

# SAINT ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Middletown, Delaware



*Healing Sunday*  
*The Second Sunday of Advent*  
Sunday December 9, 2018  
9:30 AM

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# Prelude

At the sound of the bell, please stand as you are able.

# Hymn



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

*Refrain*  
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

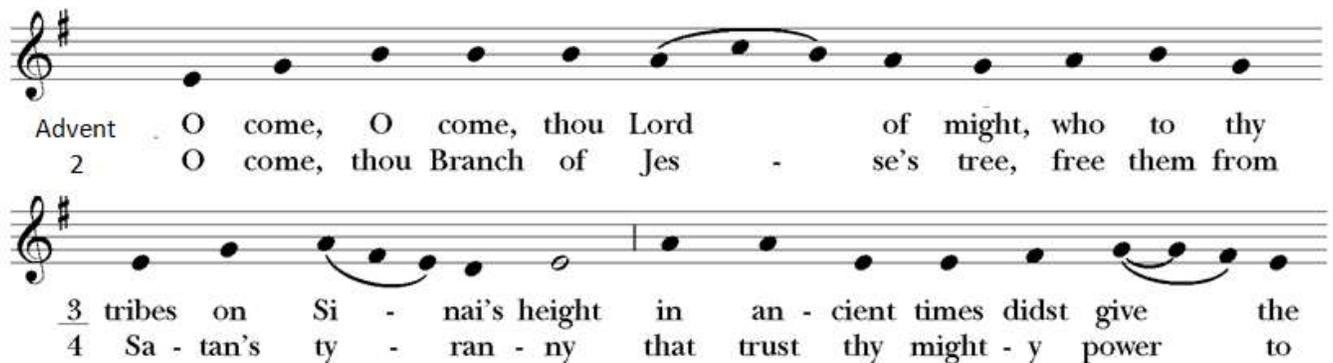
*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*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.

*People* Amen.

# Gloria



Advent O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 2 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 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

3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

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.

*People* Amen.

*Please be seated*

### The First Lesson

*Baruch 5:1-9*

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Read by the Lector

## Canticle 16

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Said altogether*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Second Lesson

*Philippians 1:3-11*

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able and turn to face the Gospel Book as it is processed down the aisle.

# The Gradual Hymn

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1. While we are wait - ing, come;  
2. With pow'r and glo - ry, come;  
3. Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

While we are wait - ing, come.  
With pow'r and glo - ry, come.  
Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

While we are wait - ing, come.

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## The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Please be seated*

## The Sermon

Celeste Cox

*Please stand as you are able. Said all together.*

## 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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**

*The petitioners gather at the top of the stairs at the end of the Creed.*

*When the petitioner says, "Let us pray to the Lord," the people respond, "Lord, have mercy."*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

*People      Amen.*

### **The Peace**

*The Celebrant says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People      And also with you.*

*The ministers and people greet each other in the name of the Lord.*

*Please be seated.*

**The Offertory** *Celebrant says an Offertory Sentence. During the Anthem, the ushers collect the gifts of the people.*

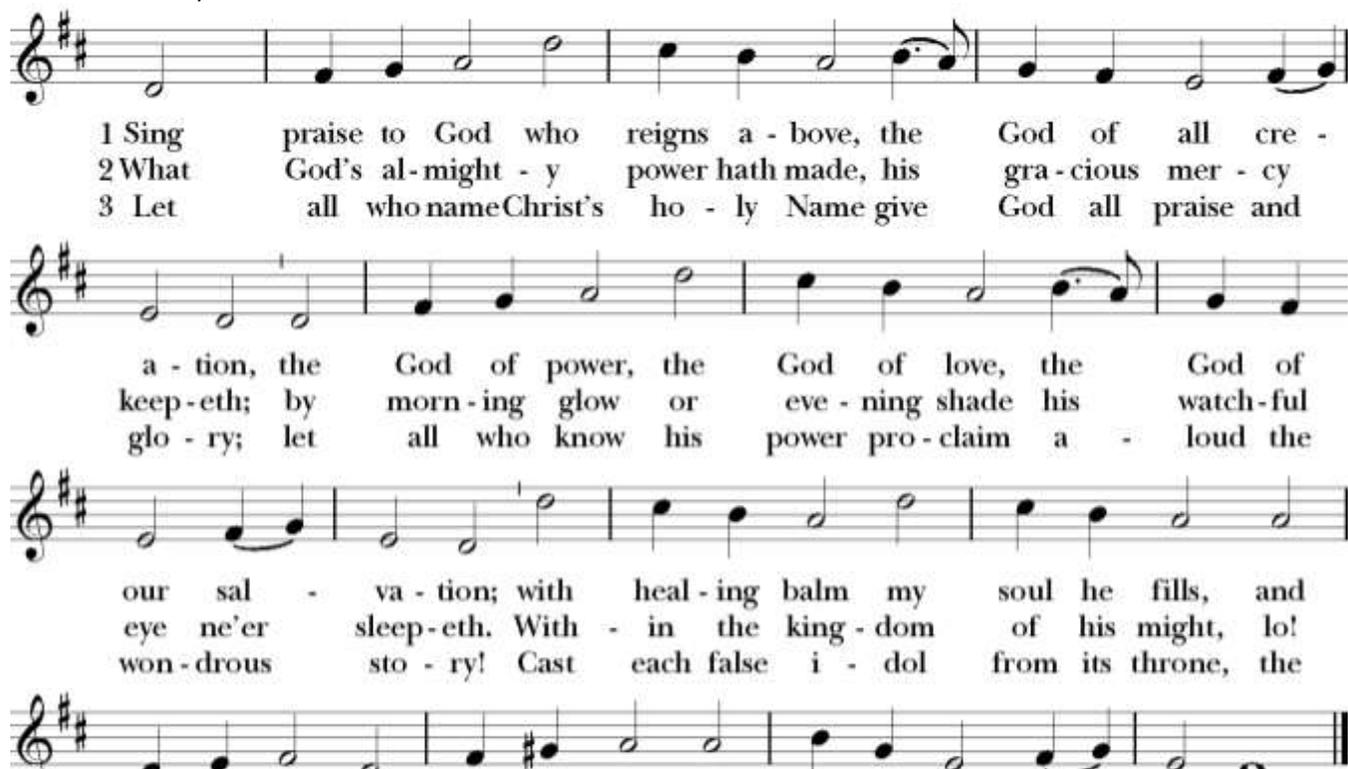
### **Offertory Anthem**

*Saint Anne's Choir*

Please stand as you are able. The ushers process the gifts of the people to the altar.

## Presentation Hymn

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1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy  
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and  
a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful  
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the  
our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and  
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!  
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the  
ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

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Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)

## The Holy Communion

*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 God thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

It is truly right and just, our duty and salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; For he assumed at his birth the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which we dare to hope. Therefore, joining our voices with Angels, Saints, and all the company of heaven, we praise you and proclaim your glory as we sing,

Sung altogether

## Sanctus

S114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). Reprinted under CCLI 11411601. The Hymnal 1982

*The Celebrant continues*

You are Holy, O Lord, and we praise you, especially for your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Word through whom all things were made. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, he fulfilled your gracious will. By his life, death, and resurrection, he broke the bonds of sin and death and raised to new and eternal life all who believe in his name.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and, giving you thanks, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine and, giving you thanks, gave it to his disciples saying, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the cup of my blood, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*Said altogether*

*We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Now, remembering Christ's passion, resurrection, and ascension and awaiting his coming again in glory, we offer you this holy and living sacrifice by which you reconcile the world to yourself. With your Holy Spirit, sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we, nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with your Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

Remember, O Lord, your Church—holy, catholic, and apostolic—spread throughout the world, and accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer to you. Have mercy on us, we pray, that with the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and with the Apostles, Martyrs, and Saints, we may inherit eternal life and glorify you for ever in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

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

*Said altogether*

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 Celebrant elevates and breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant elevates the consecrated gifts, saying*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Sung altogether*

**Agnus Dei**

S158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that  
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, grant us thy peace.

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*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving Holy Communion, please come forward to one of the priests.  
 Gluten-free wafers are available on request.*

*This morning, as you come forward for Holy Communion, you may choose to receive a personal prayer for healing. Our priests will stand at the bottom of the stairs. Come forward and, if you desire a healing prayer, walk forward to one of the priests. If someone is already praying with the priest, please wait a few feet away to ensure confidentiality. Once you have prayed with the priest, get back in line to receive the Bread and Cup. For those who choose not to receive a healing prayer, please proceed forward to receive Holy Communion. The Bread will be distributed next to the Cup at both sides of the sanctuary. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving Holy Communion, please come forward to one of the priests.*

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Said altogether*

Almighty God, we thank you for nourishing us with the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, through which you reconcile us to yourself and unite us one to another. Grant us your peace, O Lord, as we wait with lighted lamps to meet your beloved Son when he comes in glory. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

*The Celebrant says*

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you for ever.

*People* Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### **Announcements**

Please stand as you are able.

## Hymn

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1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, warn - ing us of right and  
2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; tell the news that Christ is  
3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— those re - pent - ing are for -  
4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has come to share our



wrong, turn - ing us from sin and sad - ness  
here; make a path - way through the des - ert  
given; God re - ceives his way - ward child - ren,  
life, bring - ing God's own love and pow - er,



till once more we sing the song.  
for the one who brings God near. Sound the trum - pet!  
and to them new life is given.  
grant - ing vic - tory in our strife.



Tell the mes - sage! Christ, the Sa - vior King, has come!

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## The Dismissal

*The Celebrant says the dismissal.*

People Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Please join us in the Great Hall for refreshments and fellowship  
followed by Sunday School and Adult Enrichment.*

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*WELCOME TO SAINT ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH*

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*If you are visiting, please complete the yellow card found in the pew and place it in the collection plate or hand it to an usher. Thank you.*

**Parish Prayers** - We pray for Marilyn Cerniglia, William Cosans, Cheryl Harris, Bob Morgan, and Alan White. We pray for Ellie Flick and Angela Trejo who have died.

**In the Episcopal Church in Delaware**, we pray for Saint Anne's and Saint Andrew's Schools and for the Episcopal Parish of All Saints Church, Rehoboth Beach & Saint George's Chapel, Harbeson.

**In the Anglican Communion**, we pray for the Church in the Falkland Islands.

**2019 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN** - If you have not yet pledged, please complete a 2019 Pledge Card and return it to the Church Office or place it in the Sunday collection. Pledges of all amounts are welcome, and all pledges are kept strictly confidential. Thank you for your support.

**CHRISTMAS AT SAINT ANNE'S CHURCH**

**DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> - Christmas Eve in the Sanctuary at the Town Church**

2:00 PM Christmas Eve for Families with Young Children

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

10:00 PM Midnight Mass

**DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> - Christmas Day at Old Saint Anne's Church**

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II with Christmas Carols

**Bohner Family Christmas Party** - Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 PM - 6 Sands Court, Middletown. Russ, Diane, Isabelle, and Michael are hosting a Christmas open house and everyone of all ages in the congregation is invited to come by and enjoy good cheer, good friends, and Christmas deliciousness.

**Service for the Long Night** - Tuesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - 6:00PM in the Chapel. As we approach the longest night of the year, we recognize that Christmas may be a difficult season for many people who have experienced loss and for whom this is a season of grief. The Service For The Long Night is an opportunity to gather together to pray, to hear Holy Scripture, and to open our hearts to the receive the healing grace of God's Holy Spirit. Everyone is welcome.

**"Toddy 2" Saint Anne's Christmas Shoppe is open!** Do you have extra Christmas decorations collecting dust that you would like to give to a new home? Drop them off at Church for the new Shoppe! People may take home from the donated decorations through Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, or until they're gone. A freewill offering will go to support the Middletown Diaper Distribution.

**Saint Anne's Women's Group Gift Drive** - Wrapped gifts, with the tag on the front of the gifts, are due today. Questions? contact Ginny Wingate at [gwingate4@gmail.com](mailto:gwingate4@gmail.com) or 540-2890.

**Saint Anne's Women's Group Christmas Luncheon** - All women of Saint Anne's Church are invited to a luncheon on Friday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1 PM at the Metro Pub Restaurant in Middletown. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to Betty Sorrell: 824-1704 or [vignole1@gmail.com](mailto:vignole1@gmail.com).

**Worship Participants for Today - 8:00AM** Readers: Lou Pederson & Nancy Florian.

**9:30AM** Readers: Peter Hall, Suzanne Stein & Tim Quackenbush.

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Norfleet, Diane Dudderar, Randy Shackelford & Patti Smith.

Ushers: Martin Bradshaw & Randy Shackelford.

Altar Guild: Ginny Wingate, Ellen Jennings & Lesley Sparks.

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#### Activities at Saint Anne's Church

<b>Sun</b>	2:00PM	Broadmeadow Service-500 S Broad St, Middletown
	6:00PM	Youth Group 7th & 8th-Youth Room
	7:00PM	Youth Group High School-Youth Room
<b>Mon</b>	5:30PM	Pack food for distribution-Classroom
<b>Tues</b>	5:30PM	Food distribution
	6:00PM	Centering Prayer-Chapel
	8:00PM	AA Meeting-Great Hall
<b>Wed</b>	12:10PM	A Service for Healing-Chapel
	6:00PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
	7:00PM	Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
<b>Thurs</b>	7:30AM	Holy Eucharist-Chapel
	8:00AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study-Great Hall
<b>Fri</b>	1:00PM	Women's Group Luncheon-Metro Pub Restaurant
<b>Sat</b>	4:00-7:00PM	Bohner Family Christmas Party-6 Sands Court, Middletown
<b>Sun</b>	8:45AM	Choir Rehearsal-Music Room



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