



ALL SAINTS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA | AUSTIN

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30AM

ST. GABRIEL'S SCHOOL
2500 WIMBERLY LANE, AUSTIN, TX 78735

5:00PM

PARK HILLS CHURCH
900 S. MOPAC EXPRESSWAY, AUSTIN, TX 78746

ALL SAINTS IS A COMMUNITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE
CALLED TO LIVE AS THE BODY OF CHRIST
IN AUSTIN FOR THE WORLD
THROUGH WORSHIP,
SPIRITUAL FORMATION
AND SERVICE.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"And Mary said, 'Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.'"

-Luke 1:38

"It is the total gift of oneself to the beloved that is the ideal of love, of human love in this life, and that is only a faint image of the total self-giving which is the Love of God. For ever in the Holy Trinity, the Father gives Himself to the Son and the Son to the Father in a torrent of love which is the Holy Ghost. The whole perfect Being of God passes eternally from one to another and returns in an unending dance of love - the perfect love of the perfect lover for the perfectly beloved, perfectly achieved and perfectly returned for ever. That is the life of God Himself in the eternal abyss of His own Being. It is love and it is joy, illimitable joy. Self-sacrifice in this world and the joy of God's own being are one and the same thing seen from different worlds."

-Gregory Dix, *God's Way With Man*

DECEMBER 21, 2014



CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Our King and Savior now draws near!

People: *Come let us adore him! Alleluia!*

Minister: My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

People: *for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.*

Minister: And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;

People: *He, who is God's Son, is born as Mary's Child and given to us.*

Minister: Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.
And we are gathered together in his name, God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*

(from Luke 1)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

"THE PRIMARY REASON FOR LIGHTING ONE CANDLE THE FIRST SUNDAY, THAT CANDLE PLUS ANOTHER ON THE SECOND SUNDAY, AND SO ON, IS TO SIGNAL PROGRESSION. THE ACCUMULATION OF LIGHT REMINDS US OF THE EVER CLOSER APPROACH OF THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, BOTH AT BETHLEHEM AND IN GLORY AT THE END OF THE AGE."

-Laurence Hull Stookey, *Calendar: Christ's Time for the Church*





HYMN OF PRAISE

WORD INCARNATE, MAKE US NEW



1. Word of God, You spoke cre - a - tion in - to be - ing by Your
2. *Word of God, You spoke Your wis - dom through the pro - phets, wri - tings,*
3. Word of God, You spoke through Je - sus, flesh in - dwell - ing, one of
4. *Word of God, speak al - ways through us, as Your bo - dy full of*



power. Life and light of all things li - ving, breathe up - on us
law, But we did not heed Your mes - sage, run - ning, hi - ding
 us. Bear - ing shame and sin and sor - row, al - so glo - ry
grace. Shine up - on us. Shine with - in us, Shine, we long to



in this hour. Come be near us. Come dwell with us.
mark'd us all. Come to cleanse us. Come to heal us.
 on the cross. Come, our Shep - herd, Come, our Sa - vior,
see Your face. Come to save us. Come to send us.



Come, Al - might - y, shape us, too. Word cre - a - ting,
Come, Un - chan - ging, we need You. Word for - giv - ing,
 Come, E - mman - u - el, Al - le - lu. Word re - veal - ing,
Come, E - ter - nal Spi - rit, too. Word pro - tec - ting,



Word sus - tain - ing, Word in - car - nate, make us new.
Word re - stor - ing, Word in - car - nate, make us new.
 Word re - deem - ing, Word in - car - nate, make us new.
Word pro - vid - ing, Word in - car - nate, make us new.

(Words: Josh Eby, 2014; Music: R. Pritchard, 1830; Arr. David Lutes, 2010)



CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." -1 Timothy 1:15

People: *Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against Your holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare those who confess their faults,
restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake,
that we may, from this time onward, live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

(PAUSE FOR A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION)

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

CHOIR:

O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery.

Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to Thee O Israel.

ALL:

O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appears. (Chorus)

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. (Chorus)

O come, Thou rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. (Chorus)

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. (Chorus)
(Repeat Chorus)

(Words: Tr. by John Mason Neale, Music: Arr. by Thomas Helmore, Add. Arrg. David Lutes, 2007; CCLI license #2476739)



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*

SMALL SAINTS

AT THIS TIME CHILDREN IN PREK - 2ND GRADE MAY GO TO THE CAFETERIA (MORNING SERVICE) OR ROOM 244 (EVENING SERVICE) FOR MUSIC AND A SHORT HOMILY. THEY WILL RETURN DURING THE PASSING OF THE PEACE.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

LET OUR GLADNESS HAVE NO END



1. Let our glad - ness have no end, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. See, the love - liest bloom - ing rose, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. In - to flesh is made the Word, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Let our glad - ness have no end, Al - le - lu - ia!



For to earth did Christ de - scend. Al - le - lu - ia!
 From the branch of Jes - se grows. Al - le - lu - ia!
 He, our re - fuge and our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!
 For to earth did Christ de - scend. Al - le - lu - ia!



On this day God gave _____ us Christ, his Son to save _____ us;



Christ his Son, to save us.

(Words: Tobias Zavorka; Music: 15th century Bohemian carol; arr. David Lutes, 2007; CCLI license #2476739)



OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 SAMUEL 7:1-6, 8-9, 11, 16

Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, 2 the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." 3 And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

4 But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, 5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? 6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling... I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth... 11 Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.

16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ROMANS 16:25-27

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 26 but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— 27 to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God!*



GOSPEL READING

LUKE 1:5-15, 18-20, 26-38

In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. 6 And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. 7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

8 Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, 9 according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. 10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. 11 And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. 14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15 for he will be great before the Lord...

18 And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” 19 And the angel answered him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. 20 And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.”...

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30 And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

34 And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” 35 And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. 36 And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God.” 38 And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

“THE MOTHER OF GOD’S INCARNATE SELF”
REV. TIM FRICKENSCHMIDT



HYMN OF RESPONSE

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS



For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness waits;



tru - ly my hope is in You.



1. O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of glo - ry,
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our spir - its,
3. Come, let us bow be - fore the God who made us.
4. Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the heav - ens,



Your ra - diance shines in all who look to You;
 our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for Your Word;
 Let ev - 'ry heart be op - ened to the Lord,
 Cre - a - tor of the moun - tains and the seas,



come, light the hearts of all in dark and sha - dow.
 come, make us whole, be com - fort to our hearts.
 for we are all the peo - ple of his hand.
 Lord of the stars, and pres - ent to us now.

(Words: Psalm 95 and "O" Antiphons, Marty Haugen; Music: Marty Haugen, 1982, Arr: David Lutes, 2011; CCLI license #2476739)





PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH A SIGN OF PEACE SUCH AS: "THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU" & "AND ALSO WITH YOU."

SIGN IN

IF YOU ARE ON THE END OF A ROW, PLEASE TAKE THE BLACK NOTEPAD AND SIGN IN SO WE HAVE A RECORD OF YOUR ATTENDANCE.

RETURN OF CHILDREN

DURING THE PASSING OF THE PEACE, SMALL SAINTS TEACHERS BRING THE CHILDREN BACK TO THE SANCTUARY. YOU CAN MEET THEM OR HAVE THEM JOIN YOU IN YOUR SEATS. FEEL FREE TO PICK UP YOUNGER CHILDREN AT THIS TIME AS WELL. THEY WILL RECEIVE A BLESSING WHILE YOU RECEIVE COMMUNION. YOU MAY ALSO WAIT TO RETRIEVE THEM, AS CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED FOR THE DURATION OF THE SERVICE.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: We ask you, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by your daily visitation,

People { *that when your Son Jesus Christ comes he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

HERE THE LEADER WILL INTERCEDE FOR THE CONGREGATION, COMMUNITY, AND WORLD WITH THE REFRAIN:

Leader: Lord, Have mercy.

People: *Lord, Hear our prayer.*

Leader: All these mercies we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying,

People { *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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*



HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Christian, what do you believe?

People: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

Born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell;

The third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

The holy catholic Church;

The communion of saints;

The forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body;

And the life everlasting. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you, and singing,



People:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 Hea - ven and earth are full, full of your
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

(Music: Franz Peter Schubert; Adapted: David Lutes, 2012)

Celebrant: 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.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People:

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



Celebrant: And we pray together:

People: We do not presume to come to this, Your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

Celebrant: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him by faith, with thanksgiving.

WE COME TO HIS TABLE

ALL SAINTS WELCOMES ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS WHO BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL (GOOD NEWS) OF JESUS CHRIST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EUCHARIST MEAL. THIS INCLUDES ALL CHRISTIANS, WHETHER MEMBERS HERE AT ALL SAINTS OR ANOTHER CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY. CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED AND INTERVIEWED BY THE ELDERS OF THIS CHURCH OR THE RULING BODY OF ANOTHER CHURCH ARE ALSO WELCOME TO THE TABLE.

IF YOU'RE STILL INVESTIGATING CHRISTIANITY, NOT SURE WHAT YOU BELIEVE, OR SIMPLY CHOOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EUCHARIST, YOU MAY EITHER REMAIN IN YOUR SEAT OR COME FORWARD, CROSS YOUR ARMS OVER YOUR CHEST, AND RECEIVE A BLESSING.

NOTE: THE USHERS WILL GUIDE YOU TO THE TABLE. THE INNER CIRCLE OF EACH COMMUNION TRAY CONTAINS GRAPE JUICE.

GIVING OF ALMS

WHILE THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO GOD'S KINGDOM, OUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP TAKES THE POSITION THAT GOD CALLS US FIRST AND FOREMOST TO BE FAITHFUL IN THE REGULAR, ONGOING SUPPORT OF ONE'S LOCAL CHURCH BODY THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS. IF YOU HAVEN'T MADE TITHING A PRACTICE, PLEASE CONSIDER ADOPTING TITHING OR GENEROUS GIVING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE—THAT YOU MIGHT GROW IN FAITH AND THAT TOGETHER WE MIGHT INCREASE ALL SAINTS' CAPACITY TO BE THE BODY OF CHRIST IN AUSTIN TO THE WORLD.



HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
2. *I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind:*
3. This Flow'r, whose frag-rance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,



Of Jes-se's lin-eage com - ing as men of old have sung.
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
 dis - pels with glor-ious splen - dor the dark-ness ev - 'ry-where.



It came, a flow-ret bright, a - mid the cold of win - ter
To show God's love a - right she bore to men a Sav - ior
 True man yet ve - ry God, from sin and death He saves us



when half-spent was the night.
when half - spent was the night.
 and light - ens ev - 'ry load.

(Words: German Carol; Music: Michael Praetorius; arr. David Lutes, 2012; CCLI license #2476739)



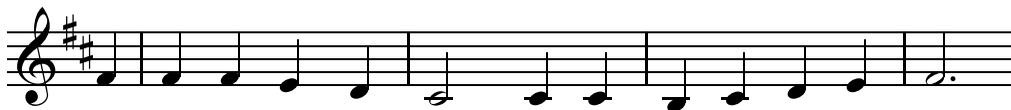
O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
2. For Christ is born of Mar - y; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



a - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

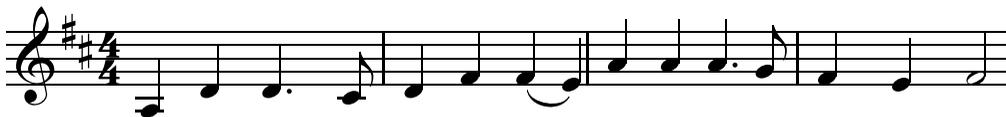


the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

(Words: Phillips Brooks; Music: Lewis H. Redner; CCLI license #2476739)



HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,



with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

(Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Felix Mendelssohn; CCLI license #2476739)

BENEDICTION

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you, and remain with you always. Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS INFORMATION AND MORE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT ALLSAINTSAUSTIN.ORG.

WED, DEC 24
5:00 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Join us for a Lessons & Carols service at St. Gabriel's on Christmas Eve. Childcare available for ages 3 yrs. and under.

WED, DEC 31
DEADLINE

Cross & Culture 2015 - Visual Arts: Featuring guest speaker David Taylor and visiting artist Sandra Bowden. This two-day event on **Feb. 6-7** will examine and celebrate the vital role that the visual arts play in worship, culture, and Christian life. **Tickets are \$12** (\$10 student rate) **before Dec. 31**. Find more information at the Visitor Table or at allsaintsaustin.org/cc.

THU, JAN 15
DEADLINE

Joint Young Adult Retreat: Join us **March 14-15** at Pine Cove in Columbus, TX for a weekend of fellowship, teaching, recreation, and refreshment with young adults from other TX PCA churches. **Cost is \$75 if you register by Jan. 15**. After Jan. 15, cost increases to \$95. Learn more at allsaintsaustin.org/yaretreat. Questions? Contact James (jwood@allsaintsaustin.org).

SAVE THE DATE

Men's Retreat: Mark your calendar for the next All Saints Men's Retreat Feb. 20-21 at T Bar M Ranch. Our speaker this year is Aaron Jeffrey, former RUF campus minister at the University of Iowa and Georgia Tech and currently on staff at Redeemer Seminary in Dallas. Find out more and register at allsaintsaustin.org/men. Questions? Contact Josh Eby (jeby@allsaintsaustin.org).

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Ruling Elder and Deacon candidates are being accepted through January 4. To nominate a candidate fill out the form in the back of your bulletin, tear it off and place it in the offering basket or turn it in at the Visitor's Table.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed Wednesday, December 24–Friday, December 26 for Christmas and Thursday, January 1–Friday, January 2 for New Year's.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

All Saints celebrates the birth of Olive Mae Streett, daughter of Andrew and Allison, born Saturday, December 13. Praise the LORD!



YEAR-END GIVING

For All Saints members, December is consistently the biggest month of giving tithes and offerings to the church. All Saints relies on generous year-end giving to fuel its continued ministry in the new year. There are many reasons to give:

- **General Fund:** Tithes and offerings support the ongoing ministry of the church.
- **Building Fund:** Gifts and pledges help us build a place in which to worship and from which to serve.
- **Missions Fund:** Supporting our ministry partners from Austin to Auckland, foreign missionaries to church planters, college ministry to seminary training, crisis pregnancy centers to after-school programs -- all of which minister the gospel as extensions of our church.
- **Benevolence Fund:** Providing relief for those facing financial and situational hardships. All Saints deacons walk through difficult circumstances with those in need, providing support of every kind while maintaining confidentiality.

All Saints asks that contributions to the building project, missions fund, and benevolence fund be made above and beyond one's regular tithes and offerings to the church, that All Saints might continue its ongoing ministry and mission week after week, year after year.

WAYS YOU CAN GIVE

- **Online:** allsaintsaustin.org/give
- **Write a check:** PO Box 160248, Austin, TX, 78716
- **Give Stock:** allsaintsaustin.org/stock
- **More ways to give** such as by shopping at Amazon or Randalls: allsaintsaustin.org/give.

GET HELP WITH GIVING

Contact David Breeding with any giving-related question: dbreeding@allsaintsaustin.org, or 512-732-8383 ext. 116.

Gifts made at church or online by December 31 or mailed and postmarked by December 31 will be noted on your 2014 giving statement to be mailed in mid-January.



DAILY WORSHIP RESOURCES

THESE READINGS ARE PROVIDED AS A PERSONAL, FAMILY, OR GROUP WORSHIP RESOURCE. USE THEM ALONG WITH YOUR CHURCH BULLETIN AS RESOURCE FOR READINGS, PRAYERS, AND HYMNS. THESE SCRIPTURE READINGS ARE SET IN THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY, A SCHEDULE OF DAILY BIBLE READING IN ACCORD WITH THE CHURCH YEAR. THEY ARE DESIGNED AROUND A TWO-YEAR CYCLE THAT WILL TAKE YOU THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT ONCE, THE NEW TESTAMENT TWICE, AND THE PSALMS FREQUENTLY. WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE "YEAR II" CYCLE.

**SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY,
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Morning Psalms: 24, 29
 Evening Psalms: 8, 84
 Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-12
 Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20
 Gospel: John 3:16-21

MONDAY

Morning Psalms: 61, 62
 Evening Psalms: 112, 115
 Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-9
 Epistle: Revelation 20:1-10
 Gospel: John 5:30-47

TUESDAY

Morning Psalms: 45, 46
 Evening Psalm: 89:1-29
 Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1-10
 Epistle: Revelation 22:12-17
 Gospel: Luke 1:67-80

WEDNESDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE

Morning Psalms: 2, 85
 Evening Psalms: 132, 110
 Old Testament: Micah 4:1-5, 5:2-4
 Epistle: 1 John 4:7-16
 Gospel: John 3:26-31

THURSDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY

Morning Psalms: 93, 96
 Evening Psalm: 34
 Old Testament: Isaiah 62:1-5
 Epistle: Hebrews 2:10-18
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

FRIDAY

Morning Psalms: 97, 98
 Evening Psalm: 118
 Old Testament: Isaiah 12:1-6
 Epistle: Revelation 1:1-8
 Gospel: John 7:37-52

SATURDAY

Morning Psalm: 18:1-20
 Evening Psalm: 18:21-50
 Old Testament: 2 Samuel 23:13-17
 Epistle: 2 John 1-13
 Gospel: Luke 1:57-66

**SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY,
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Morning Psalms: 93, 96
 Evening Psalm: 34
 Old Testament: 1 Samuel 1:1-2, 7-28
 Epistle: Colossians 1:9-20
 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40



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1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7

"The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil."

TITUS 1:6-9

"...If anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it."