



Manakin Episcopal Church  
Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2025  
3:00pm & 5:00pm

Il Est Né Le Divin Enfant

Harmonized by Gabriel Fauré

The First Noel

arr. by Whelan

Naima Burrs, violin

O Holy Night

Adolph Adam

Bill, Breed and Chuck Catlett, tenor soloists; Naima Burrs, violin

Silent Night #111

Tune: Stille Nacht

vs. 1- Choir; vs. 2 & 3 Choir and Congregation;

Naima Burrs, violin; Coleman Brydon, guitar

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
3 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.

The Processional Hymn #83 – O Come, All Ye Faithful

verses 1, 2, 3; verse 6 after Blessing of the Crèche

Adeste fideles

1 O come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 \*4 See how the shep-herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,  
 \*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*Refrain*

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

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

**Blessing of a Crèche** (*the rector takes the Christ Child from the altar and places him in the crèche*)

O great mystery,  
and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger!  
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear  
Christ the Lord.  
Alleluia!

Celebrant The Word was made flesh  
People *And dwelt among us.*

*Officiant*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of your Son has revealed to us the holiness of creation, be pleased to bless and hallow this image of his sacred birth, so that those who gaze upon it may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Verse 6 of O Come All Ye Faithful**

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**3 PM – The Harrison Family**

**5 PM – The Moore Family**

**The Word of God**

**The Opening Acclamation**

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

**The Collect for Purity**

*The Celebrant*

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*

**The Hymn of Praise, The Gloria, S280**

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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### The First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.  
*People    Thanks be to God.*

**The Psalm 96** (recited)

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Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
    sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
    proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
    and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
    he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
    but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
    Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
    ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
    bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
    let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  
    he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
    he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
    let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
    let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
    before the LORD when he comes, \*  
    when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
    and the peoples with his truth.

**The New Testament: Titus 2:11-14**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.  
*People    Thanks be to God.*

The Sequence Hymn #96 - Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

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## The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke  
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

### Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

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!" [When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.  
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## The Homily

The Rev. Gini DiStanislao

### The Nicene Creed *all stand*

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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:  
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.*

#### **The Prayers of the People – Form IV**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

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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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, especially Donald, our President, Glenn, our Governor and the Courts and Legislatures of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our prayer list and any others that you would like to name either silently or aloud; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those in whose memory the poinsettias are given, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and 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.*

*The Priest, stands and says*

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.*

## **The Peace**

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*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People And also with you.*

## **The Announcements**

Offertory Sentence

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**Anthem:** MESSIAH: For Unto Us A Child Is Born

George Frederic Handel

The Doxology – Hymn #380 verse 3

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him, above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Our Fathers' God, To Thee – Hymn #717, vs. 4

America

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer A

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*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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 him thanks and praise.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

*Here a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays, and other occasions as appointed.*

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

## The Sanctus, S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 Amen**

Danish

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

*People and Celebrant*

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.*

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*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.  
A period of silence is kept.*

## The Fraction Anthem: Alleluia! Christ Our Passover, S154

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

**Please join the choir in the singing of the Communion Hymns**

### The Communion Meditation: Ave Maria

Franz Schubert

Naima Burrs, violin

### The Communion Hymn #79 - O Little Town Of Bethlehem

St. Louis

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath-ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won-drous gift is given!  
4 \*Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless-ed Child,  
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;  
  
1 A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
2 while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-dering love.  
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

### The Communion Hymn #101 – Away In A Manger

Cradle Song

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

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.  
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

## Communion Hymn #115 – What Child Is This?

Greensleeves

*Unison or harmony*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
 2 Why lies he in such mean estate where  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds  
 guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to  
 bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

After the communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### The Blessing

*Celebrant:* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### The Closing Hymn #100 – Joy To The World

Antioch



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

### The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
 People Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:** Toccata on Adeste Fidelis

Purvis

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### 3 PM Service Participants

OFFICIANT – The Rev. Gini DiStanislae

LAY READERS – Jeff Lighthiser & Katie Harrison

ACOLYTE – Monroe Harrison

ALTAR GUILD – Sue Daniels, Liz Lee, Judy Martin, Sewell McLeod, Valerie Riviere

MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST – Rita Busse Gulliksen

TELLER – Roy McLeod

USHER – Hank Schepker & Scott Eckmann

VIDEO STREAMING TEAM – Gunnar Kohlbeck, Katie Harrison, Holly & Michael Walker, Brent Deekens

### 5 PM Service Participants

OFFICIANT – The Rev. Gini DiStanislae

LAY READERS – Chuck Catlett & Craig Akers

ALTAR GUILD – Sue Daniels, Liz Lee, Judy Martin, Sewell McLeod, Valerie Riviere

MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST – Rita Busse Gulliksen

TELLER – Roy McLeod

USHER – Nathan Goodwyn & Phil DiStanislae

VIDEO STREAMING TEAM – Gunnar Kohlbeck, Katie Harrison, Holly & Michael Walker, Brent Deekens

### When you pray, please remember the following church members:

Susan Seaver, Sue Parsons, Nancy Dawson, Janet Showalter, Lucy & John Goode, Wally Groom, Jay Fiedler, Larry Rock, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Nancy & Connie Aasen, Kathleen Willey, Angela Park, John Mills, Lou Suthard, Ronnie Rice, Janet Darby, Pat & Rhett DuPont, Trey Harrington and Tom Connor.

**When you pray, please remember the following family & friends:**

Graham Lighthiser, Grady Hebert, Dennis McArdle, Katie McFadden, Scott Kirby, Carol Perenzin, Dawn McAnanaey, Jan, Barbara Akers, Barry Akers, Brent Hodges, Ed Mulreany, Karl Grotos, Christy Darlington, Brian, Connie Rosenbaum, Barbara Anderson, Ann Smith, Laura, Chip, Mary Ann Harlan, Wesley Ball, Lou Roeder, Dave Woods, George Holmes, Telly Noble, Wyatt Nickle, John DiFiglo, Doug Barnes, Rita Gilpin, Connie Smiley, Dee Dee Mitchell, Timmy Akers, Aaron Spicer, Chip Isbell, Glenn Webster, Martey Longmire, Caren Fields, Bob McCall, Bill Jines, Joelle Cosby, Paul Bubenshik, Sandra Barkey, Melissa Esmee Fields, Thomas Murrell, Dennis & Blair Nickle, Penny & Jeff Strack, Suzanne Silek, Robert Keep, RJ Redstrom, Ron Hodges, Elaine Jones, Jim Dawson, Terry Royal, Phillip, Dale Custer, Becky Sido, Jan Sierk, Kjerstin Johnson and Bobby Perkins.

**Announcements**

- ❖ **The church office will be closed from December 24 until January 5.** If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Gini+. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
- ❖ **Shelter Feeding:** We have our last shelter feeding of the year for 170 lunches on **Saturday, December 27, at 9 AM.** It only takes about an hour to make lunches and we need many hands. We would also love for someone to volunteer to deliver, too. With this many lunches, we will most likely need two cars and split it up. Please sign up in Denny Hall and let me know if you are also able to be a driver to deliver. Help spread a little more Christmas Cheer to those in need!
- ❖ The Burial Service for Bob Pinkham will be held on **Monday, December 29, at 11 AM.** Reception following in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Sit & Stitch: Monday, January 5, at 5 PM.** Bring any type of needlework, drawing, beading or handcraft to enjoy while socializing. Participants are welcome to bring snacks to share but it is not essential. We welcome visitors too. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.
- ❖ **Zoom Bible Study: Will resume on January 6**
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study: Will resume on January 7.**
- ❖ **Men of the Church: Saturday, January 10, at 8 AM.** The speaker will be Mr. Bryan Truzzie, Historic Sites Supervisor of the Chesterfield Parks & Recreation. Mr. Truzzie will present "Chesterfield: A Historical Perspective," which will focus on the history of Chesterfield, its community events and programming opportunities for older adults. Please bring a friend and come out for the fellowship, the presentation, and of course the great breakfast!
- ❖ **EFM: Monday, January 12, at 7 PM.**
- ❖ **Manakin Book Club:** We will meet via Zoom on **Tuesday, January 13, at 7 PM** to discuss Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books by Kirsten Miller. The book is described as "a wildly entertaining satire about a small Southern town, a pitched battle over banned books, and a little lending library that changes everything." Please be sure to have the Zoom application downloaded onto the electronic device of your choice if you'd like to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Hood at 804-418-9372 or via email at [thhood@hotmail.com](mailto:thhood@hotmail.com).
- ❖ **Nursery Help Needed:** We're looking for volunteers to help in the church nursery! We need people to assist our full-time nursery provider. If you enjoy spending time with little ones and want to support the families in our congregation, this is a great opportunity to serve. Please reach out to Marion about being added to the nursery rotation.
- ❖ **Food Donations:** We continue to accept donations for the Powhatan Food Pantry. The collection bins are at the Denny Hall entrance. They appreciate all donations of nonperishable food items. **Current needs are: canned lima and butter beans, instant grits, beef and chicken broth and Vienna Sausages.** If anyone has paper bags from grocery shopping, please add them to the bin. We would also appreciate drivers to deliver the food in the right bin to The Pantry on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays between 9-12 AM. Please send Mary Kay an email at [marykatherinegates@gmail.com](mailto:marykatherinegates@gmail.com) if you can help. Thank you for all your help.

❖ **Powhatan Animal Shelter** gladly accepts donations of dog food wet/dry Pedigree or Purina Adult (“Kongs”), treats, medium collars, harnesses, leashes and peanut butter. Please put these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. You can also support them with a monetary donation to their medical fund at Claws and Paws by phone at 804-598-8030 or send your donation to Claws and Paws with the note “Powhatan Animal Control Medical Fund” to 4313 Anderson Highway, Powhatan, VA 23139. Thank you!

### **Plastic Bag Recycle Program**

We have joined The Salisbury Garden Club to collect plastic bags now through November 2026 or until our goal is met. Our goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic! Drop off at church can be in the bin located in room number 5 in Denny Hall. Any questions? Please contact Jean Hillsman at [jmhillsman56@gmail.com](mailto:jmhillsman56@gmail.com). Thank you for your help in reducing trash and protecting our environment while we gain another beautiful new bench for an organization in need.

**What can be recycled?** Grocery bags, shipping envelopes, bread bags, Ziploc and other reclosable food storage bags, bubble wrap, cereal bags, dry cleaning bags, case overwrap (such as paper towels and toilet paper), newspaper sleeves, produce bags, ice bags. **No plastic bottles please.**

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### **The poinsettias are given to the Glory of God and in memory of by the following:**

Lauralee & Will Allen in memory of Braxton Glasgow, III and George E. Allen, III;

Corinne & Barry Almond in memory of Nicholas DiCini and Barbara & George Almond;

Vivian Bagby in memory of Robert Bagby;

Maeve, John, Jacquelyn & Emma Bayarski in memory of Shaun Boone;

Janet & Everette Darby in memory of their parents: Isabel & Richard Bradley and Mary & Irving Darby, Jr.

Sally & Jim Dunn in memory of their parents, Jean & Don Thurnay and Mary & Bill Dunn;

Gini & Phil DiStanislao in memory of their parents, Gee Gee & Ernest Gates and Deena & Phil DiStanislao;

Sally & Jay Fiedler in memory of their parents;

Mary Kay & David Gates in memory of their parents, Gee Gee & Ernest Gates and Jeanne & Patrick Mahon;

The Harrison Family in memory of Lebby Neal;

Patricia & Scott Heefner in memory of Eric & Sandy;

Terry & Tom Hood in memory of loved ones;

Vicki & Walter Hurt in memory of Malcom Burns, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie D. Hurt and Barbara Burns Boyd;

Jeff Lighthiser in memory of Birdie Lighthiser, Peggy & Ken Lighthiser and Jane & Owen Burns;  
Doug Markel, Heidi Markel and Robin Cornwell in memory of their parents, Ann & Art Markel;  
Cindy & Bernie Monroe in memory of The Rev. & Mrs. Lawrence Mason and Mrs. Rebecca Denny;  
Lynn Moore in memory of her son, Colin Campbell Moore;  
Alexis & Brent Rawlings in memory of Carol Ann Foley and Robert A. Rawlings;  
Tom Rice in memory of his wife, Linda, his sister, Martha and parents, Betty & Tom Rice;  
Lauren & Travis Ruby in memory of Lauren's father, Robert Harris;  
Mary Jean & Bruce Russell in memory of Jean & Raymond Stout and Margaret & Ronald Russell;  
Martha Steger in memory of Tom Steger;  
Kathleen Willey in memory of Edward Willey;

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Susie & Kevin Baptiste in honor of their son, Matthew;  
Stephany & Bill Breed in honor of their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary;  
Terry & Coleman Brydon in honor of their children and grandchildren;  
“Mr. Buttons” in honor of Sewell & Roy McLeod;  
Janet & Everette Darby in honor of their grandchildren: Cameron & Charley Emig and Amelia & George Darby;  
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Ginger & Don Marsh in honor of their granddaughters, Olivia & Aria;

Lauren & Travis Ruby in thanksgiving for their sons, Barrett & Harrison;

Alexis & Brent Rawlings in honor of Maree and Forrest Morgan;

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Judy Wilson in honor of David Wilson;

Matthew Whitlock in honor of his daughter, Ava.

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