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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist

November 19, 2023

8:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Martin's

We are very glad you are with us in this sacred space and time.

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 us your up-to-date contact information on a Welcome Card. To access a digital Welcome Card, scan the following QR code:



Please be sure to take your nametag prior to the service.

If you are new to St. Martin's, you can find blank name tags on the tables by the back and side doors. If you are in need of more nametags, please write your name on the clipboard next to the binders. Welcome!

The entire service follows in this leaflet.

The parish Infectious Disease Committee reminds everyone we are committed to loving our neighbors as ourselves. This means taking common-sense safeguards against circulating diseases. Vaccination against the “unholy trinity” — COVID, flu, and RSV — is the most important protection you can give yourself and others.

The Word of God

The Opening Acclamation

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

All And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All 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 Savior. Amen.

Gloria *(said by all)*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

Celebrant May God be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Blessed God, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Judges

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of God, after Ehud died. So God sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to God for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123 (*prayed by all*)

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Holy One our God, *
until God shows us mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Savior Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ According to Matthew

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be

taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Celebrant The Good News of Jesus Christ.

People Praise to you, O Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Jane Gober

The Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Leader God, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Leader God, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Leader God, in your mercy

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Leader God, in your mercy

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Claire; Barbara; Jenny; Carol; Bert; Sharon; Lois & Juliana; Jennifer; Charlie; the Rev. Emily; Julie; Barb; Ellen; Terry; Bill; Ruth; Christine; Debbie; Ethan; Betsy; Nancy; Brent; Rita; Stanley; David; Michael; Diane; Patti; Gail; Margaret; Kaitlyn; Charles; Alfred; Robin; Pam; the families and friends of Kevin St. Clair and Jean McConnell, all those killed and affected by gun violence in our city and nation; and those we name now...

Leader God, in your mercy

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for Kevin St. Clair; Jean McConnell; and those we name now...

Leader God, in your mercy

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Leader Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

A Litany for the Restoration of Peace in the Holy Land

From the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

Leader God of peace, we pray for the people of Palestine and Israel in these perilous and dangerous times.

***People* For all who are fearful for the safety of their loved ones and themselves, we pray that the assurance of unending love, even in the midst of danger, settles upon them. Shelter them from despair and protect them from harm.**

Leader For all who are wounded, we pray they find healing.

***People* For all who have died, we pray they find rest.**

Leader For all who grieve, we pray they find comfort.

People For leaders on all sides, we pray for a renewed will to lay down arms, for the strength to put the grievances and wrongs suffered by their people to rest, and for the conviction to embrace a path of reconciliation and peace that preserves the rights and dignity of all of your children.

Leader God of mercy, help us to remember there is no border that can separate us from your great love and protection, no stone that can sound the well of your deep mercy.

People God of justice, we pray with hopeful hearts that your beloved children of the Holy Land will be spared a future of sustained violence and unrest and that a recognition of the humanity of all people will prevail.

Leader We ask all this in the name of your Son, Jesus. **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

(Silence may be kept)

People 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 the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory

The Communion Welcome and Offertory Sentence

We give thanks for all God's blessings.

Please support Christ's ministries at and through St. Martin's with your time, talents, and money.

You may give by:

- scanning this QR code and selecting Pledge or General Giving as appropriate;
- leaving a cash gift or a check (payable to the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields) in the offertory plate;
- texting 73256 with the message STMARTINPHILLY and an amount to give;
- visiting StMartinEC.org/give/ and click the "GIVE NOW" button;
- mailing your check (payable as above) to the office.



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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

Through Jesus Christ our Savior. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

Sanctus & Benedictus

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

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 Savior 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 God,

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

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O God 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 Mary and Martin and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Invitation to Communion

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

If you would like to receive communion, please proceed to the altar rail via the center aisle when invited by an usher. If you'd like a blessing instead of either the bread or wine, place your hands across your chest. Healing prayers are offered in the side chapel.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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 dominion.
And now, O God, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Announcements

Welcome to everyone who's with us at St. Martin's for the first time, or for the first time in a long time. It's good to have you here! Returning parishioners, please take a moment, look around, and introduce yourself to people you have not met. **If you are new to St. Martin's, please complete a Welcome Card**, available at the back of church and in the pews.

An Important Announcement from the Vestry

With deep regret, we are announcing that the Rev. James (Jim) Littrell will be leaving his role as our Interim Rector, effective immediately. This mutual decision was not reached easily, and we understand that it may be met with a wide range of feelings among parishioners. We are here to listen to any concerns or questions you may have. **For our full statement, please read the email that was sent out Thursday night.**

Thanksgiving Closures

In accordance with the holiday, the Parish Office will be closed Thurs., Nov. 23th & Fri., Nov. 24th.

Please also note that there will be no Choristers or Food and Fellowship this Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, no Blessed Baking this Friday, Nov. 24th, and no Adult Forum on Sunday, Nov. 26th.

Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist with Music

Please join us for a Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 23rd. *In Person only.*

An Update from the Parish Profile Committee

The Parish Profile Committee wishes to express their thanks for your sincere and spirited participation in the Listening Circles. We are grateful for the time and thoughtfulness shared by nearly 140 listeners. Many participants expressed enthusiasm for this process, indicating how meaningful it has been to reflect in this way together. The thoughtful, honest opinions and feelings shared provide rich material for discerning and describing our hopes and aspirations for St. Martin's and the qualities we seek in a new Rector.

What happens now? The Committee is now working on reviewing and synthesizing all that we have heard. We will then share a summary with the Vestry, and undertake the work of writing the Parish Profile. (In fact, some sections are already being drafted by parishioners who have been tapped by the Committee for their subject knowledge). At the same time, the Vestry will begin to form the Search Committee. While the hustle and joy of the holidays will soon descend upon us, we hope to complete the Profile as early as possible in the first quarter of 2024. The completed Profile will be available to all.

Once the Profile is finished, it will be shared with the Vestry and then the Bishop for approval. The Profile will then be shared, along with a portfolio compiled by the Vestry, with the diocesan Office of Transition Ministry. The Rector position will be posted and the Bishop's office will begin to receive applications.

Notes from the Stewardship Committee

Thanks to the parishioners who came to services and the Stewardship potluck on St. Martin's Day! What a rousing celebration! The *Preparing the Way* 2024 Annual Giving Campaign continues to outpace last year's campaign. As of November 14th, we have already received 120 pledges totaling \$408,000 toward our goal of \$750,000 for 2024. If you haven't pledged already, it is not too late!

Face to Face Turkey Trot: 5 mile race and 1 mile Fun Run

Thanksgiving Morning, 9:00 a.m.

Support our partner organization Face to Face by participating in their largest fundraising event of the year. The Turkey Trot starts at 9:00 a.m. at Hidden Drive located along the Wissahickon Creek. Pre-register on the Face to Face website, or register in person the morning of. If you plan to be out of town for the holiday, you can still participate in a virtual run option. If running isn't for you, you can still join the 1 mile Fun Walk/Run. Help support this wonderful organization!

Upcoming Adult Forums:

Dec. 3: "We Thought It Would Be Heaven." Annette Lareau-Freeman, co-author of a new book of that title, about the experiences of refugee families in the United States.

Dec. 10: "Caregiving" Led by the Rev. Laura Palmer, Minter Krotzer & Paula Wineland.



Advent: Anticipating Joy

Advent Dinners

Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

All who RSVP'd for this year's Advent dinner parties should be on the lookout for a call or email from the Rev. Carol Duncan in the next few days. If you signed up to be a guest, Carol will let you know who your host will be. If you signed up to be a host, Carol will give you your guest list, as well as let you know of any food allergies your guests may have. From there, hosts will decide on the main dish they will provide, and then call guests with a suggestion of a side they can bring to compliment the meal. Don't forget to get/give directions and parking information, including what to do if it snows! **If you haven't signed up yet, it's not too late! Please RSVP by TOMORROW using the link in Field Notes.**

Advent Dinner for Children and Families

Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

If you are a family with young children, you may prefer to come to our newly established **Advent Dinner for Children and Families**. The church is offering child care during the Lessons and Carols service and for half an hour afterwards so parents can enjoy adult company with a glass of wine. Then, children and families can gather together for a simple catered dinner in the Parish Hall. Your host will be our Rector's Warden Barbara Thomson. Please **RSVP by TOMORROW** by contacting the Rev. Carol Duncan. In your RSVP, please include the number in your party, the number of children, the ages of each child, and any food allergies. We will do our best to accommodate them. If you are able, please consider bringing a dessert for 6-8 people.

Intergenerational Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 9:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Hosted by the Climate Action Team

Join St. Martin's Climate Action Team to create Advent Wreaths in a relaxed, joyful, and spiritual celebration. Enjoy donuts & hot chocolate and reflect on memories, rituals, and stories of Advent and Christmas with your fellow St. Martin's families and parishioners. Come share your favorite earth friendly practices as we continue to consider ways to reduce commercialism and focus on the true meaning of the season.

Advent Lessons & Carols: Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 5:00 p.m.

All are invited and encouraged to attend our annual Advent Lessons & Carols Service on December 3 at 5 p.m. The Choir of St. Martin's will sing a beautiful variety of choral works including works by Palestrina, Boston, Byrd, Praetorius, Moore, Ledger, Manz, and more! There will be congregational hymns and psalms, and something for all to enjoy. Childcare will be available in the Houston room for the duration of the service. Please invite your friends and family and join us to celebrate the beginning of our Advent journey. Cantate Domino! – Tyrone Whiting, *Director of Music & Arts*

Advent Fellowship & Carol Sing: Sunday, Dec. 17th, 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Preceding this year's **Visitation by The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez**, please join us **from 9:15 a.m.** for Hot Chocolate and Refreshments in church, and **Community Carol Singing** in church **from 9:30 a.m.** featuring our wonderful Ensemble-in-Residence, the **Fairmount String Quartet**. This is a wonderful opportunity to sing some Advent and Christmas favorites with friends, old and new, along with our **Choir, Choristers, Families, and Congregation**. Bring your friends and family, and if you are able, please bring some Christmas cookies to share! Bishop Gutiérrez will preside at the 10:30 a.m. service featuring music by the Choir, Choristers, and Fairmount String Quartet in a Choral Eucharist recognizing Our Lady of Guadalupe. Cantate Domino! – Tyrone Whiting, *Director of Music & Arts*

Children, Youth, & Families Christmas (In Advent) Movie Night

Fri., Dec. 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Calling all St. Martin's families! Please join us for a family-friendly movie night on Friday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. Our plan is to watch Elf, but we are open to your suggestions! Enjoy snacks, drinks, and popcorn - feel free to bring your child's favorite snack as well! (No tree nuts, please). As always, you are more than welcome to bring guests! All are welcome at this holiday get-together for our youngest members!

Visit from the Bishop with Reception of New Members: Sunday, Dec. 17th, 10:30 a.m.

Please join us in welcoming the Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutierrez to St. Martin's on Dec. 17th! Please note we will have only one service on this day. The Bishop will preside at our 10:30 service, which will include the formal welcoming of new parishioners and music from our Choir, Choristers, Families, Congregation, and our Resident Ensemble, the Fairmount String Quartet. In addition, the Bishop will meet with the Vestry and new members before and after the service. Mark your calendars!

Winter Solstice Walk: Thursday, Dec. 21st

In celebration of the Winter Solstice, *Climate Action Team* will hold a Winter Solstice Walk on Thursday, December 21, the day of the solstice. Please dress warmly. More details to come soon.

Wellspring Advent Offerings

Prophets of Hope

Nov. 25, 10:30am – 12pm (Philadelphia Museum of Art)

Repeated session Nov. 26, 2:00 – 3:30pm, also at the PMA.

Workshops: Saturdays, December 2, 9 and 16, 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Facilitator: Joanne Conway, Spiritual Director, EdD

Hope and faith are essential for our ability to move forward with energy and confidence. Prophets of Hope, an art tour at the PMA followed by a three session workshop at St. Martin's, will explore contemporary theologians, poets, and writers who are engaged in proclaiming and nurturing hope. Each workshop session will focus on a specific aspect of hope and in addition to shared reflection and prayer, will include a creative exercise that allows us to expand upon our shared experience. For more information, to register for the tour, and to register for the workshops, please contact Joanne Conway, joanneconway86@gmail.com

The Christmas Story in Art

December 3, 2023 Sunday 2 to 3:30pm at the Philadelphia Museum of Art

Co-sponsored by Interfaith Philadelphia and the Office of Community Access and Engagement at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. - Facilitator: Rev. John B. Hougen, PhD

Cost: Sliding scale with a suggested price of \$25.00 (Admission and parking are free)

Artwork from times and places different from our own give us new ways to think about the meaning of the season. The story may be familiar, but the artworks chosen for this year's tour will be a combination of old favorites and new art to be explored. To register, contact John Hougen, jhougenpa@gmail.com.

Prayer List

Please pray for the living: Claire; Barbara; Jenny; Carol; Bert; Sharon; Lois & Juliana; Jennifer; Charlie; the Rev. Emily; Julie; Barb; Ellen; Terry; Bill; Ruth; Christine; Debbie; Ethan; Betsy; Nancy; Brent; Rita; Stanley; David; Michael; Diane; Patti; Gail; Margaret; Kaitlyn; Charles; Alfried; Robin; Pam; the families and friends of Kevin St. Clair and Jean McConnell, and all those killed and affected by gun violence in our city and nation.

Please pray for the recently deceased: Kevin St. Clair; and Jean McConnell

Serving Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Laura Palmer

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Jane Gober

Lector: Ben Makem

Intercessor and Chalice Bearer: Matt McAlpin

Usher: Mary Baumberger

Altar Guild: Paula Wineland

Flower Guild: Dani Reed

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