

The Herald

December 24 2011—January 1, 2012

Christmas Eve—Feast of the Holy Name

From the Rector: Of the Darkness that Covers the Earth

“All the leaves are brown and the sky is gray,” once sang the Mamas and the Papas...Isaiah puts it differently and quite a bit more dramatically, “Behold darkness covers the land; a deep gloom enshrouds the people.” My father’s mantra to my brothers and me regarding curfew while we were teenagers was that “nothing good happens after midnight.” For millennia the human race has grappled with the unruly darkness, literal darkness and the more fearful, figurative darkness, darkness in its myriad manifestations, personal, communal, global.

But over the ages prophets and poets alike have also proclaimed that indeed there is light which not only stands against the dark, but engenders potential for newness and growth within it; that this light dispels our primordial fear of the dark, emboldens us in the knowledge that life is worth living....that all peoples and nations would be drawn through the dark to this light.

Perhaps the reason anxiety in our culture spikes at this dark time of year (psychiatry tells us as much), is not so much due to our busyness, but because of our ancient innate fear of the dark and the uncertainty it engenders.... the dark juxtaposed with a seemingly tenuous promise that the light will have the last word, a tenuous promise that flickers candle-like against the coming winds of winter....that as the signs of death in nature are all around us, we recall the promise of new life which will spring forth from the dark in its time....I’m saying perhaps it is this profound ambiguity, this cosmic ambiguity that is forever with us that causes us to feel faint at heart, especially as we approach the darkest time of the year, and in the dark times of our lives. The point obviously was not lost on the ancient religious practitioners setting the celebration of the nativity of Jesus just after the winter solstice, staking a claim of the certain return of light to the world in spite of the dark. I would say that the most creative way to cope with the season and for that matter, life itself, is to be open to the dark and the promise of the light....the life of faith involves both.

This is a difficult road, this life of faith...It requires all that we are and all that we have. It requires profound trust. Many years ago we (Nativity Dothan, my home parish) hosted a noted speaker to present a two day program in a retreat style setting. At one point in the program he asked us to write a prayer for ourselves...for each of us to jot down on a piece of paper a prayer we wished to say for ourselves... I’ve long since lost the piece of paper, but I still remember the prayer, and often in my days in the dark I repeat it: “O God, grant me the courage to be.” To live into our humanity, to truly *be*, we must muster the courage, ask for the courage to stand with integrity amid the dark with the knowledge that the light will come. In the beginning was the dark, until the creator said, let there be light...may it ever so swiftly come; let us trust whole-heartedly that it will.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, December 20
3:30pm No choir rehearsal

Wednesday, December 21
9:15am L’Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
4pm St Michael & St Cecelia
choirs rehearse
5:30pm Hanging of the Greens,
followed by supper
7pm Adult choir rehearsal

Thursday, December 22
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Saturday, December 24
Christmas Eve
5pm Holy Eucharist & Christmas
Pageant
10:30pm Choral Prelude & Holy
Eucharist

Sunday, December 25
Christmas Day
10am Holy Eucharist

Monday, December 26 thru
Saturday, December 31
IHN / Family Promise week
Office closed

Sunday, January 1, 2012
Feast of the Holy Name
10am Holy Eucharist

Monday, January 2
Office closed

Tuesday, January 3
11:30am All Saints serves at 15
Place

Wednesday, January 4
9:15am L’Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

This Herald is a 2-week newsletter covering the holidays through New Year's Day. The calendar for January and the schedule of those who serve are included in this issue. Please look carefully at the schedule to see if you are serving. If you cannot serve on a particular date, be sure to get a sub as soon as possible and leave a message on the office phone!

Thanks to all who helped with Food Share this past weekend. We served 72 households with food from the Food Bank and with Christmas hams. Your help and support are always appreciated.



IHN Week begins on December 26! All Saints will host the families of IHN/Family Promise beginning on the evening of Monday, December 26 and will continue until Saturday morning, December 31. We were supposed to start on Christmas Day and end on New Year's Day; thanks to the Family Promise office, the families will be treated to a hotel stay on Christmas night and again on New Year's Eve! Merry Christmas to all of our guests and many thanks to all our volunteers!

Pledge envelopes are in a box for 2012 are on the back pew of the church. If you ordered some of these, you will find your name on one of the packets which are arranged alphabetically. Please take them and save us the price of the postage. Thanks!

We are once again lagging behind with our pledges for this year. Although we had a strong October financially, November was weak, so we are some twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars behind to make our budget. Please make sure you catch up on your pledge in these waning days of the year.

Please consider making a special Christmas offering to All Saints. If you have pledge envelopes there is a special Christmas envelope in your packet. If you don't use the envelopes then mark your check for the offertory as "Christmas Offering".

Christmas & New Year's Days

are both on Sundays this year. On those days, there will be one service only - at 10am. There will not be any breakfast, Sunday School or reception those days. Our normal Sunday schedule will resume on January 8.

The church office will be closed

from Dec. 26 through Jan. 2. Please call Mary Robert for any emergencies (458-8581). Jim Flowers will have the week off; he and Katharine are awaiting the birth of their first grandchild, due on Dec. 25. Musica Sacra will be rehearsing in the choir room during the week that the office is closed, on Tuesday, Dec. 27; Thursday, December 29; Tuesday, January 3; and Thursday, January 5 from 7-9pm each night. Please do not sound any alarms if you see the lights on in the Parish Hall!

The Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated on Friday, January 6,

at 6:30pm in the Chapel. Come join us for this unique Holy Eucharist service of light. Bring a potluck dish and we'll all have supper afterwards, including a bonfire for burning all the greenery from Christmas!

A reminder to all those in the Christmas Pageant:

Please wear your costumes to church on Christmas Eve and be in front of the church at 4:30pm for a photo. The cast will process into church with the choir and sit together until time for the pageant. Afterwards, they may go sit with their families or return to their original seats for the rest of the service. (Choir members will return to their pews in the chancel.)

The next date for baptisms is Sunday, January 8,

The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. If anyone would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during this time, please call the office (438-2492) and leave a message.



The Episcopal Church welcomes you



The Birth of Christ, c. 1308, by Duccio di Buoninsegna

THE STABLE

The winds were scornful,
Passing by;
And gathering Angels
Wondered why

A burdened Mother
Did not mind
That only animals
Were kind.

For who in all the world
Could guess
That God would search out
Loneliness.

Sr. M. Chrysostom, O.S.B.
Robert, Cyril. *Mary Immaculate: God's Mother and
Mine*. New York: Marist Press, 1946.

Looking Ahead

December

- 21 - St Michael and St Cecelia choirs rehearse, 4pm;
- Hanging of the green & Supper, 5:30pm
- 24 - Christmas Eve: Holy Eucharist and Christmas Pageant
at 5pm;
- Choral Prelude & Holy Eucharist at 10:30pm
- 25 - Christmas Day: Holy Eucharist, 10am (no breakfast, no
Sunday School, no reception)
- 26-31 ***IHN Week begins***
- 26-30 Office closed; call Mary Robert at 251-458-8581 for
emergencies



Please look at this page when you receive it to see if you are scheduled this month!

If you cannot be present for the date you are scheduled, please try to get a substitute and let the church office know who it is. 438-2492. If you cannot find a sub, let us know as soon as possible.

Lay Ministers for January 2012


Date	Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Reception
Jan 1 <i>Feast of the Holy Name</i>	10am	TBA	TBA	TBA		P Mackey H Dodge	B Evatt B Caddell K McKenzie B Evatt	B Wilson S Hester		
Jan 8 <i>1st Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	8:00	L Hallett	S Willcox	B Ratcliffe		R Dillard W Hannum	Bread: N Lancaster B Rockstad	C Mackey R Bradford	C Mackey V Case W Hannum B Schneider	
	10:30	A Barrett J Hamilton	B Hardaway	C Ryan RE Stanbery	L Gray B Williams D Greene W Kuot	D Mosley C Conte S Robertson				
Jan 15 <i>2nd Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	8:00	L VanDyke	W Butler	M Taylor		F & B South	"	K Flowers J Tucker	K Flowers K Gray R Greene C Ryan	
	10:30	E Browne E Kelley	R Gray	B Ayres N Lancaster	B Foster E Doyle SF Greene D Butler	M Hennessy H Callaway M Morrison				
Jan 22 <i>3rd Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	8:00	E Wilder	L Hallett	S Willcox		B & B Evatt	"	S Drew K McKenzie	C Hall A Hamilton K McDonald A Thompson	
	10:30	B Barrett D Nichols	L Carsten	S Robertson A Mitchell	B Reeves D Reeves D Reeves A Kuot	R Bradford H Brewster T Locke				
Jan 29 <i>4th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	8am	J Basenberg	B Evatt	A Lilly		M Taylor C Coker	"	C Hall K Butler	C Kelly C Doyle W Hester	
	10:30	M Petithory C Ryan	V Mitchell	T Locke B Harris	B Ayres L Ayres G Ayres E Gray	M Williams H Caddell J Ayres				

January Birthdays:

1 Susan Chiepalich	2 Mary Rachel White-Spunner	10 Weathers Bolt	21 Bibb Lamar	28 Russ Mackey
1 Thomas Deng	2 Trevor Thiel	12 Jack Stanbery	21 Sarah Smith	28 Sarah Bolt
1 Kun Dieu	5 Frank Hall	15 Brian Allison	22 Bill Hines	28 Grace Williams
1 Manath Dieu	5 Richard Fuqua	16 Hunter Shain	24 Burl Ratcliffe	28 Sarah Williams
1 Ayen Guet	6 Pat Kemper	17 Will Mayhall	25 Frances Rouse	30 Henry Snow
1 Abraham Kuol	6 John Cleverdon	17 Blake Wingard	28 Selwyn Slaton	30 Lukas Snow
1 Agum Kuot	7 Julie Praytor	21 Charlie Bailey	28 Lucy Pryor Brady	31 Tate Hall Kelley



January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Feast of the Holy Name</i></p> <p>10am Holy Eucharist</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>11:30a All Saints Serves @15 Place</p>	4	<p>5</p> <p>12N Al-Anon</p> <p>7p AA</p>	<p>6 <i>Feast of the Epiphany</i></p> <p>5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30pm Epiphany Eucharist</p>	7 <p>2pm Wedding</p>
<p>8 <i>1st Sunday after Epiphany</i></p> <p>8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>5p Murray House Board mtg</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 6pm Rector's Forum 6p 15 Place Board mtg 7p Adult Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12N Al-Anon</p> <p>7p AA</p>	13	14
<p>15 <i>2d Sunday after Epiphany</i></p> <p>8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following 5p Conde Explorers</p>	<p>16 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr.</i></p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>6p Vestry mtg</p>	<p>17</p> <p>3:30p St Michael Choir</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 4:00p St Cecelia Choir 7p Adult Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9a Food Share prep 12N Al-Anon 7p AA</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30p Food Share packing</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00a Food Share distribution</p> 
<p>22 <i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i></p> <p>8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following 5p Conde Explorers</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>3:30p St Michael Choir</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 4:00p St Cecelia Choir 6pm Rector's Forum 7p Adult Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12N Al-Anon</p> <p>7p AA</p>	27	28
<p>29 <i>4th Sunday after Epiphany</i></p> <p>8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following 5p Conde Explorers</p>	30	31				

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2011

The Lessons

[Isaiah 9:2-7](#)

[Titus 2:11-14](#)

[Psalm 96](#)

[Luke 2:1-20](#)

The Collect of the Day

God of David's fragile house of hope and expectation: in the time of empires, your word is born to those who have no place and sung to those who watch in the wild; may his birth unsettle our world with hidden glory and untold peace; through Jesus Christ, the Child of Promise. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Ellen Wingard, Julie Praytor, Rosemary Williams

Flowers: Flower Guild

5:00pm

Lectors: James Hamilton, Joe Basenberg
Intercessor: Melanie Petithory
Chalices: Serena Willcox, Ben Harris
Acolytes: Boone Reeves, Liam Gray, Brewer Ayres, Liam Ayres
Ushers: Curt Doyle, Doug Greene, Ray Pappas, Don Mosley

10:30pm

Lectors: Thomas Locke, Debi Foster
Intercessor: Frances Rouse
Chalices: Lister Thomas, Mark Taylor
Acolytes: Darrel Williams, Ben Foster
Ushers: Andy Mitchell, Ricky Bradford, Bill Hines
Reception: Choir

Music for Christmas Eve - 5:00pm

Voluntary Keith Chapman *Bring A Torch, Jeanette Isabella*
Processional Hymn 83 *Adeste fideles*
William Mathias S-278 *Gloria in excelsis deo*
Jerome Webster Meachen *Psalm 96*
Sequence Hymn 102 *Irby*
Hymns at the Christmas Pageant: 89 *Carol*; 101 *Cradle Song*; 96 *Gloria*; 128 *Three Kings of Orient*; 79 *St. Louis*
Offertory Anthem Philip Ledger *Noël Let Us Sing*
Presentation Hymn 100 *Antioch*
William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*
Mason Martens S-152 *Christ Our Passover*
Communion Hymn 117 *Greensleeves*
Communion Hymn 111 *Stille nacht*
Motet Peter Aston *O My Dear Heart*
Postcommunion Hymn 87 *Mendelssohn*
Processional Pamela Decker *Joy to the world! The Lord is come*



Music for Christmas Eve - 10:30pm

Prelude and Carols:
Hymn 102 *Irby*
Norman Luboff *Still, Still, Still*
Hymn 89 *Carol*
John Rutter *Love Came Down At Christmas*
Hymn 96 *Gloria*
J.S. Bach *Planets, Stars, and Airs of Space*
Hymn 78 *Forest Green*
Processional Hymn 83 *Adeste fidelis*
Craig Phillips *Gloria in excelsis deo*
David Hurd *Psalm 96*
Sequence Hymn 105 *God rest you merry*
John Rutter *Christmas Lullaby*
Presentation Hymn 100 *Antioch*
Craig Phillips *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*
Craig Phillips *Agnus Dei*
Communion Hymn 117 *Greensleeves*
Communion Hymn 111 *Stille nacht*
Motet Gerald Near *What Is This Lovely Fragrance*
Postcommunion Hymn 87 *Mendelssohn*
Processional Pamela Decker *Joy to the world! The Lord is come*

Sunday, December 25, 2011 Christmas Day

The Lessons

[Isaiah 52:7-10](#)
[Hebrews 1:1-4](#)

[Psalm 98](#)
[John 1:1-14](#)

The Collect of the Day

God of grace and truth, whose word brings light to birth in the heart of a darkening world which fears a love it cannot name: may flesh be blessed and born anew by a truth which leaves the heavens and walks the waiting earth; through Jesus Christ, the Word incarnate. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Ellen Wingard, Julie Praytor,
Rosemary Williams
Flowers: Flower Guild

10:00am

Lector: Martha Hennessy
Intercessor: TBA
Chalice: TBA

Sunday, January 1, 2012 Feast of the Holy Name

The Lessons

[Numbers 6:22-27](#)
[Galatians 4:4-7](#)

[Psalm 8](#)
[Luke 2:15-21](#)

The Collect of the Day

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Barbara Evatt, Barbara Caddell, Kathy McKenzie, Bill Evatt
Flowers: Becky Wilson, Stella Hester

10:00am

Lector: TBA
Intercessor: TBA
Chalice: TBA



Please keep in your prayers

✙ For healing:

Tripp Tate Diedrich

Martha Rose Hester

Dunn Chandler

Lynn Hastie Bozone

Elizabeth Smith

Geoff Peach

Frances Reed

Joy Russ

Jami Salac

Jerry Kozart

Taylor Merry

Scott Podstata

Abraham Kuol

Terry Godwin

Ethan Fisher

Kathy Davis

Logan Barnhart

Becky Boulter

Katie Hammond

Roy Muth

Jim Gray

Jane Arnau

Joanne & Dan Young

Taylor Parton

Jessica Montalvo-Lopez

Butch Boyington

Gregg Pounds

Evina Valera

Ed Givhan

Iris Prosch

Jerry

Richard Melton

Martha Murdock

LaNiece Bland

Lamar Elledge

Sharon Cleverdon

Mike Downing

Patsy Childress

Anna Marie Brown

Laura

✙ For those who serve in the
armed forces:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Wes Parks

Jonathan Carter

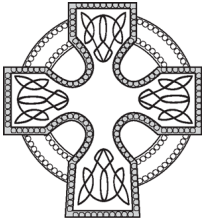
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Woody Hannum
Amy Hunter
Emily Kelley
Don Mosley
Diana Nichols
Jean Tucker
Darrel Williams

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Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Michael Morrison
Refugees: Martha Harris
Ushers: Harold Dodge, Louie Wood
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Service Schedule

Sundays	8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Breakfast 9:20 am Christian Education Classes (during school year) 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays	12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)