

We pray for healing in our parish:

Kelly, Monica, Donald, Connie, Joan, Paula, Carlos, Sue, Fr. Abraham 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 Rish, Brooke Bailey, Lynette and Joseph W.

In the food pantry community: Dan and Carolyn

In our diocese, we pray for:

St. Barnabas Center, Kutztown

In the greater Anglican communion, we pray for:

Emmanuel Kansuk Parish, Kajo-Keji
and The Church of Bangladesh

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Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem

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Visit our website: www.saintste.com

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
Second Sunday of Advent
Dec 7th, 2025

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 542

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:

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

1st Lesson Isaiah 11: 1-10

See Insert

Psalm: Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

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Epistle Lesson Romans 15: 4-13

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Hymn hymnal 59

(vs 1-3 prior, vs 4-5 after)

Holy Gospel Matthew 3: 1-12

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Homily

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People *Form IV*

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Confession/Absolution

Prayer Book 360

Peace / Announcements

December birthday celebrations at the altar

Offertory and Doxology

Eucharistic Prayer A Prayer Book 361

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 640

Dismissal

Attendance this past week of Nov 30th: In person 27

On line: 5

7 Day Reservation Candle has been given this week to the Glory of God by our Baking ladies in loving memory of Darlene Dimmick.

We will be 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 budge for 2026! Thank you for your continued support and stewardship of the church.

Next Visionaries meet on Thurs Dec 18th at 2pm in the conference room. The meeting will last approximately one hour. We will explore various themes and writings related to Christian Contemplative Practices.

Dates to remember:

Dec. 14th - Healing service at the altar immediately following mass
Dec. 18th - Visionaries study class at 2pm in conference room.
Dec 21st - Decorating of church for Christmas 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 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.**