

We pray for healing in our parish:

Kelly, Monica, Donald, Connie, Joan, Paula, Carlos, Fr. Abraham, Lynette and Eileen.

In our extended fellowship we pray for:

Katie, Jennifer, Matthew, Deborah, Mary, Diane, Dorothy, Delores, Letiticia, Robert, Ceil, Carol, Frank, John, Pete, Eileen, Joseph, Tammy, Ed and Kathy, Brooke, Joseph W., Donnie and Annie.

In the food pantry community: Dan and Carolyn

In our diocese, we pray for:

St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Trexlertown and
Education for Ministry(EfM)

In the greater Anglican communion, we pray for:

Emmanuel Parish Sokare, Kajo-Keji
and The Anglican Church of Burundi

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Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem

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Visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/whitehallepiscopal

Church email address: saintste@ptd.net

Roof GoFundMe Page: <https://gofund.me/4d4aa7cf>

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Dec 21st, 2025

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 56, verses 1-3,6-8

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Collect for Purity

Prayer Book 355

Holy God..... Trisagion

Hymnal S-102 (sung 3 times)

Collect of The Day:

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.*

1st Lesson Isaiah 7: 10-16

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Psalm: Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18

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Epistle Lesson Romans 1: 1-7

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Hymn hymnal 72

(vs 1-2 prior, vs 3-4 after)

Holy Gospel Matthew 1: 18-25

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Homily

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Form IV

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Confession/Absolution

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Peace / Announcements

Offertory and Doxology

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus

Hymnal S-130

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Book 364

Fractional Anthem:

Hymnal S-161

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

COMMUNION

Post-Communion Prayer

Prayer Book 366

Closing Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 436

Dismissal

Attendance this past week of Dec 14th: In person 16

On line: 6

7 Day Reservation Candle has been given this week to the Glory of God by Shirley Raab in loving memory of Charles Raab

We are collecting hats/gloves/scarfs/socks/ear muffs to donate to New Bethany Ministries for Christmas at our Advent Tree on the back table. Please donate to this worthy cause if you are able.

2026 Pledge cards and pledge campaign letters are on the back table. Please take one, think about it, pray on it and return before the end of the year so that we can plan our church budget for 2026! Thank you for your continued support and stewardship of the church.

Next Visionaries meet on Thurs Jan 15th at 2pm in the conference room. The meeting will last approximately one hour. (No meeting Jan 1st due to the holiday). We will explore various themes and writings related to Christian Contemplative Practices.

St. John's UCC Mickleys will be having a Christmas Eve Ecumenical service that is non-denominational and open to the public that will be carols, lessons and candlelight. Service time is 11:30pm. All are welcome. They will be asking for a free will offering that will benefit the food pantry.

Dates to remember:

Dec 21st - Decorating of church for Christmas today immediately following mass

Dec 25 – Christmas morning service at 10 am (Note time change)

Dec. 28th - Church Christmas party following service with pot luck lunch

Jan. 15th- Visionaries study group at 2pm in conference room.

Jan. 17th - Women Connecting Forum 9:30-12:30

Jan 18th- Vestry Meeting following service

Jan 24th- Chicken Parm & spaghetti takeout dinner

Feb 1st - Annual parish meeting following service with pot luck lunch

Feb 18th- Ash Wednesday

April 5th - Easter Sunday

We have developed a GoFundMe page to help raise money for our greatly needed roof repair. Attached is the link. If you are able to donate, please go to:

<https://gofund.me/4d4aa7cf>

If you do not use online, you may always give a check in the offering plate, earmarked "roof". Thank you so much for your continued support!

A warm welcome to any who are visiting with us today.

Please join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the parish hall.

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