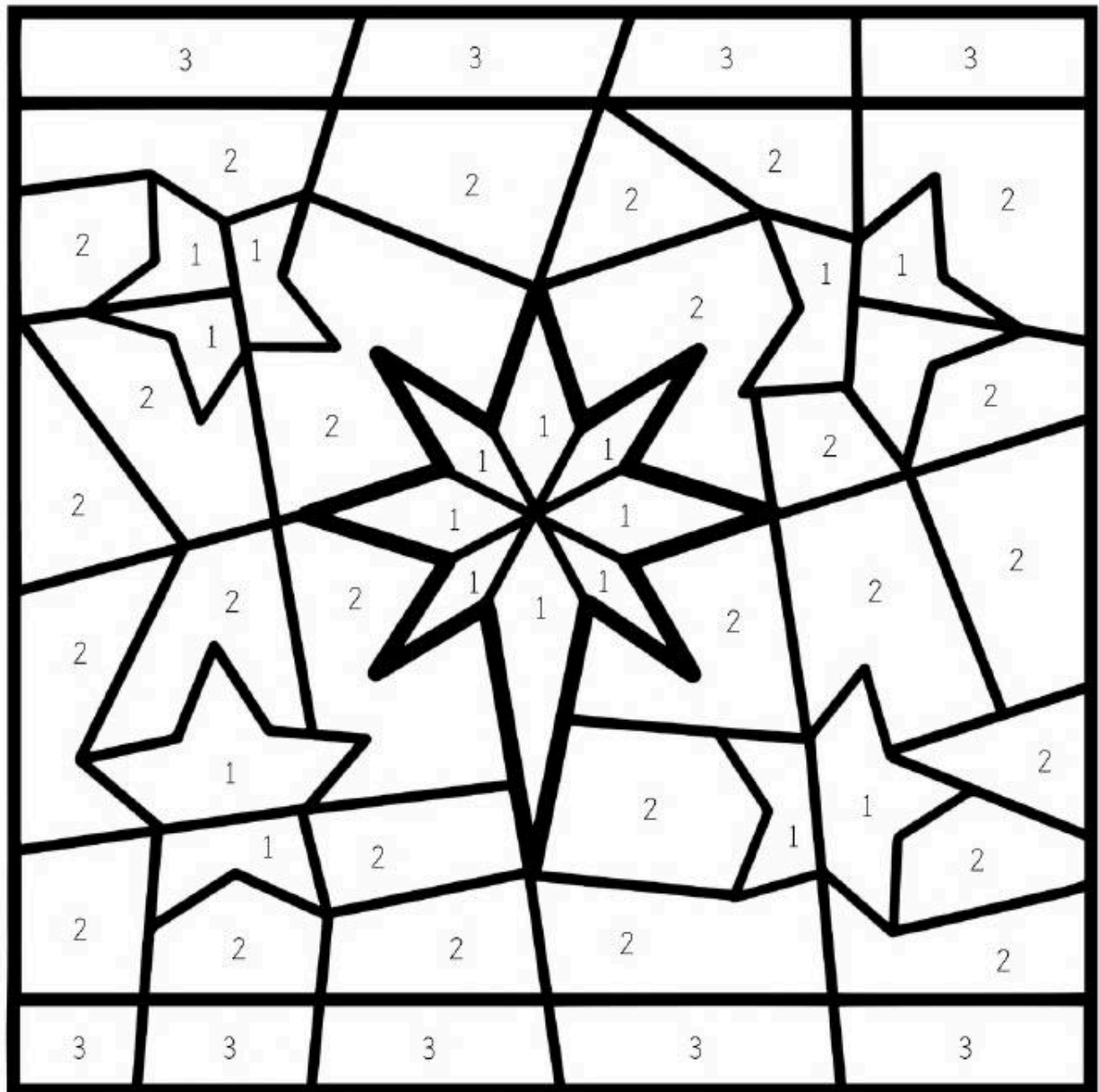
Elizabeth and Robert Allen	Holbrook and Betty Botset	Christopher Crowell
Rita and Richard Allen	Rachel Brandt	The Rev. Richard S. Crowell
Taylor Anderson	Philip P. and Randall B. Brown	Marilyn Crowell
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Fred and Doris Babbitt	Sheila Buckley	Horace and Bernice Cummins
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Barbara Baumgartner	Robert Campbell	Lynn Franklin Deming
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The Hon. Edward and Ruth Russell	John Q. and Carol S. Stranahan	Phyllis and J. Lester Wineland
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Margaret Schaaf	Katherine Talbot	Steven Wren
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Fred Seving, Jr.	George Sr. and Irene Tyndall	
	Hattie Tyndall	

# Nativity

## COLOR BY NUMBER



1 – yellow

2 – blue

3 – pink

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*We give thanks for all God's blessings.*

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Thank you for your continued support of Christ's community and ministry at St. Martin's, and through St. Martin's, to the city, the nation, and around the world.



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### PRAYER LIST

**Please pray for the living:** Juliana; Charlie; Ethan; Betsy; Michael; Bonnie; Yuri; Christopher; Rebecca; Susie; Wayne; Phil; Brent; Joanne; Kim; Melissa; Marianne; Sharon; Barb; Scott; Eda and Lois; Diane and Nate

**Please pray for the recently deceased:** Charlotte Bohner Luchak and Eileen Dowling

*Please note: The prayer list was last updated on the date of leaflet publication, Dec. 18th, 2025.*

### SERVING TODAY

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Dr. Mary Barber

*Assisting Priest:* The Rev. Luke Selles

*Director of Music and Arts:* Tyrone Whiting

*Section Leaders:* Lisa Wooldridge, Marisa Miller, Aaron Scarberry, Michael Miller

*Children, Youth, & Families Music Leader:* Julia Finegan

*Children's Choir Choristers Leader:* Brooke Witherite

*Usher:* Ike Roberts

*Altar Guild:* Pamela Prell

*Altar Guild Chair:* Mary Baumberger

*Flower Designer:* Kim Kopple

*Flower Guild Chair:* Annette Lareau

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