

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

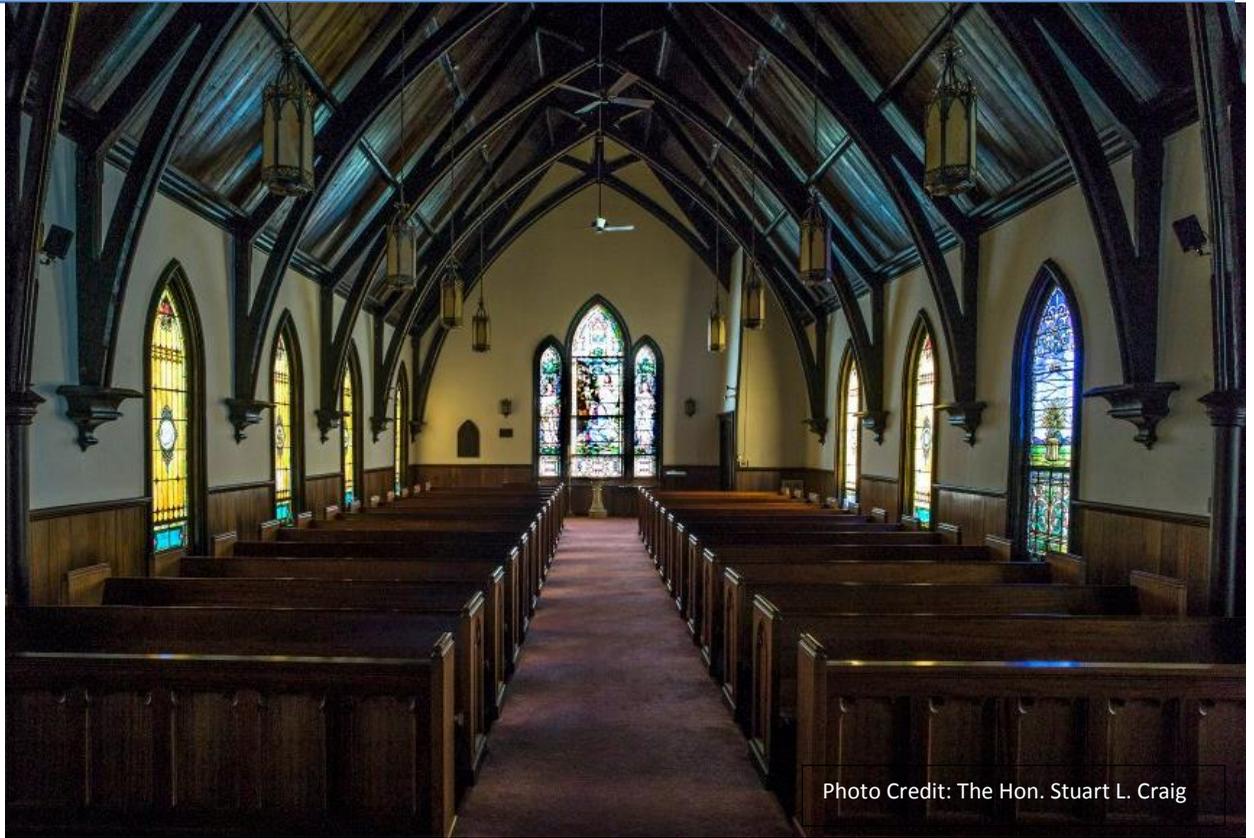


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5 January 2014

11 A.M. Mass and Annual Meeting

Today is the Annual Meeting in the context of the eucharist, a growing practice in The Episcopal Church to make explicit the connection between worship and all of our life together as the People of God. This Sunday is also the ingathering for 2014 pledges and regular giving. Forms and envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Prelude

THE GREAT COMMISSION

And Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Mt 28.19-20).

Lord, you give the great commission

1. Lord, you give the great commission:
Heal the sick and preach the Word."
Lest the church neglect its mission
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
***with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.***
2. Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise
life abundant meant for each
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community;
***with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.***

Tune Abbot's Leigh (cf. Hymnal 523)

3. Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society;
***with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.***
4. Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
***with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.***

Acclamation

BCP 355

Collect for Purity

Glory to God in the highest

Hymnal S 280

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting Father, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us for ever: Bless, we pray, with his grace and presence, the people here assembled in your Name, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of him who loved it and gave himself for it, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

I. Call Meeting to Order, establish quorum, appoint secretary & tellers.

II. Minutes from Annual Meeting 2012.

Summary. 9 December 2012. Meeting opened with prayer. Quorum established. Beth Coles and Vic Millner thanked as they were completing their vestry terms. Richard Camp, John Geyer, and Charles Williams nominated for vestry. Motion made, seconded, and affirmed by majority present that vestry be expanded from 6 to 9 members over 3-year period. All three nominees were then elected by acclamation. John Geyer, treasurer, presented the financial report. Adjourned with prayer.

- III. Written reports are placed in this Bulletin. Question-and-answer period with priest and vestry after lunch in the parish hall.**
- IV. Nominations for Vestry. (Three highest vote-getters will be elected.)**

Vote after the peace. Highest three elected. Tie broken by lot (see Acts 12.1 ff.)

You can vote at the annual meeting if each of these statements is true:

1. *You are 16 and above.*
2. *You consider yourself as belonging here at Emmanuel.*
3. *You regularly worship God here.*
4. *You support the mission and ministry of this church with your money & time.*

A Reading from Jeremiah.

31.7-14

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

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

Psalm 84:1-8 *Quam dilecta!*

1

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

3

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

4

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6

They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8

Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

1.3-6, 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People (Birthdays: Sally Ford)

Form III, BCP 387

The Peace

V. First vote. Vote for three (3) candidates.

VI. Ingathering of pledges & commitment to regular giving.

Take my life, and let it be

Hymnal 707

VII. The celebrant adds prayer of thanksgiving for all commitments.

VIII. Election results are announced.

Offertory Sentence, Choir Anthem, and Doxology

The Eucharistic Prayer as announced

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy ***Hymnal S 130***

The Lord's Prayer and the Fraction BCP 364

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

The Invitation BCP 364

I am the bread of life ***Hymnal 335***

The Postcommunion Prayer as announced

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, now fill us with his joy and peace; and may God's blessing be with us and remain with us forever. **Amen.**

Blessing of Food. *No Dismissal is given at this time.*

We three kings of Orient are! ***Hymnal 128***

Postlude

IX. Lunch.

X. Financial Report and Open Discussion with the priest and vestry.

XI. Adjournment with a prayer and dismissal.

REVIEW AND REPORTS FOR MINISTRIES

Acolytes

Our acolytes include Emily, Samantha, John Luke, Delanie, Patrick, and Mary Grace.

Altar Guild

A behind-the-scenes ministry that facilitates our worship services. Members include Ruth Jones, Lisa Mullis, Janice Chaney, Beth Coles, Martha Scearce, Martha Jane Rush, Mary Hicks Heitzler, Kathy Nelson, Betty Camp, Virginia Chapin, and others from time to time.

Animal Welfare

This group using our parish hall helps rescue and re-home domestic, companion animals.

Benevolent Fund

Fund helps people in our church and community with various needs. Donations welcomed.

Bilingual Ministry

Spanish/English Mass booklets and Spanish lectionary readings are provided.

Bishop Light Fund

Gift of Bishop Heath Light: proceeds were split this year between Oak Grove & area food bank.

Bulletin Boards

Mary Catherine Plaster and Susan Paynter keep boards fresh and current.

Chatham Concert Series

Emmanuel hosts the Chatham Concert Series, with six concerts in 2013. Performances by classical musicians who have played some of the world's greatest concert halls. A "young artist" is also invited to perform. Concerts in 2014 are planned for January, February, and March.

Chatham First

This civic organization supports the economic, social, and cultural life in Chatham.

Chatham Garden Club

The Garden Club spotlights the most beautiful gardens, homes, and landmarks of the area.

Christmas and other Seasonal Decorations

Many come together at different times of the year to put up seasonal decorations.

Communications

In addition to maintaining the website, Wayne Wilson again produced first-class newsletters before handing this on to Susan Paynter and Fr. Heying. Janice Chaney operated a successful phone tree. Weekly bulletins and minister assignments are emailed to the church.

Counters

A new ministry where two people count the collection and prepare the deposit, facilitating transparency and accountability. Those serving include Betty Camp, Beth Coles, Kathy Nelson, Cy Kramer, Susan Paynter, Eric Roberts, and Sharon Taylor.

Ecumenical Ministry and Engagement

From Ash Wednesday to the community Thanksgiving service, we were enriched by shared worship with other community churches, with Emmanuel hosting Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, All Saints, and the Community Thanksgiving services.

Emmanuel Episcopal Churchwomen

Mary Catherine provides Halloween treats at Chatham Hall day students and daughters of Episcopal clergy. The ladies provide as needed receptions through the year.

Eucharistic Ministers

Dave Counts, Len Rogers, Michael Rose, Bill Simpson, Charles Williams, and Mary Grace Heying have served as licensed eucharistic ministers or “subdeacons.” They help administer the sacrament and step in and do any part of the liturgy that may be needed.

Finance. *Additional reports available after lunch. Note that the EOY **preliminary** report indicates that when capital expenses are drawn from capital account, 2013 ends in the black. This would not have been possible without the sacrifices of each and every one of you!*
Thank you very much!

Greening of Church

Around the Fourth Sunday of Advent the church is decorated for Christmas!

Hospitality Hour

So many have helped with coffee hour, ranging from heavy lunches to lighter fare. Charles Williams and Michael Rose provided a spectacular Mother’s Day brunch. Charles and Janice Chaney, the hospitality committee, successfully introduced the observance of the month’s birthdays and anniversaries on the last Sunday of each month.

Intercessors

The prayers of the people have been led by these intercessors: Kathy Nelson, Linda Kauffelt, Betty Camp, Mary Grace Heying, Susan Paynter, Michael Rose, and Bill Simpson.

Music

Sally Ford, our organist, leads the choir in weekly anthems and otherwise supports the liturgy through singing. Our choir includes Beth Coles, Sharon Taylor, Harriett Clark, and Rosemary Nichols. We are thankful for those who join in on special occasions.

Oak Grove

An assisted-living facility, Oak Grove has residents with significant many needs. Sharon Taylor organizes monthly parties where Ron Irby and others play music. Serving on the board, Betty Camp sets up an angel tree for Christmas presents for the residents.

Pastor's Forum

This lively 10 a.m. Sunday gathering in the Parish Hall covered a variety of topics such as outreach, liturgy, and currently bible study, focusing on Sunday's gospel lesson.

P.E.O.

Meeting here monthly, this society provides scholarships, gants, awards, and loans for women.

Picnic

Some 55 of us gathered on a hot June Sunday for worship and fellowship at the Simpson home.

Priest

12.8.2013		12.31.2012
1	Confirmations under 16	0
6	Confirmations over 16	0
3	Received by a Bishop	0
1	Baptisms under 16	1
2	Baptisms over 16	1
1	Marriages	1
2	Funerals	2
52	Sunday Eucharists	34
2	Sunday Offices	18
8	Weekday Masses	2
5	Private Eucharists	0
114	Easter Attendance	53
47	Average Sunday Attendance	37

Readers

We are thankful for those who carefully prepare for and exercise this ministry: Betty Camp, Beth Coles, Kathy Nelson, John Geyer, John Luke Heying, Linda Kauffelt, Susan Paynter, Len Rogers, Michael Rose, Bill Simpson, Mary Grace Heying, and Charles Williams.

Ushers and Greeters

Ushers are often the first friendly hand of welcome. We are blessed with the following who serve regularly: Langhorne Jones, Richard Camp, Walter Coles, Joe Hasankulizade, and G.B. Thompson. And we are thankful that others have stepped up and served when needed.

Vestry

The vestry meets regularly and for special occasions to strengthen this church for ministry and mission, together with the priest-in-charge.

Class of 2013: **Janice Chaney.**

Class of 2014: **Walter Coles and Bill Simpson.**

Class of 2015: **Richard Camp, John Geyer, and Charles Williams.**

Officers: **Mike Kauffelt**, treasurer, and **Sharon Taylor**, register.

A huge **thank you** to each of these persons.

And **thank you to each person** who stood for election to the vestry this year.

Volunteers

All but three of us are volunteers and the gift of **your** time makes a huge difference in our common life. In addition to our **vestry members** and **officers**, these three persons deserve a special thank you. Weekly **Langhorne Jones** is at church quietly fixing things that need fixing and always keeping oil in our lamps. **John Chaney** asked for a way to use his gifts on behalf of the church and now weekly administers a program that records deposits and track donations, providing significant help to our treasurer and finance committee. **Susan Paynter**, in addition to her writing, weekly organizes and encourages us in our several ministries. **Thank you to these and all volunteers. Thank you to you!**

Wardens' Report

The following improvements were made: carpet cleaned, undercroft leak fixed and sealed, supports under church reinforced, bat control contract reinstated, partially dead tree was removed, kneelers and book racks fixed or replaced, lights in the church changed, stained glass fixed, and minor water issues addressed. Louella was hired as sexton and the church is sparkling clean.

Windows and Other Memorials

Through the financial commitment of several members who have chosen to make memorial gifts, we received in excess of \$30K to make repairs and fund ministry. Ask Fr. Heying or a vestry member how you can participate in this special offering above your pledge!

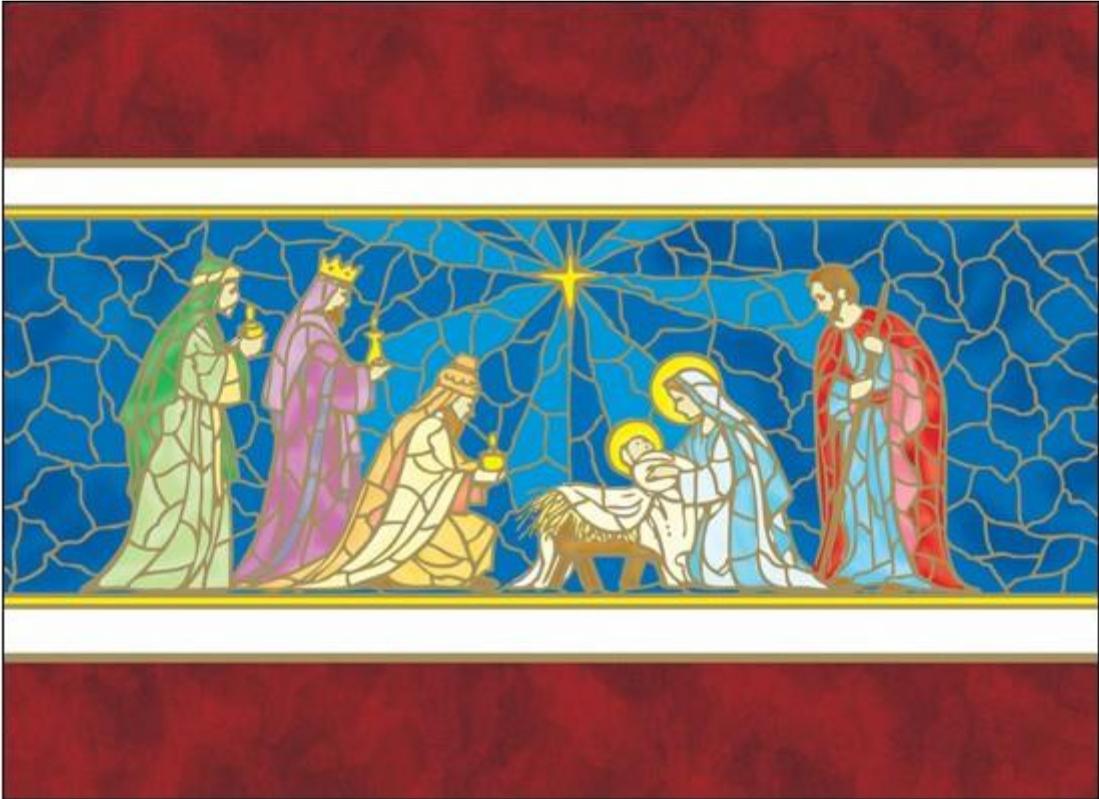
Yoga Class

Thursday morning gentle yoga classes continue in the parish hall. Parishioners and others are enjoying the physical, mental, and emotional benefits of this regular yoga practice, led by returned Pittsylvania County native Angie Gregory. For more information see Susan Paynter.

Ministers of the Mass

Subdeacons: Mary Grace, Charles
Readers: Beth, John G
Prayers: Betty
Ushers: Richard, Joseph

Counters: Martha Jane, Kathy
Altar: Rosemary, Beth
Coffee Hour: Potluck/Chicken



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