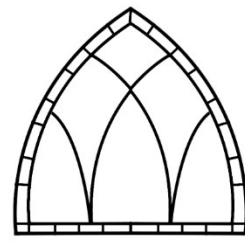


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
OF THE REDEEMER  
Shelby, NC



## **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Holy Eucharist**

**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**



# HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II AT 9:30 A.M.

*All stand as they are able.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*Comfort, comfort ye my people*

*Psalm 42*  
*Hymnal 67*

## OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

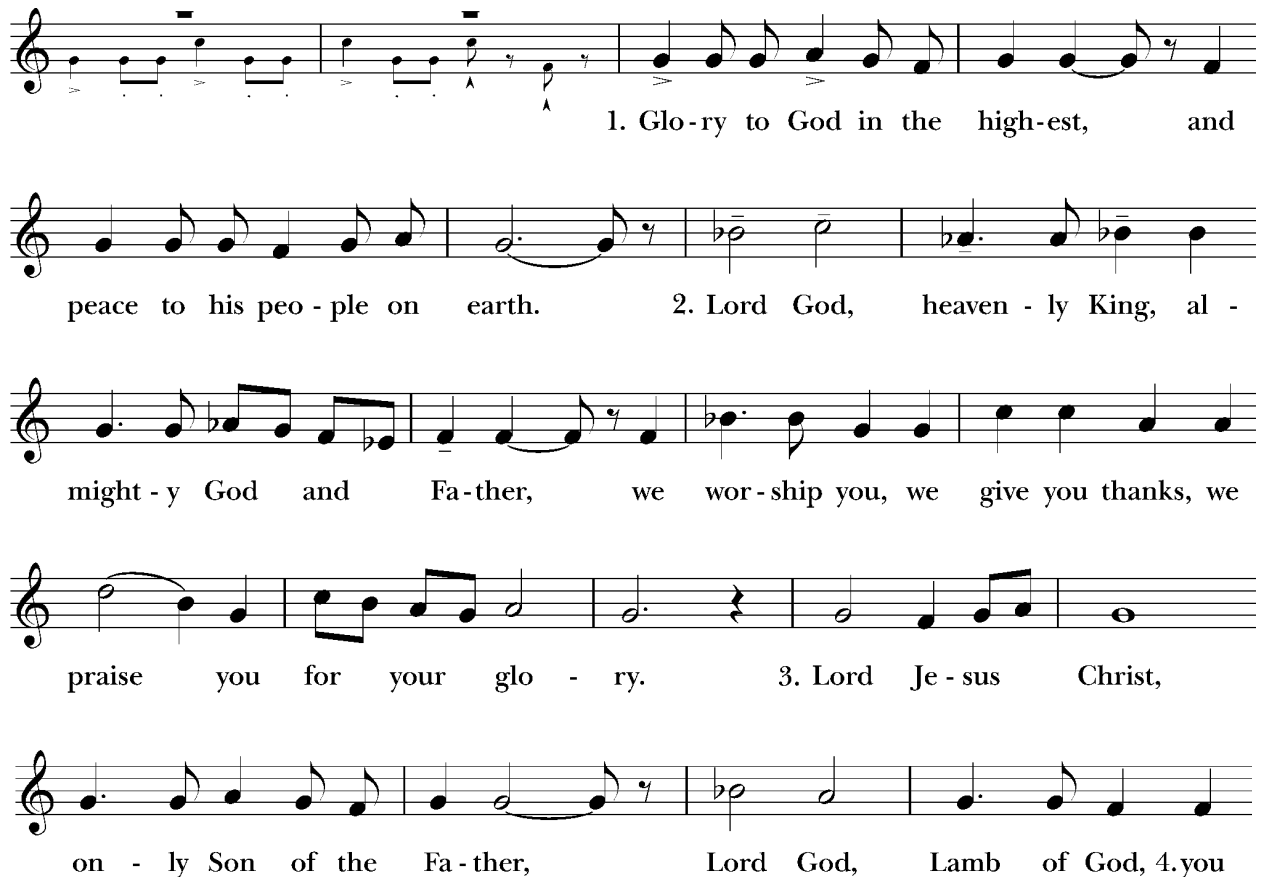
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Glory to God*

*(Canticle 20) (Mathias)*  
*Hymnal S 278*

*The following is sung, all standing*



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 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.*

# The Lessons

## FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;

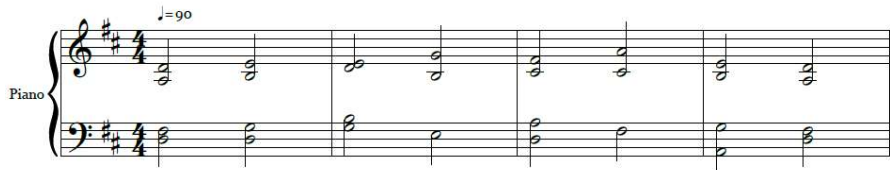
<sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7

*Remain seated.*



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

<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and  
Man-| **asseh**, \*  
stir up your strength and come to | **help us**.

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God of | **hosts**; \*  
how the light of your countenance, and we shall  
be | **saved**.

<sup>4</sup>O LORD God of | **hosts**, \*

how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your | **people**?

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of | **tears**; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to | **drink**.

<sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision of our |  
**neighbors**, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to | **scorn**.

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of | **hosts**; \*  
*show the light of your countenance, and we  
shall be | saved.*

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

<sup>5</sup>When Christ came into the world, he said,  
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;  
<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**  
*All stand.*

*Rejoice! rejoice, believers (Llangloffan)*

Hymnal 68

**GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]**  
*All stand.*

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

[ <sup>46</sup>And Mary said,  
“My soul magnifies the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
<sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
<sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;  
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
<sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
 and lifted up the lowly;  
<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,  
 and sent the rich away empty.  
<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
 in remembrance of his mercy,  
<sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”]

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

*The Rev. Pam Bright*

**THE CREED (BCP p. 358)**

*All stand as they are able.*

**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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (ADVENT)**

*All remain standing or kneel. The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Emmanuel, with joy and expectation we offer our prayers to you saying:

O God who is with us, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for the church, for its members and its mission, that we may become more and more a means of grace and peace in the world. (Intercessions)

O God who is with us, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for this nation and for all the nations of the world, and for political leaders everywhere, that they will have wisdom to choose what serves the common good. (Intercessions)

O God who is with us, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for this community, for our friends and neighbors, for those with whom we live and study and work and play. Guide and strengthen us in our common life that we may serve one another with love and grace. (Intercessions)

O God who is with us, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for our world, that we may be faithful guardians and stewards of the gifts of your creation, and use its bounty with wisdom for the good of all. (Intercessions)

O God who is with us, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for the sick, the aged and the lonely, for all those who have asked for our prayers, especially...

O God who is with us, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who have died in the peace of Christ, [especially...N.] and for all the departed.

O God who is with us, *hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Make ready our hearts for your coming, O Lord, and receive our prayers in the name of the one who comes, our Savior Jesus Christ.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**



**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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.**

**THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

*The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*There's Something About That Name*

(LEVAS 107)

Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus! There's just some - thing — a - bout that  
name! — Mas - ter, Sav - ior, Je - sus! Like the fra - grance  
af - ter the rain. — Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus! Let all  
heav - en — and earth pro - claim: — Kings and king - doms will  
all pass a - way, but there's some - thing a - bout that name! —

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

## PRESENTATION HYMN

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

Hymnal 380 v 3

*The People remain standing as they 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.**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

BCP p. 367

*Celebrant and People*

**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 People remain standing or kneel as able.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 p. 363)**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

# The Breaking of the Bread

## **FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## **INVITATION (BCP p. 364)**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to God's Table. If you wish to receive communion please come forward to the altar rail on either side. You may consume the wafer and sip from the larger chalice, or you may intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine from the smaller chalice before you consume it. It is perfectly OK to consume only bread if that is your preference. If you do not wish to consume the bread and wine, but would like to receive a blessing please come to the altar rail and cross your arms across your chest. Please use the hand sanitizer that is available up front or in your pew prior to coming to the altar rail. This will reduce the transmission of illness, and protect those in our parish who are vulnerable. Thank you!*

## **DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.  
The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

## **BLESSING (BCP p. 366)**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*Blest be the King whose coming*

Hymnal 74

## **DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

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**Altar Guild** Donna Logan, Sandy Smith

The Altar Guild will again have Poinsettias available for the altar on Christmas Eve. The cost will be \$10.00. There is a link in the email newsletter for the forms and there will also be forms in the Narthex.

## **Advent Christian Formation**

**Advent Study: Church in Waiting** See Ginger for a book  
**1st session: Sunday, Dec. 1** Be Enriched and Strengthened  
**2nd session: Sunday, Dec. 8** Wait Patiently  
**3rd session: Sunday, Dec. 15** Repent and Prepare the Way of the Lord  
**4th session: Sunday, Dec. 22** Glorify God Through Jesus Christ

## **Weekly Events**

### **Sunday 12/22**

**7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Coffee & Conversation with Anita (Anita's office)  
**9:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Advent 4  
Coffee Hour following Eucharist (Narthex)  
**11:00 a.m.** Adult Formation (Parish Hall)  
**5:00 p.m.** Longest Night of the Year Service (Chapel)

### **Monday 12/23**

**5:30 p.m.** Contemplative Prayer Service (Chapel)

### **Tuesday 12/24**

Morning Prayer will resume in January  
**10:30 a.m.** Food Pantry box assembly  
**4:30 p.m.** Christmas Carols  
**5:00 p.m.** Festive Christmas Eucharist & Candle Lighting – Cookies and hot chocolate after service in the Narthex. Family and friends welcome!  
**10:00 p.m.** Music Prelude  
**10:30 p.m.** Festive Christmas Eucharist & Candle Lighting

### **Wednesday 12/25**

**9:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist in Chapel followed by Coffee and Cookies in the Connector Hallway  
**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Shepherd's Table food distribution and Food Pantry box distribution

### **Thursday 12/26**

**5:30 p.m.** Holy Eucharist & Healing Service (Chapel)  
Compline on Zoom will resume in January

## Christmas Services

### Christmas Eve (December 24<sup>th</sup>)

*All services are held in the main sanctuary and streamed live online*

**4:30 p.m.** Christmas Carols

**5:00 p.m.** Festive Christmas Eucharist & Candle Lighting – Cookies and hot chocolate after service in the Narthex. Family and friends welcome!

**10:00 p.m.** Music Prelude

**10:30 p.m.** Festive Christmas Eucharist & Candle Lighting

### Christmas Day (December 25<sup>th</sup>)

**9:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist in Chapel followed by Coffee and Cookies in the Connector Hallway

### First Sunday After Christmas (December 29<sup>th</sup>)

**7:30 - 9:00 a.m.** Coffee & Conversation with Anita in her office

**9:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee Hour in Narthex

No Formation this Sunday!

### New Years Eve (December 31<sup>st</sup>)

**6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Moveable Feast in the Small Parish Hall. **Please RSVP to [RevAnita@redeemershelby.com](mailto:RevAnita@redeemershelby.com) by Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>!** Please bring a side, salad or dessert to share. Main entree will be provided! *A Moveable Feast is a gathering of friends for food, fellowship and Eucharist around the table.*

### New Years Day (January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025)

**12:30 p.m.** New Year's Day Eucharist in Chapel

## Shepherd 's Table/Food Pantry

### Numbers for December 11

125 lunches served plus 40 for boys and girls' club

187 boxes distributed

The Shepherd's Table and Food box Distribution will be held on Christmas Day as it is our usual day. We will be giving out lunches as usual and will also give the food boxes at the end of lunch instead of 4-6 p.m. We will most likely not have all of our usual volunteers; we would love to have anyone who is available after the Christmas Day service join us to help. Thank you to all those who are willing and able. If you have any questions, please see Deacon Pam

### Prayer List



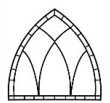
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