

The Hillside Messenger

A Message from the Rector: Advent is a Necessary Preparation for Christmas

The Advent season had its beginnings in the churches of France and Spain in the fourth century, and it was originally a penitential season of fasting in which candidates were prepared for Baptism on the Festival of Epiphany. This penitential season was also known as St. Martin's Lent since it extended from St. Martin's Day (St. Martin was the patron saint of Gaul, which was the earlier name for France) to Christmas. In the sixth century, the Roman Catholic Church adopted Advent as a liturgical preparation for Christmas, not so much as a penitential season, but confined the season to the period of a month. Nevertheless, our *Prayer Book* tradition of the Sunday next before Advent derives from the Sarum Missal (used in the late medieval Roman

Catholic mass) and shows the flexibility of the Advent season in earlier liturgies. Not until the eighth century was Advent regarded as the beginning of the Christian Year, and then a secondary theme was associated with it: the preparation for the Lord's Second Coming on the last day. Advent now carries the emphasis on both the first

York: Oxford University Press, 1950. 5th Printing, 1955).

Significantly, the liturgical color for Advent is purple or violet, the same color used for Lent, and it symbolizes penitence, humility, and sorrow for sin. The violet color reminds us of the violet flower that bows its head and is a symbol of humility.

In Advent, then, we humble ourselves before God, whether by fasting, by abstinence from certain foods, or by other disciplines such as prayer, Bible study, the reading of devotional works by Christian writers, charitable giving, or a combination of these. In any case, we enter Advent determined to draw close to the Lord Jesus Christ in increased love and devotion, so that we may be more obedient to Him. This is our response to what can easily be seen as the clarion, or

and the second advent of the Lord Jesus, so that the season is both one that inspires awe in the face of Christ's Judgment that is to come and one that evokes joy in the Savior whose birth brought redemption to mankind (p. 90, Massey Hamilton Shepherd, Jr.: *The Oxford American Prayer Book Commentary*. New



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trumpet, call of the Collect for the First Sunday in Advent:

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us

that matter— are ineffective if they do not result in greater love for God and greater love for neighbor. Since by nature human beings are prone to sin and to remaining in “the works of darkness,” it is right and necessary for us to pray to Almighty God to give us grace to throw away all sinful deeds and attitudes and put on the spiritual armor of light.

The imperatives to throw away “the works of darkness” and “to put on the armor of light” are quoted from *Romans 13:12*, which follows St. Paul’s command to Christians to “awake out of sleep” (*Romans 13:11b*) since the night is nearly over and the day is about to dawn (*Romans 13:12*). The night represents the present

breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the preparation of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

This great change in attitude and behavior must take place **now!** In the Collect the Church prays for the grace to discard evil deeds and put on the armor of light now, during “this mortal life.” This prayer precludes a doctrine of Purgatory after death, since it emphasizes the actions of repentance during life on earth. After death, there will be no time to cast away the works of darkness and put on God’s armor. At that time, there will be no automatic sanctification process for those who have persisted in sin during their earthly lives without coming to repentance. As St. Paul reminds us:

We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For He saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

II Corinthians 6:1-2, KJV

age of sin and evil, while the day represents the Messianic Age, or the age to come. The Collect sets the tone for Advent in that in it we pray that God may give His people the grace successfully to renounce (have nothing more to do with) all sinful deeds, words, and thoughts, and instead put on the armor of light. The armor of light consists of all the spiritual graces, knowledge, wisdom, and faith that God has given us for the spiritual battle against Satan and his evil hosts. This armor is described in *Ephesians 6:13-18* and consists of the girdle of truth, the

in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

p. 90, *Book of Common Prayer*, 1928

After all, any disciplines we undertake in Advent—or Lent, for



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To receive the grace of God in vain means that we do not use all the grace God has given us to resist evil and follow His will. If we do not persevere in faith to do God's will, there remains the possibility that when the Lord Jesus Christ comes again to judge the world and to be united with the faithful (*I Thessalonians 4:14-17*), we may be found not only unprepared to meet Him, but rejected altogether like the foolish maidens that did not take oil for their lamps when they went out to meet the bridegroom (*St. Matthew 25:1-13*). For all who have persevered in their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and in obeying His teachings, the Second Coming of the Lord will be an extremely joyful event as they partake in the first resurrection and meet with the Lord to be with Him forever. The Collect for the First Sunday in Advent holds together these two emphases of the season of Advent: the urgency of preparing oneself for the Lord Jesus' Second Coming and the joyful expectation of Jesus that all believers should have.

Besides these two emphases that the Collect contains, there is a third one. This is the celebration of the Lord Jesus Christ's birth in this world, which marked the beginning of mankind's redemption from sin and the coming of the fullness

of grace and truth in Jesus Christ, as St. John expresses it his Gospel account:

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of Him, and cried, saying, This was He of Whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for He was before me. And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
St. John 1:14-17,
KJV

In preparing ourselves to meet the Lord Jesus Christ at His Second Coming, we find that this will deeply impact our gratitude to the Lord for His First Advent. Our gratitude to the Lord Jesus Christ for His birth, life on earth, death on the cross, and resurrection, must be expressed not only in our daily and weekly praises and prayers, but also in our daily offering of ourselves to God (*Romans 12:1-2*), in our service of others, and in our giving of our resources to help others, or

to the Church for its ministry, or to meet the needs of the poor.

How will you use this season of Advent to prepare your heart for the Lord's coming?

— *The Reverend
Chris Parrish*



Great Commission Campaign

The year 2025 is nearly here. As a matter of course we all make New Year resolutions, perhaps to improve our health or diet, stop procrastinating, join a book club or Bible Study, or maybe lose weight. But here is a new one: How about gaining one. No, I am not talking about pounds, I am talking about each of us bringing just one person to church.

The Great Commission Campaign starts in January. Now, you may be asking what is that, some sort of Congressional committee? No, it is a pledge that each of us will “make disciples”. This is the primary command for all Christians. We are to go, baptize, and teach the Word.

Here is a bit of Biblical background: The Great Commission is the

instruction of the resurrected Jesus Christ to His disciples to spread the gospel to all the nations of the world. The Great Commission is outlined in *St. Matthew 28:16-20*, where on a mountain in Galilee Jesus calls on His followers to make disciples of and baptize all nations in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

But wait, don’t panic! We have so much to do before we get to the “Bring a Friend to Church” part, let alone to baptizing and teaching the Word. We need to start on solid footing together. Before anything, we need to pray. That is step number 1: PRAY. So let us do that now, echoing *Exodus 33:14*—

Holy Spirit,
overshadow our church with Your presence. Let Your glory be

felt, drawing hearts into deeper relationship with You.

(If you have a particular prayer that is special to you, please include that in your daily prayers.)

I would like to ask everyone to take a few moments in each day to pray that we will fulfill our Lord’s command. You can even call a friend and pray together over the phone or when you meet for coffee.

This is my invitation to each of you to participate in this year-long project to grow our church through obedience to Christ’s command. I am hoping we can start a Re-Vive program to enhance our work in church growth. Please contact me if you would like to be part of the ReVive program.

— Julia McNeely

Our Facebook Page

Recently Brandy Falcon has joined our team that keeps our St. Luke’s Chapel in the Hills Facebook Page updated, and she is doing a terrific job. Her creative, thoughtful, and inspired contributions have added a renewed vitality to our Facebook outreach and ministry.

How can you support this outreach? If you are

present on Facebook, you can “Like” our page:

St. Luke’s Chapel
in the Hills
Anglican Church

Then, please visit our Facebook page once in a while and “Like” the posts. The more that people engage with our page, the larger presence we have. We realize that Facebook isn’t for everyone, but please consider how you can help. If you

have something that you think would be appropriate to post, contact Brandy or Lee Ann.

Let’s all spread the word about how special our Chapel Family and sanctuary are!

— Lee Ann Vojvoda



Our Facebook Page

Our Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 9, 2025. As we begin a new liturgical year, now is a good time to check in with God and ask Him where He wants us to serve: in His sanctuary, within the family of believers, or in the wider community? Here is a list of our current lay ministries..

If you are interested in serving in any of these ministries as a team member, please let Julia McNeely or Kim Vogel know.

If you are willing to be the chairperson for a ministry, please let Julia McNeely or Kim Vogel know. If you are currently serving as a chairperson but God has told you to serve elsewhere or to

rest, please let us know that, too!

Please note: Chairpersons are asked to serve for one year (from Parish Meeting to Parish Meeting) and to maintain a folder of activities and tips for the next chairperson. Chairpersons serve as the go-to person for their ministries. They are not expected to do all the work themselves but to lead others.

Please also note: Our ministries must grow with our parish. If you see a need for a new ministry, please speak to Father Parrish.



Acolytes

Acolytes assist the priest at the Altar. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please see our Rector for more information and training.

Altar Guild

This ministry procures and maintains supplies for worship services, and members prepare the Al-

tar for worship and clean and put away its furnishings after use. Elodia Fernandez is the current Altar Guild Director.

Bulletin Boards

The parish has three bulletin boards which are used to share news and to educate members. The ministry maintains and updates the displays. This ministry does not currently have a chairperson.

Children's Loose Change Ministry

The Loose Change Ministry helps the children of the parish learn how to live the Gospel by putting them in charge of their own ministry. The children collect spare change and periodically decide how it can best be used. This ministry does not currently have a chairperson.

Community Mission Projects

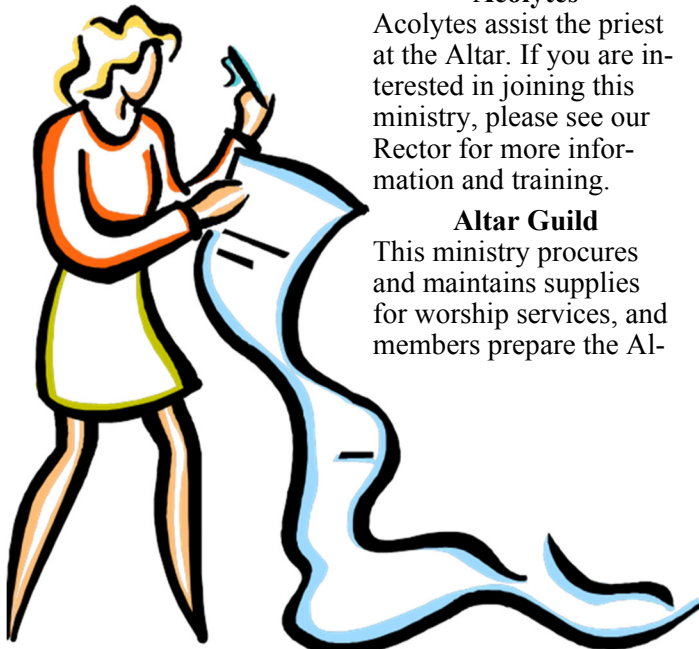
Once a quarter, the Vestry selects a special mission or charity and solicits donations from the congregation.

Community Outreach Committee

This team brainstorms and implements ideas to bring new people to worship with us and encouraging them to learn more about Christ by becoming members of His Church. Julia McNeely is the current chairperson.

Crucifer

Crucifers carry the cross and lead the worship service ministers in processing to and recessing



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from the Altar. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please see our Rector for more information and training.

Cupboard Keeper

Cupboard Keepers regularly check and replenish kitchen and restroom supplies. Bridgitte Parrish is the current chairperson.

Easter Sunday Egg Hunt

This ministry team fills and hides plastic eggs for an egg/treasure hunt for our younger members. Bridgitte Parrish is the current chairperson.

Emergency Food Pantry

This ministry serves our Lord by feeding the needy and homeless in our area. Debbie Patteson is the current chairperson.

Pill Bottle Collection

Empty pill bottles are sent to Matthew 25: Ministries for shipment in medical supply kits to underserved communities worldwide. Kim Vogel is the current chairperson.

Facebook Fan Page

The Facebook Fan Page gives our parish an additional presence on the Internet and helps us keep in touch with one another. Lee Ann Vojvoda is the current chairperson.

Flags

In fair weather, ministry members raise the United States and ACNA flags before services and lower them afterward. This ministry does not currently have a chairperson.

Gardening

Gardeners install and maintain the plants around the grounds. Kathy Slatery is the current chairperson.

Greeting Cards

This ministry collects signatures for and mails cards to members of the parish. Kim Vogel is the current chairperson.

Hospitality – Potlucks

This ministry team hosts the parish's special fellowship events. They also coordinate food and beverage donations and organize set-up and clean-up crews. Bridgitte Parrish is the current chairperson.

Hospitality – Sunday Fellowships

This ministry hosts the fellowship period after each worship service, coordinates food and beverage donations, and organizes set-up and clean-up crews. Bridgitte Parrish is the current chairperson.

Housekeeping

Although the parish does employ a housekeeping service, some light weekly maintenance is still needed. Cleaning aids are available. This ministry does not currently have a chairperson.

Joanna's Prayer Circle

Members of this ministry intercede daily as individuals for those who desire special prayers. On fourth Sundays, the Circle meets to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to pray at His direction. Julia McNeely is the current chairperson.

Please note: If you would also like to have your need included in our Chapel Family Prayer List, please complete a Prayer Request Card.

Lay Readers

Lay Readers assist the priest by reading lessons and leading prayers. Any confirmed member of the parish is eligible to serve. Training will be provided. Please speak to the Rector if you feel called to this ministry.

Martha's List of Parish Ministries

Martha's List is a directory of our parish ministries and their chairpersons as well as a library of how-to manuals for these ministries. Julia McNeely and Kim Vogel are co-chairs of this ministry.

"Monkey Toy" Hosiery Collection

This ministry collects clean hosiery volunteers at the Los Altos Senior Center who make sock monkey dolls which they give to young children admitted to Lucille Packard Children's Hospital. Lee Ann Vojvoda is the chairperson of this ministry.

Parish Directory /Mailing Lists

The parish maintains three address collections for various uses. Kim Vogel is the chairperson of this ministry.

Parish Newsletter

The Hillside Messenger is published monthly. Kim Vogel is the current chair of this ministry.

*You know that
the rulers
of the Gentiles
lord it over them,
and those
who are great
exercise authority
over them.
Yet it shall not be so
among you;
but whoever desires
to become
great among you,
let him be
your servant.
And whoever desires
to be first among you,
let him be
your slave—
just as the Son of Man
did not come
to be served,
but to serve,
and to give His life
a ransom for many.*

St. Matthew 20:25b-28

What Does God Want You to Do?

Parishioner Outreach Committee

This ministry keeps our Chapel Family informed of brothers and sisters in need of support and reaches out to absent members to encourage them to return to worship and fellowship with us. Julia McNeely is the current chair of this ministry.

Pew Minder

This ministry ensures that each pew has adequate supplies for worship services. Bridgitte Parrish is the current chairperson.

Photographer

Photographs capture our special events so that they may be shared. This ministry does not currently have a chairperson.

Pop-top Collection

Lee Ann Vojvoda collects can tabs for use in

purchasing wheelchairs for kids at the Shriners Hospital in Sacramento.

Prayer List

Those who desire to have their prayer requests remembered at the Altar during worship services and by the parish in private devotions are asked to complete a Prayer Request Card. The people of St. Luke's will pray for each prayer request until we are notified that the need has been met.

Special Committees

The Vestry maintains special committees to serve the parish's various needs. If you feel called to serve in a special capacity, please let the Rector know of your interest. The current special committees are the Advertising Committee and the Finance Committee.:

Sunday School Leadership

Sunday School meets during the 10:00 AM worship

service. Teachers serve under the supervision of the Rector.

Ushers

Members of this ministry greet worshippers, hand out bulletins, and assist visitors. They also collect and present offerings and direct traffic flow to and from the Altar Rail. This ministry does not currently have a chairperson.

Webmaster

This ministry oversees the parish website at

[http://www.](http://www.StLukesChapel.org)

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The website attracts interested persons to St. Luke's and provides news and information to our members. Ray Boreham is the current Webmaster.

*For you, brethren,
have been called to liberty;
only do not use liberty
as an opportunity for the flesh,
but through love serve one another.
For all the law is fulfilled in one word,
even in this:
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
Galatians 5:13-14*

Vestry Matters

Dear fellow Parishioners,

Welcome to the latest edition of "Vestry Matters". It's good to be back with you again.

Important Reminder

We currently have two open slots on the Vestry and would welcome any volunteers who would like to serve. No prior experience is needed, and any current, baptized member of the Parish is welcome to apply.



If interested, please contact either me or Father Parrish.

Here's the latest article for your reading delight and edification.

September 22nd Vestry Meeting Summary

Those in attendance: Jana Baldwin, Ray Boreham, Brandy Falcon, Elodia Fernandez, Julia McNeely, Bridgitte Parrish, Father Chris Parrish, and Clark Patteson.

Treasurer's Report (Elodia Fernandez):

- The Total Income for August was \$12,492.39.
- The Net Operating Income for August was \$5,422.28, but the first eight months of the year ended in a surplus of \$2,465.94.
- The Second Harvest Mission payout was \$900.00.
- The water bill for August was high. Clark Patteson explained that the reason for this was the watering of new trees that had been planted by AT&T in the landscaping around their monopine.
- The Checking Account Balance was \$5,000 higher than it had been in July.
- The Investment Account increased by about \$40,000 from the end of December to the end of August.
- The Schwab Account Summary of Friday, September 9th, showed a value of \$298,641.92. When the cash portion of the Investment Account rises to a much

higher level, we will re-invest it.

Junior Warden's Report (Clark Patteson):

- We may need the services of a company that does discing. He would obtain estimates for this, since a weed-whacker is too slow.
- T-Mobile, which has antennae in our steeple, had asked about installing equipment on AT&T's monopine. AT&T owns the monopine but has no space for T-Mobile on it, nor room in its equipment bunker for T-Mobile to use.
- Thanks to Kim Vogel for ordering the new iron benches to replace the old, wooden ones, and to Deacon Vogel for assembling them.
- Clark cleaned out the fountain and got rid of the algae and mosquitoes.
- Altar Guild Report (Elodia Fernandez):
- Elodia announced that Brandy Falcon would be joining the Altar Guild

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and would start her training soon.

Rector's Report (Father Parrish):

- Church membership stood at twenty-two.
- Deacon Vogel will be conducting services at St. Anselm's, Pacific Grove, until Father Jim and Philistia Short return from Uganda in Holy Week 2025.
- Father Darryl Fitzwater would be consecrated Bishop Coadjutor at the Church of the Ascension, Charles Town, West Virginia, on October 4th.

Old Business:

- Julia McNeely continues working on signage for the Chapel.
- Julia McNeely announced that Comeback Sunday, when people not in church should be invited to return to the fold, would be held annually every September on the third Sunday.
- The Vestry is constantly looking for new ideas to help grow our church. If anybody reading this has any other

ideas or would like to help in this very important mission, please contact Father Parrish or any Vestry member. Even better, join us at an upcoming meeting to offer your ideas and suggestions in person. The more help and input we can get, the better. Thank you in advance.

New Business:

- Request from St. David's Anglican Church in South Carolina for donation to Building Fund: Ray Boreham said he would contact the Rector of St. David's Anglican Church by e-mail and request his phone number. He would then call to inquire why there is no information about their fundraising goals and the Building Fund on their church website.
- Next Community Mission Project: The Vestry unanimously resolved that the fourth-quarter mission would be Samaritan's Purse.

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Thank you for your time in reading this article. Please remember, this is **your** Vestry and this is **your** Parish, and, whether you're able to attend church services regularly or not, your input on any matter concerning the Church, its operation and its overall Mission and Purpose is essential and welcome. If there's anything you feel needs to be addressed in future meetings or even in between meetings or if you have any questions or concerns, please do reach out and contact Father Parrish and/or any member of the Vestry. We'll be sure to address whatever you feel needs our attention as soon as practically possible.

If you're unable to join us for worship in person but would like to make an offering to your church, please visit our website at <https://StLukesChapel.org/> and click on the DONATE button. Thank you in advance for helping keep this beautiful sanctuary we call our spiritual home alive. All donations are tax-deductible and are gratefully received.

We look forward to seeing you at a future service and/or meeting and I'll be back with you next month.

– Ray Boreham,
Senior Warden



Our Chapel Family Prayer List

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations.

More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness:

Archbishop Steve Wood,
our Primate;

Bishop Richard Lipka,
our Bishop Ordinary;

Bishop Darryl Fitzwater,
our Bishop Co-adjutor;

Canon Michael Penfield,
our Vicar-General;

Father Chris Parrish,
our Rector;

Deacon Peter Vogel; and

Deacon Linda Bracken;

also all those who serve as Thy ministers in governing our nation and state, particularly:

President Joe Biden; and

Governor
Gavin Newsom;

as well as all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; especially those for whom our prayers are desired:

the soldiers, sailors,
marines, airmen,
guardians, border patrol,
coasties, police officers,
firefighters, and pilots
who protect us every day;

our persecuted Christian
brothers and sisters
throughout the world;

all refugees;

the leaders and people
of Ukraine;

all who are affected
by the war between
Hamas and Israel;

all those affected
by natural disasters
both here and abroad;

Jim and Edna Davis;

Joya de Rossett;

Debbie;

Scott;

Brittany;

Tanya Theiler;

Mark Quinn;

Lisa;

Ben;

Marian;

Flo;

Max;

Dan and Kendra Pack;
the Stanko family;

Yoshihiko Ikegami;

Mary Frances Reaves;

Mrs. Kitt;

Jon Carter;

Linda Capone;

Rose Handwerker;

Ann and Frank MacVoy;

Bishop Ilgenfritz;

Moe Martinez;

Victoria Grace;

Christina;

John and Heidi Donnelly;
Carl;

Judith Boreham;

Marie and Wade;

Heather;

Susan;

Helen Vanderberg;

Farshad;

Deacon Herman
and Betty Roark;

Patrick Slattery;

Julie Sine;

the Slattery family;

James Kitchin;

Father Jonah and Rachel
Kelman;

Bob Willis;

Grace Driver;

Robbie Tavey;

Charlotte;

the Bouchard family; and

Rachel Jebaraj;

that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

***This prayer list
was current as of
November 27th,
and the people
of St. Luke's
will pray
for each need
until
we are notified
that it has been met.
Please contact
Father Parrish
to add
or remove names.
Thank you!***

A Prayer for the Middle East

God of all comfort and hope, who in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, proclaimed good news to the poor, bound up the broken-hearted, and set the captives free: We remember before You this day all who are affected by the violence of October 7, 2023, and we ask You to heal the wounded, comfort those who mourn, and bring justice and peace to the land of Israel. Look with mercy upon the peoples of the Middle East, that, in Your great compassion, the light of Christ may shine in the darkness and bring hope to every nation. As Simeon rejoiced to see Your salvation, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel, so we pray that Jesus, the Messiah, would be known as the true hope for all the earth. May Your Kingdom come, and may Your peace reign in every heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



A Prayer for Our Congregation

O GOD, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray Thee, the Congregation of St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills with Thy love and favour; enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in our hearts a love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. Amen.

Parish Postings

Sunday, December 1st, is the First Sunday in Advent and the beginning of our liturgical year; This year our lessons will be from Section C of the Lectionary.



St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills will celebrate the beautiful Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 8th, at 10:00 AM in place of Morning Prayer. Lessons and Carols is a series of prayers, Messianic prophecies, and hymns designed to help prepare us to welcome our Lord and Saviour when He comes again.



The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 11th, at 6:00 PM to review the various parish accounts and to advise the Vestry of their findings in order to assist them with preparing the 2025 budget which will be proposed for adoption at the Annual Parish Meeting in February. Those who attend in person will assemble in McNeely Hall, and more distant members of the committee will join them via Zoom.



Parish Postings

For love of your editor in this busy season of Advent, please forward your submissions for the January 2025 issue of this newsletter to Kim Vogel by Friday, December 20th. Thank you, and God bless you!



Joanna's Prayer Circle will meet on Sunday, December 22nd, after fellowship. All are welcome to join this informal prayer group!



Our Chapel Family traditionally prepares a box of homemade Christmas treats for our local firefighters. Please set aside some of your holiday baking for this purpose. The treats will be collected and delivered to El Monte Fire Station on Sunday, December 22nd. Thank you!



It is our custom to offer poinsettias to decorate the Chapel for Christmastide. We do this in memory of those who cannot join us physically as we rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior. The suggested donation is \$10. Use the Flower Offering envelopes in the narthex of the Chapel or write *Poinsettias* on the memo line of your check. Kindly e-mail your poinsettia dedications to Kim Vogel by Sunday, December 22nd. Thank you!



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Please join your Chapel Family for Holy Communion on Tuesday, December 24th, at 11:15 PM as we celebrate the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.



St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills will have its Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, February 9th, following the worship service. The Annual Meeting is an opportunity to hear reports from our clergy, parish officers, and ministerial leaders; to review and approve an Operating Budget for 2025; and to elect Vestry members. It is very important that we all make every effort to attend this meeting, so please make plans now to join us!



Please speak to Father Parrish if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at our next episcopal visit. Classes will begin in January.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 1st

The First Sunday in Advent

Holy Communion with Holy Unction

10:00 AM

Sunday, December 8th

The Second Sunday in Advent

Lessons and Carols

10:00 AM

Wednesday, December 11th

Finance Committee Meeting

6:00 PM

Sunday, December 15th

The Third Sunday in Advent

Holy Communion

10:00 AM

Friday, December 20th

The Hillside Messenger *submission deadline*

Sunday, December 22nd

The Fourth Sunday next in Advent

Cookies for Firefighters Collection Day

Morning Prayer

10:00 AM

Joanna's Prayer Circle Meeting

following fellowship

Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

Holy Communion

11:15 PM

Sunday, December 29th

The First Sunday after Christmas

Holy Communion

10:00 AM

Sunday, January 3rd

The Second Sunday after Christmas

Holy Communion with Holy Unction

10:00 AM





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Worship Schedule

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Luke's Chapel in the Hills is a traditional Anglican parish which uses the 1928 edition *Book of Common Prayer*. We invite you to join us for worship and fellowship soon!

*"A place
where the Bible is taught."*



*Biblical in teaching.
Liturgical in worship.
Loving in practice.*

First, third, and fifth Sundays of each month

Holy Communion
(with Healing Service on First Sundays)
10:00 AM

Second and fourth Sundays each month

Office of Daily Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Please note that Holy Communion will be celebrated on Feast Days occurring on second and fourth Sundays.

If you cannot join us physically in the Chapel,
please contact Father Parrish
to be added to each service's Zoom invitation.