

A Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2025, 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

We welcome all to today's service.



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Services:

Sundays, 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

3rd Thursdays, (Jan. 15th) 1:00 PM Healing & Holy Eucharist

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025, 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE *Our Father in Heaven* J.S. Bach

Please stand as you are able and join us in singing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (v. 1-4) ..56 Hymnal

(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - - - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from

1 cap - tive Is - - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - - ledge
3 tribes on Si - - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION.....BCP 355

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

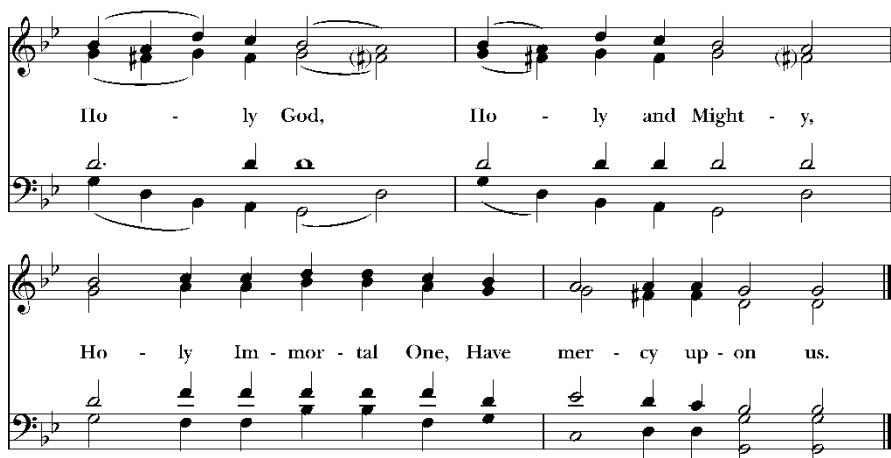
People His mercy endures for ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITYBCP 355

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, 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.

SONG OF PRAISE: *Trisagion*.....S102 Hymnal

Sung by all, repeat three times



The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time. The music is set to a simple harmonic progression with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAYBCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who

lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

Please be seated for the readings.

THE LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-16

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE RESPONSE Psalm 80:1-7,16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

The Psalm is read responsively by verse.

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
 stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
 saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, *
 *how long will you be angered
 despite the prayers of your people?*

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
 you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 ***Restore us, O God of hosts; ****
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 ***And so will we never turn away from you; ****
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE EPISTLERomans 1:1-7

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Please stand as you are able for the singing of the Sequence Hymn and reading of the Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN *In the Bleak Mid-Winter* 112 Hymnal

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor - earth sus - tain;
3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
4 What can I give him, poor - as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throng - ed the air;
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

the in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
Lord God in - car - nate, Jc - sus Christ.
wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894). Music: Cranham, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934).

THE GOSPELMathew 1:18-25

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated for the sermon.

SERMON..... The Rev. Dr. Candine E. Johnson

THE NICENE CREEDBCP 358

Please stand as you are able and join in saying 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:
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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Celebrant Mary, the mother of Christ, is a sign to the church of faithful obedience to the will of God. As we come to the commemoration of the birth of Christ, let us pray that we, like Mary, hear God's word and respond in obedient faith to the coming of Christ, saying: O God, who is with us, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Let us pray for the church, that every baptized member may manifest Christ in the world, especially Archbishop Sarah, Presiding Bishop Sean, Bishop Sally and our clergy, Candine and Art. O God, who is with us,

People ***hear our prayer.***

Intercessor Let us pray for the leaders of government in every nation that they may have the wisdom to choose what serves the common good. O God, who is with us,

People ***hear our prayer.***

Intercessor Let us pray for all who are in need, remembering all who are sick, the elderly, those who are alone, and all who minister to them, especially Mandisa, Christien, Wayne, Paul, Clive, Pamela, Matt, Khlaif, Lisa, Peggy, Roddy, Christine Jaime, Carol, Jim, Brady and all those with long-term needs, that we all may be strengthened by the presence of Christ as a sign of God's love. O God, who is with us,

People ***hear our prayer.***

Intercessor Let us pray for those with whom we share our daily lives, our families, friends, and neighbors, and those with whom we work and play, that we may all be strengthened and sustained by God's presence with us. O God, who is with us,

<i>People</i>	<i>hear our prayer.</i>
<i>Intercessor</i>	Let us pray for those who have died that they may rest in peace. May we wait in hope for the promise of resurrection with them. O God, who is with us,
<i>People</i>	<i>hear our prayer.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Hasten, O God, the coming of your dominion. Come to us in Christ, that we who live by faith in this world may see our faith confirmed in the world to come, through our risen Christ.
<i>People</i>	<i>Amen.</i>

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Anyone with a recent birthday and couples celebrating anniversaries this week are invited to come forward for a blessing.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 360

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
<i>All</i>	<p><i>Most merciful God,</i></p> <p><i>we confess that we have sinned against you</i></p> <p><i>in thought, word, and deed,</i></p> <p><i>by what we have done,</i></p> <p><i>and by what we have left undone.</i></p> <p><i>We have not loved you with our whole heart;</i></p> <p><i>we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.</i></p> <p><i>We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.</i></p> <p><i>For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,</i></p> <p><i>have mercy on us and forgive us;</i></p> <p><i>that we may delight in your will,</i></p> <p><i>and walk in your ways,</i></p> <p><i>to the glory of your Name. Amen.</i></p>

Celebrant 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*

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACEBCP 360

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Please be seated

THE BLESSING OF THE GOSPEL BOOK*see insert*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCEBCP 376

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Come to Us* Anna Laura Page

THE DOXOLOGY 380 v.3 Hymnal
Sung by all.

*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.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER ABCP 361

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

PROPER PREFACE.....BCP 361

The Celebrant says the Proper preface.

SANCTUS.....S130 Hymnal

Celebrant

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:

Sung by all.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION.....BCP 362

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.

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 LORD'S PRAYER BCP 363

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.....BCP 364

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive communion.

Please let us know if you need gluten-free communion.

If you are unable to come to the altar,

let the usher know and we will bring communion to you.

COMMUNION SOLO *The Angel Gabriel*Basque Carol

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYERBCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

Said by all in unison

*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.*

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Please join in saying:

*O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is
eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your
humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely
trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any
adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

THE BLESSING BCP 366

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Please stand and join in singing.

POST COMMUNION HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (v. 5-8) 56 Hymnal



(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen

(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us

(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the

(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice!
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

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THE DISMISSAL BCP 339

Celebrant We have just received the body of Christ. Now let us
 be the body of Christ as we go forth to love and serve
 the Lord.

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

POSTLUDE *Magnificat* Marcel Dupré



If you experience a **Pastoral Emergency**, sudden hospitalization, or end of life needs, please **call Candine** on her cell: (856) 739-5343.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Candine E. Johnson
Music Director · Organist	William P. Fenimore III
Soloist	Kathleen Bandaruk
Choir	Bruce Barker, Valerie Barker, Catherine Clemons, Sharon Eggleston, Linda Horneff, Patrick Jjemba, Sarah Johnson, Elijah Mansaray, Monica Mundy, Emma Waring
Usher	Jane Anyanwu
Acolyte	Patrick Trainor
Eucharistic Minister & Intercessor	Rob Williams
Old Testament Reader & Psalmist	Florence Pandit
New Testament Reader	Monica Mundy
Counters	Monica Mundy Jane Anyanwu
Video Team	Ricky Rahming, The Rev. Dcn. Art Knight, Carolyn Gage, Lillie Kumar
Altar Guild	Gail Powers, Arlene Adams, Sidney Bacon, Christine Haliburton, Candi London
Flower Guild	Arlene Adams, Edie Bennett, Catherine Clemons, Laura DeRose, Lillie Kumar, Emma Waring
Fellowship	Jean Astmann, Tennyson Sobers, Laura DeRose, Emma Waring



Welcome to St. Bartholomew's!

We're so glad you're here—whether it's your first visit or your hundredth!

If you're new, please fill out a **Connect Card** (in the pews) and introduce yourself to **Candine** after the service.

We look forward to getting to know you and sharing this journey of faith together.



Choir Rehearsals

Love to sing? Speak to Bill Fenimore about our choir.
Rehearsals are **Sunday mornings promptly at 9:00 AM**.



Healing Service

Thursday, January 15th • 1:00 PM • Chapel

A quiet, 30-minute service of **laying on of hands** and **Holy Eucharist**.

Come as you are to seek renewal, peace, and spiritual healing.



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THIS WEEK AT ST. BART'S

Sunday, December 21 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	9:00 am New Hope Church 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 am Greening of the Church & Potluck 3:00 pm Grace Community Church
Monday, December 22 <i>Thomas the Apostle</i>	12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose 7:30 NA
Tuesday, December 23 <i>Tuesday of Advent 4</i>	10:00 am Overeaters Anonymous 12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose 7:30 pm Scouting
Wednesday, December 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	Office Closed 12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist
Thursday, December 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	10:00 am Christmas Holy Eucharist Office Closed 12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose 6:30 pm AA
Friday, December 26 <i>Saint Stephen</i>	Office Closed Altar & Flower Guild 12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose
Saturday, December 27 <i>Saint John</i>	
Sunday, December 28 <i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i>	9:00 am New Hope Church 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 am Fellowship 3:00 pm Grace Community Church

Prayer List

Those with immediate needs: Mandisa, Christien, Wayne, Paul, Clive, Matt, Pamela, Khalif, Lisa, Peggy, Roddy, Christine, Jaime, Carol, Jim, Brady, and

Those with long term needs: Loretta, Joe, Carmella, Grace, John, Robert, Travis, Aimee, Jennifer, Jane, Carmen, Olivia, Laura, Morgia, Thelma, Elly, Stanley, those affected by the wars in the Middle East, the Sudan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Myanmar, the Philippines, Georgia, Armenia, China, Latin America and our troops at home and abroad.

Christmas Flower Memorials

St. Bart's invites you to remember and honor your departed loved ones this Christmas with a Christmas Flower Memorial. Your donation will help fill our sanctuary with beautiful poinsettias for Christmas worship.

Donation Deadline: Sunday, December 21, 2025

To participate:

- Please use the envelopes in the pews, mark them "Christmas Flowers," and include your \$25 donation.
- Donations may also be made through Realm.
- Print your memorial names clearly on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Thank you for helping us celebrate Christmas with beauty, love, and remembrance.



The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Eve
Wednesday
December 24
7:00 pm

Christmas
Thursday
December 25
10:00 am

ST. BART'S NEEDS YOU — HELP SHAPE OUR 2026 BUDGET

As we prayerfully plan for 2026, St. Bartholomew's invites your partnership. If you have not yet done so, please return your **2026 Pledge Card**.

Your annual pledge is essential to faith-based financial planning. It allows us to create a responsible and realistic budget—supporting our clergy and staff, caring for our buildings, and sustaining ministries and outreach that serve both our congregation and the wider community. Unlike Sunday offerings, pledges provide the consistent and predictable income needed to plan wisely and steward resources faithfully.

Pledging is a spiritual practice. It is a meaningful response to God's generosity—an offering of **time, talent, and treasure**—and a visible sign of commitment to the mission and future of St. Bart's. It is not a legal obligation, but an act of faith and gratitude.

What a Pledge Is (and Isn't):

- **A Statement of Intent:** A prayerful promise to give, not a legal contract
- **Flexible:** Your pledge amount can be adjusted at any time
- **Inclusive:** It reflects gifts of money, time (volunteering), and talents (skills)
- **Proportional:** While a tithe (10%) is a common goal, any faithful amount reflects commitment

Need a Pledge Card?

Pledge cards are available in the **Narthex** for your convenience.

ST. BART'S FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Annual Expenses 2025 Budget \$294,850.00

Annual Income 2025 Budget \$290,080.00

Income Year-to-Date	\$281,467.20 ¹ – 97.0% of Annual Budget
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Expenses Year-to-Date	\$294,535.31 – 99.9% of Annual Budget
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Income Last Week	\$938.00
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Expenses Last Week	\$9750.16
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Difference	-\$8,812.16
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¹ Includes \$80,000 withdrawn from investments

**Sunday, December 21, 2025
immediately following our 10:00 am Service**



**Potluck Coffee Hour
& Greening of the Church**



2026 Mitten Tree

Help decorate our tree with new and unused:



- hats
- scarves
- mittens
- gloves
- socks



St. Bart's Diapers & Dignity

St. Wilfrid's in Camden urgently needs baby wipes, diapers, toddler pull-ups, adult wipes, and adult pull-ups to support clients in critical need.

You can make a real difference. Please bring any of these essential items to church and place them in the collection box in the Narthex.

Your generosity brings comfort, dignity, and hope. Thank you for your continued support.



❄️ WINTER WEATHER SERVICE UPDATES ❄️

Winter has arrived, and we want to ensure everyone stays safe and informed.

In the event of winter weather and the potential need to cancel services, updates will be communicated promptly through **Mailchimp, Realm, Facebook, and Realm announcements.**

- **If services are not cancelled** and you are unsure about traveling safely, we invite you to worship with us online via our YouTube channel: [@saintbartscherryhill](https://www.youtube.com/@saintbartscherryhill).
- **If services are cancelled**, we encourage you to join the **Washington National Cathedral** for worship on their YouTube channel: [@wncathedral](https://www.youtube.com/@wncathedral).

If you do not have access to these online platforms, please make arrangements with a friend, family member, or fellow parishioner to call you with service updates throughout the winter season.

Please check for updates before leaving for church during inclement weather. Your safety is our priority, and we are grateful to remain connected in worship, wherever you are.

Annual Meeting - St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

When: Sunday, February 1, 2026, 11:00 am
Where: St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 1989
Route 70 East, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

We will be electing new Vestry members and reviewing the church's activities in 2025, as we plan for 2026.

Qualifications for voting and speaking at the Annual meeting.

The persons entitled to vote at such meetings must be:

- (a) baptized,
- (b) at least sixteen years of age,
- (c) of good moral character
- (d) adhering to The Episcopal Church (Confirmed or Received) and to no other religious body,
- (e) regular attendants at the services of the Church in said Parish or Mission, and
- f) regular contributors to the current expenses of the Parish or Mission for six months before the said annual meeting.

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OUR STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Candine E. Johnson, Priest-in-Charge

The Rev. Art Knight, Deacon Ret.

William (Bill) Fenimore, III, Music Director/Organist

Elizabeth (Betsy) Murphy, Parish Administrator

ST. BART'S VESTRY

WARDENS: Emma Waring & Rod Bennett

TREASURER: Patrick Jjemba

VESTRY: Class of 2026

Evelyn Biney
Rod Bennett

Class of 2027

Sharon Eggleston
Monica Mundy
Tennyson Sobers

Class of 2028

Catherine Clemons
Gail Powers
Jazz Tillman

