

today



Christmas Giving Tree is Here!

Come visit the annual Christmas Giving Tree in the Parish Hall. This special tree is decorated with ornaments describing families' needs and wishes. Please consider taking an ornament and providing for someone's Christmas this year. Gifts should be wrapped and delivered to the Church Office by 5:00p Friday, December 18. For more information, contact **Jan Basher** at 347 7489.

Flower and Music Donations

There is an insert in your leaflet today for your use in honoring a friend or loved one with a donation for flowers or music during Advent. Simply fill out the form and take it to the Church Office or drop it in the collection plate. Note that donations received by December 16 will be shown in the Christmas Eve service leaflets. Later donations will be shown in the Voice for the next month.

Christian Education Tonight

Join us in the Parish Hall at 6:30p to hear Dr. Greg Garrett present an Advent series based on his new book, *We Get to Carry Each Other: The Gospel According to U2*. Speaking to U2's music and sacramental theology, Greg will teach us how the group's music illustrates Christian belief, provides a compelling example of faithful community, and how Bono and the band teach us about the importance of justice.

Participants need not have read the book (or know anything about U2); Greg will show up with guitar in hand to introduce us to their lives and work.

Congratulate our Newly Elected Vestry Members and Diocesan Council Delegates

Elected to the vestry are **Val Armstrong, Gay Erwin, Bill Gamel, Brannon Smith, and Eric Wright**. Those elected as Diocesan Council Delegates are **Connie Hudson and Mike McAllister**.

this week

Gift Bags, Cookies and Carols at North Loop Apartments



Join us for Cookies & Carols at North Loop Apartments Saturday, December 19 at 2:00p. North Loop Apartments are at 2300 West North Loop Boulevard. Good Shepherd is also building special Christmas gift bags for our North Loop friends. Candy and regular size toiletries such as shampoo, toothpaste, floss, toothbrushes, lotions and deodorant are needed for the bags. Simply bring your donations to the Church Office by December 16. Please contact **Kathy Phillips** at 342 8011, or **Bettie High** at 347 9563, for more information.

next week

EYC Christmas Party December 20

Don't miss the EYC white elephant Christmas Party next Sunday at 3:30p. We will have fun exchanging various gifts in turns. Please bring a wrapped gift that costs \$10 or less. It can be something another youth would want, would find funny, or something in between... just use your imagination. This exchange usually provides hilarious results. See you there!

advent worship

As sure and good as is the angel of the Lord's Christmas proclamation to the shepherds—"I bring you good news of great joy for all people"—so, too, is the hurt that many in our community feel during the Advent-Christmas seasons, real. Rather than reassurance, the gathering of family and friends during the holidays brings to bear the pain of a loved one's loss. During these days, absences can encumber the spirit of the faithful, making the most joyful occasions, somber.

At 7:00p, on the evening of December 21—the Winter Solstice and the longest night of the year—we will seek to honor the experience of the bereaved and to support one another in our grief with a quiet service of reflection. A table will be raised in the chancel, upon which pictures and mementos of loved ones who have died may be set. Piano and cello will accompany readings from scripture and the prayers offered for ourselves and for the hurt of the world that God seeks to heal.

Monday, December 21: Winter Solstice

7:00p Longest Night Liturgy: A meditative service, accompanied by piano and cello, seeking to support the bereaved during this season.

Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve

2:00p Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Children's Christmas Pageant: An interactive service with special opportunities for preschoolers. Every child will be provided a pair of animal ears, angel wings, or other costumes, in order that they may participate in the telling of the Christmas story.

4:30p Christmas Carol Sing: Join the Children's Choirs and sing familiar hymns of the season.

5:00p Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Children's Choirs

8:00p Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with the Good Shepherd Choir and Orchestra

10:30p Christmas Carol Sing: Join the Good Shepherd Choir and sing familiar hymns of the season.

11:00p Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with the Good Shepherd Choir and Orchestra

Friday, December 25: Christmas Day

10:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite II: The Feast of the Incarnation celebrated with music.

Sunday, December 27: I Christmas

In addition to the abbreviated service schedule, there will be no meals, classes, or other group meetings on Sunday, December 27.

7:30a Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00a Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist, Rite II

5:00p Koinonia Worship with Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Friday, January 1: Holy Name

10:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite II: The commemoration of Jesus' receiving of a name in the Temple, eight days after his birth. Prayers will also be offered in thanksgiving for year passed, and in hope for the arrival of the new year.

Sunday, January 3: II Christmas

During the Christmas season we will celebrate Holy Eucharist, praying Morning and Evening Prayers before the Holy Communion. This form of worship provides an opportunity to share in the richness of our Prayer Book tradition, as well as making room for more music to be shared during this season of celebration.

7:30a Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00a Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:10a Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist, Rite I

5:00p Koinonia Worship with Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Wednesday, January 6: Epiphany

6:00p Holy Eucharist, Rite II: The Christmas season concludes as we remember the visit of the Magi, led by the star of Bethlehem to the infant Jesus.

welcome

About the worship service

You will find information about our worship service on the front of the service leaflet (in which this insert is found).

Restrooms

Public restrooms are available in the Administration building and the East Parish Hall (see map below).

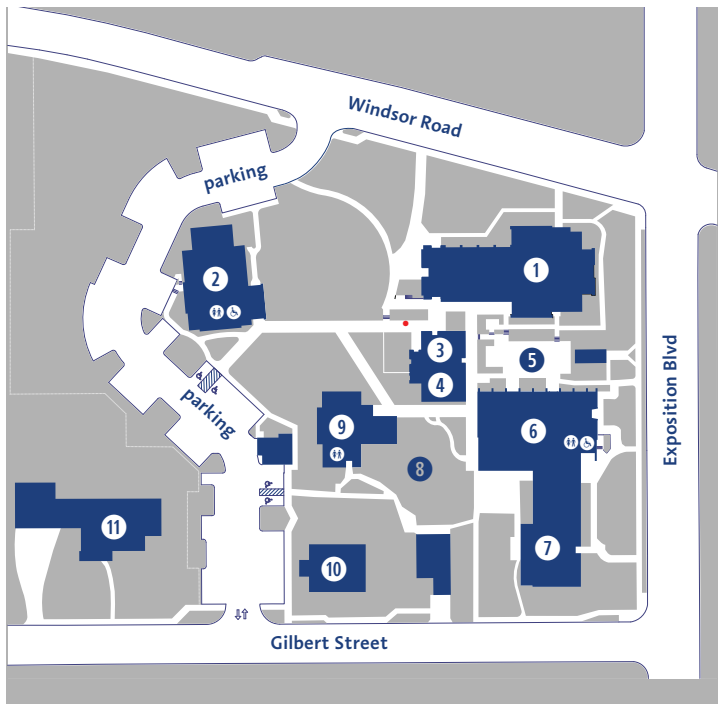
Parking

In addition to on-campus parking, space is available (Sunday mornings only) at Tarrytown Shopping Center across Windsor, and Wells Fargo Bank one block east on Windsor. If you park on a street, please be sure that you are not parked in a fire lane or blocking a driveway.

Children

Children are always welcome in our services. The Nursery is also available for children 2 months to 24 months from 9:30a to 12:30p. Preschoolers meet at 9:00 in the school. Sunday school for Kindergarten to 5th grade begins at 10:15a in Baxter Hall.

campusmap



- 1 Church
- 2 Admin
- 3 Brides' Room
- 4 Nursery
- 5 Garth
- 6 Parish Hall
- 7 School
- 8 Playground
- 9 Baxter Hall
- 10 Moffett House
- 11 Rectory

wepray

For healing grace and continued strength:

Bea, Auda, Mary Ann, Jim, Beth, Jack, Marie, Chloe, David, Frank, Paula, Rick, Velma, Kallie, Joe, Charles, Kristina, Bryan, Red, Lucas, Olivia, Don, Emory, Stan, Sarah, Suzanne, Lynette, Barbara, Floylee, Scoop, Kathy, Susan, Jeff, John, Michele, Bob, Kimber, Bill, Betty, Saxon, Reed, Doreen, Max, Phyllis, Linda, Gay, Karen, Jann, Jerry, Patty, Chris, Catherine, Taylor, Chuck, Stephnie, Marion, Ben, Brett, Ryan, Helen, Julie, Tom, Lauren, Andrea, and the Hays, Hicks, King, Heins, Farabee, Winslett, Overdorff, Kahler, Young, and Goode families;

For peace and rest for the dead,

Sarah Overdorff and Thomas Murphey, Jr.;

For health and comfort to the pregnant:

Kristen, Meredith, Amanda, Karen, Amy, Emily, Stefanie, Blanca, Carrie, and Carolyn;

For protection of those serving in our armed forces:

Karsten, Zach, Jackson, Paul, Jacob, Zachary, and Pedro.

*Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask:
Help us to ask only what accords with your will;
and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask,
grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

To make changes to the prayer list, please contact the Church Office, 476 3523.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND
IN CELEBRATION OF THE MARRIAGE OF
ELLEN OTIVIA CLEARY AND ROBERT WARNER CONNER.

today's highlights

9:00a: Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Clint Chaffin
6:30p Christian Education series continues:
The Gospel According to U2 with Greg Garrett.



thisweek

Sunday, December 13

- 7:30 a HOLY EUCHARIST I
- 8:30 a Community Café (WPH)
- 8:45 a Nursery open
- 9:00 a HOLY EUCHARIST II
with Thanksgiving for the
Ministry of Clint Chaffin
Pre-School Sunday School (EB)
Children's Chapel (EPH)
- 10:00 a Parish Breakfast (PH)
- 10:15 a K-12 Sunday School
- 11:10 a Jr. Choir (CR)
- 11:10 a HOLY EUCHARIST I
- 3:30 p Jr. High EYC (MH)
- 4:00p Evensong Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 p Choral Evensong (CH)
- 6:00 p Community Supper (PH)
- 6:30 p Adult Christian Ed (PH)
The Gospel According to U2 with
Greg Garrett
Youth/Children's Events (BH)
Sr. High EYC (MH)

- 6:45 p Evensong Choir Reh (CR, CH)
- 7:30 p GS Choir Reh (CR, CH)

Thursday, December 17

- 7:30 a Yoga (CR)
- 8:30 a Yoga (CR)
- 10:00 a Thurs Morn Women's Bible Study
'Watch for the Light' (CR)
- 5:30 p Contemplative Eucharist (CH)
- 6:30 p EFM (CO)

Friday, December 18

- 10:00 a Prayer Shawl Ministry (CO)
- 1:00 p Staff Christmas Party
- 3:00 p Church Office closes
- 5:30 p Tamale Supper & Christmas Lights
Tour (PH)

Saturday, December 19

- 9:00 a Altar Guild
- 10:30 a Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
- 2:00 p Cookies & Carols event at North Loop
Apartments

Sunday, December 20

- 7:30 a HOLY EUCHARIST I
- 8:30 a Community Café (WPH)
- 8:45 a Nursery open
- 9:00 a HOLY EUCHARIST II
Pre-School Sunday School (EB)
Children's Chapel (EPH)
- 10:00 a Parish Breakfast (PH)
- 10:15 a K-5 Sunday School
- 11:10 a Jr. Choir (CR)
- 11:10 a HOLY EUCHARIST I
- 3:30 p EYC Christmas Party (MH)
- 5:00 p Koinonia Worship (CH)
- 6:00 p Community Supper (PH)
- 6:30 p Adult Christian Ed (PH)
The Gospel According to U2 with
Greg Garrett
Youth/Children's Events (BH)

Monday, December 14

- 9:00 a Children's Ministry Mtg (CO)
- 9:30 a Safeguarding God's Children (PH)
- 6:30 p Men's Bible & Brew (PH)

Tuesday, December 15

- 7:30 a Yoga (MH)
- 8:30 a Yoga (MH)
- 10:30 a Staff Meeting (CO)
- 12:15 p HOLY EUCHARIST II
- 3:15 p Clergy Prog & Prayer Mtg (RO)
- 4:30 p Primary Choir (CR)

Wednesday, December 16

- 7:00 a Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (PH)
- 11:00 a Women's Prayer Group (BR)
- 12:15 p Contemplative Prayer
- 1:30 p TAEHS Bible Study (CO)
- 5:00 p Deadline for Christmas Music and
Flower Donations
- 5:30 p Healing Eucharist