

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT HOLY EUCHARIST

December 24, 2017  
9:00 A.M.

**Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church...reaching out through worship, prayer, and action to bring the reconciling peace of Christ to one another and this world.**

*We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. This service is based on the Order for the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). For ease of use, this leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. HYMNAL refers to the blue book: The Hymnal 1982.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *My soul doth magnify the Lord (Magnificat)* J. S. Bach



*All stand as able at the sound of the tower bell.*

HYMN (sung by all) *Come, thou long expected Jesus* HYMNAL 66

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Presiding Priest and People*

**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.**

TRISAGION (sung by all)

after Alexander Archangelsky  
arr. by Richard Proulx



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presiding Priest* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Presiding Priest* 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 WORD OF GOD

 THE FIRST READING (seated)

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

*READER: A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel*

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? 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 and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; 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. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

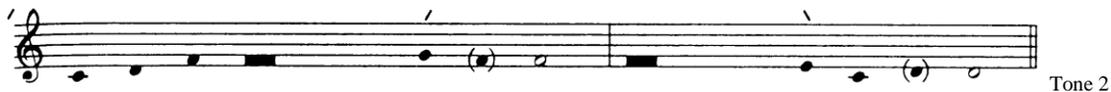
*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

*Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.*

THE RESPONSE (remain seated)

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26



**Cantor:** 1 Your love, O Lord, for ever / will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim \ your faithfulness.

**Choir:** 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for / ever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in \ the heavens.

**All:** 3 "I have made a covenant with my / chosen one; \*  
I have sworn an oath to David \ my servant:

**All:** 4 'I will establish your line for / ever, \*  
and preserve your throne for all ge\nerations."

**Low voices:** 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful / people: \*  
"I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of \ the people.

**Low voices:** 20 I have found David my / servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I \ anointed him.

**High voices:** 21 My hand will / hold him fast \*  
and my arm will \ make him strong.

*(continued on page 3)*

High voices: 22 No enemy shall de/ceive him, \*  
nor any wicked man \ bring him down.

Low voices: 23 I will crush his foes be/fore him \*  
and strike down those \ who hate him.

Low voices: 24 My faithfulness and love shall / be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious \ through my Name.

All: 25 I shall make his dominion / extend \*  
from the Great Sea to \ the River.

All: 26 He will say to me, 'You are my / Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of my \ salvation.'

THE SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

READER: *A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans*

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

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

*Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.*



ALLELUIA VERSE (standing as able)

Dent Davidson/Gabriel Fauré

Choir, then all and after the verse:



Cantor: I am the servant / of the Lord: \*  
may his \ will for me be done.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

*The Priest or Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

***People*** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 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 ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to 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 holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

 THE SERMON (seated)

Karen Haig

*Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.*

 THE NICENE CREED (standing as able)

*Presiding Priest and People*

**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

Form VI

*The people pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who feel alone.***

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Diocese of Yola (Nigeria), The Rt Revd Markus Ibrahim, Bishop. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Stephen in Oak Harbor and Grace Church on Lopez Island;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Gregory, our Bishop; Karen, our Rector; Dan, our Deacon; and Nancy, Judith and Patricia, our Assisting Priests; all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the world and its leaders, especially Donald our President, Jay our Governor, our nation and its people.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all those who go in harm's way to serve, both here at home and in lands far away, and for their families and loved ones who also serve as they wait for the time of reunion.

***For the time of peace on earth.***

For grace to welcome into our fellowship our sisters and brothers in Christ who are visiting, remembering that in welcoming strangers we may welcome angels unaware.

***For all to be gracious in hospitality.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially...

*The people may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, especially... that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

*The Deacon says*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Presiding Priest and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Presider offers an absolution.*

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

*Presiding Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

 *At the offertory sentence, an offering of money is collected.*

HYMN (seated - sung by all)

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came*

HYMNAL 265

 PRESENTATION ANTHEM (standing as able)

*Presiding Priest* All things come from you, O Lord,

**People** And of your own have we given you.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367)

*The people remain standing.*

The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Presiding Priest* Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

*Presiding Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The Presiding Priest 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,

*Presiding Priest and People*

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

*The Presiding 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 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.**

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

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presiding Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

#### ACCLAMATION AFTER THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Franz Schubert

The musical score is for the acclamation "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." It is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a final cadence.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The Presiding Priest says*

The gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*This is the Lord's table around which we gather.*

*All are invited to come forward and receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the bread and wine of the Eucharist.*

*If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion but would like to receive a blessing,  
please come forward and cross your arms across your heart.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARIES

CHANT (sung by all)

*Wait for the Lord*

Taizé

**Choir, then all: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.**

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (standing as able)

(BCP p. 365)

*Presiding Priest 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.

## THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of God's son, our savior Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

 WELCOME, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS (seated)

 HYMN (standing as able) *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!* HYMNAL 437

DISMISSAL

*The Presiding Priest, dismisses the people with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People Thanks be to God.**

PROCESSION

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Savior of the nations, come*

Paul Manz

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presiding Priest & Preacher	The Rev. Karen Haig
Deacon	The Rev. Daniel Fowler
Organist & Choirmaster	Paul Roy
Song Leaders	The Parish Choir
Acolytes	PJ Miller, Charlotte Miller, Stu Case
Eucharistic Ministers	Su Beecham, Kerry Grant
Lectors	Su Beecham, Stu Case
Prayers of the People	Stu Case
Ushers	Steve Schmitz
Greeters	Sylvia Dunning, Lynn Whipple, Nova Rockwood
Altar Guild	All Hands
Bread Baker	Elaine Percival, Rosalys Peel

### FOR VISITORS & NEWCOMERS

*We are delighted you are worshipping with us today. If you are searching for a new church community, we invite you to complete one of the yellow welcome cards in the pew.*

### LARGE-PRINT PRAYER BOOKS (BCP) & DIGITAL RECEIVERS FOR AUDIO

**AMPLIFICATION** are available during services for those requiring hearing assistance. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**GLUTEN FREE EUCHARISTIC HOSTS** are available for those who need them. Please alert the priest at communion.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AGES 1-11** is offered most Sundays at 9:45am in the Room with a View (opposite the Gowen Library). The curriculum used for Sunday School is Godly Play, which involves prayer, Bible reading, lessons, worship and an interactive craft. We will also be discussing our liturgy as well as the liturgical calendar together throughout the year. Children can be dropped off in the classroom at 9:45, and the teachers will bring the children to the sanctuary after Peace, so that families will be able to enjoy communion together. If you have questions, please contact Tamarah & Ben Rockwood at [tamarah.rockwood@gmail.com](mailto:tamarah.rockwood@gmail.com) or [benr@cuddletech.com](mailto:benr@cuddletech.com).

**UNSTAFFED NURSERY AVAILABLE** St. Barnabas has a fully furnished nursery, located just beyond the Room with a View, available for any family who would like to use it. (It is currently not staffed but can be if there is need for this service. Please contact the church office if this would be helpful.)

## EACH WEEK AT ST. BARNABAS

<i>Day</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>
Sundays	Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8am	Church
	Choir Rehearsal	9:15am	Sanctuary
	Sunday School	9:45am	Room With a View
Monday-Friday	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10am	Church
	Church Office Hours	9am-noon	Office
Mondays	Reunion Prayer Group	11am-noon	Church
	Library Coordinator in	1pm-4pm	Library
	Announcements Due	By 5pm	Send to <a href="mailto:kathy@stbbi.org">kathy@stbbi.org</a>
Tuesdays	Centering Prayer	9am-9:45am	Sanctuary
Wednesdays	Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm	Choir Room
Thursdays	Healing Eucharist, Rite II	9:15am	Sanctuary
Saturdays	Altar Guild	9am	Sanctuary

## HAPPENING THIS COMING WEEK

### JOIN US FOR THE CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S PAGEANT THIS AFTERNOON

Please join us for one of the cherished traditions of St. Barnabas: the Christmas Eve Children's Pageant. This is a favorite event, both for the children who participate and families, friends and community at large who enjoy it each year. **All children are welcome to join in and participate.** There are no practice sessions in advance or lines to memorize. It's all fun and no stress! Families should simply arrive at 3pm and organizers will provide costumes and simple instructions for the participants. **The Pageant will start at 4pm. All are welcome. So bring friends, sing some carols and enjoy the service.** For questions or more information about the Christmas Pageant, please contact Tamarah Rockwood at 510/449-1201 or [tamarah.rockwood@gmail.com](mailto:tamarah.rockwood@gmail.com). Thanks to all for making this St. Barnabas tradition so special!

### ST. BARNABAS CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

#### *Christmas Eve Services / Sunday, December 24*

4pm | Children's Pageant with carols & organ

6:45pm | Prelude of Carols, followed by Christmas Eve Service with singers & instruments

9:30pm | Prelude of Carols, followed by Christmas Eve Service with organ, choir and trumpet (NOTE: Incense is used at this service)

#### *Christmas Day Service / Monday, December 25*

10am | Christmas Day Service with organ, followed by a coffee hour in the parlor

## HAPPENING IN THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS

### OFFICE CLOSED DEC. 25-JAN. 1/NO HEALING EUCHARIST ON THURSDAY, DEC. 28

Please note that the church office will be closed from Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1. It will reopen at 9am on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. **Centering Prayer will take place at 9am on Tuesday, December 26, but no Healing Eucharist will be offered on Thursday, December 28.** For questions, please contact the church office at 206/842-5601.

## **REGISTRATION STARTS JANUARY 1 FOR LENTEN WISDOM TEACHING DAY**

**On Saturday, February 17 from 9:30am to 3:30pm, Sarah Walston will lead a program entitled “The Enneagram as Soul Work.”** An ancient and modern tool that illuminates nine distinct motivations of human behavior, the Enneagram is a map of human diversity that offers profound insights to help people become more aware, compassionate, effective, authentic and free. Sarah Walston MA Med LMHC is an Enneagram coach and teacher who has worked deeply with Enneagrams for 18 years. **Participation in this event is limited. Registration opens January 1 for St. Barnabas parishioners and January 15 for the general public.** The suggested donation amount is \$20 for this event (scholarships are available). **Registration forms are available in the church parlor or through a link on the church website under Contemplative Ministries. For more information, contact Rev. Patricia Rome Robertson, revprome@hotmail.com.**

## **SECRET PRAYER PARTNERS TO GATHER FOR YEAR-END PARTY ON JANUARY 6**

Calling all SPPs – it’s time for the big reveal! The Secret Prayer Partners ministry will gather at Epiphany time to celebrate the end of the program year and reveal who has been caring for whom. **The gathering will take place on Saturday, January 6 at 1pm at Alice Reasoner’s house (10495 Morning Lane).** All current members are welcome. The Secret Prayer Partners ministry consists of a circle of about 26 members, each assigned to a specific person, or Secret Prayer Partner. The objective for each member is to remember her Secret Prayer Partner in prayer, become a closer friend and be mindful of her partner’s needs while keeping her own identity a secret. For more information or to join the ministry for next year, please contact Alice Reasoner at 206/780-1585 or by email at tistimeal@aol.com.

## **ENHANCED COFFEE HOUR FOR EPIPHANY ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**

Join us after the 10am service on Sunday, January 7 for an enhanced coffee hour in Tierney Hall featuring a very special cake, made by the Rockwood Family. For more information, contact Sylvia Dunning at samdunning@mac.com.

## **FALL/WINTER BOOK STUDY EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY**

The Fall/Winter contemplative ministries’ book study has focused on Cynthia Bourgeault’s *The Holy Trinity and the Law of Three*. In this work, Bourgeault explores Trinitarian theology and evaluates the ancient concept in light of ideas by G.I. Gurdjieff and Jacob Boehme to reveal the Trinity as the “hidden driveshaft” within Christianity. **The book study will meet again on January 9 and February 13 after Centering Prayer, from approximately 9:45am to 10am in the library. For more information, contact Rev. Patricia Rome Robertson, revprome@hotmail.com.**

## **SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

Please save the date for St. Barnabas’ Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28 at 11:30am in Tierney Hall. More details will follow in the new year. At the meeting, an Annual Report for the parish will be available. **To make the report as complete as possible, we are asking all commission heads and committee chairs to provide a summary of 2017 activity to Kathy Irvin by Monday, January 8.** For more information, contact Kathy at 206/842-5601 or kathy@stbbi.org.

## OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

### CALLING ALL STORYTELLERS!

Do you love a good story? Our story as God's beloved people is indeed the greatest story ever told! And beginning in the new year, story lovers and storytellers will be sharing our sacred stories with the children of St Barnabas through the Godly Play program. **To prepare, St Barnabas will host a Godly Play training with Andy Rosane, Godly Play Trainer extraordinaire and long-time Montessori Middle School Teacher. We'll learn the Godly Play method of storytelling and will have the opportunity to share stories and tell stories.** The training is open to all, and does not imply a commitment to teach. Details for the training will be provided as soon as we have a set schedule. In the meantime, contact Rev. Karen [revkaren@stbbi.org](mailto:revkaren@stbbi.org) or contact the office if you would like to work with the children in Godly Play!

### THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 2018 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

**Thanks to all who pledged for 2018!** If you have not pledged and would like to, kindly call Julie Houck at the church office. **You can also pledge online; the link is on the church's homepage at [www.stbbi.org](http://www.stbbi.org).** If you have questions, please feel free to contact Julie Houck (Bookkeeper), 206/842-5601, [jhouck@stbbi.org](mailto:jhouck@stbbi.org), Randy Krause (Stewardship Chair), 360/297-4725, [rkllk@comcast.net](mailto:rkllk@comcast.net) or Reverend Karen (Rector), 206/842-5601, [revkaren@stbbi.org](mailto:revkaren@stbbi.org).

### THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO BROUGHT GIFTS FOR THE GIVING TREE

A hearty thanks to the people of St. Barnabas for the generous support of our Christmas Giving Tree! All 76 tags were claimed by people in our church community and each gift that came back is helping make it a happier Christmas for those people who depend on the Kingston Food Bank and the Chaplains on the Harbor. For more information, contact Steve Schmitz at 206/842-3375 or [esallen1zero5@gmail.com](mailto:esallen1zero5@gmail.com).

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER LICENSE RENEWAL

If you are a eucharistic minister for St. Barnabas, please check your license and let Kathy in the front office know of its expiration date. If it is expiring at the end of 2017, please contact Kathy at [kathy@stbbi.org](mailto:kathy@stbbi.org) or 206/842-5601 to get a form for a renewal license.

**MISSED A SERMON OR WANT TO HEAR IT AGAIN? SHARE IT WITH A FRIEND?** Listen to podcasts of sermons and music available on our church website. In addition, a wealth of information about the parish is available on our website. | [www.stbbi.org](http://www.stbbi.org)

**MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. BARNABAS** Do you sing or play an instrument? There are musical opportunities awaiting you here at St. Barnabas! Contact Paul Roy | [proy@stbbi.org](mailto:proy@stbbi.org)

**ST. BARNABAS PRAYER CHAIN** is a group of people devoted and committed to prayer, especially prayer for others. **The Prayer Chain will pray for anyone who requests prayer or whose name is submitted by someone else for prayers.** All the members honor confidentiality and do not discuss those for whom they pray. It is not necessary to have a lot of detail or even a name to pray for someone or a situation. Unless instructed otherwise, the chain usually prays for a person or situation for about two weeks. To contact the chain or if this ministry is something you would like to be part of, **contact Drucy Burnet Hodge** ([drucy15@msn.com](mailto:drucy15@msn.com) or 206/780-2904) or **Kathy Irvin, Parish Administrator** ([kathy@stbbi.org](mailto:kathy@stbbi.org) or 206/842-5601).

### CHRISTIAN HEALING THROUGH REIKI

Christian Healing through Reiki is offered on a regular basis to parish members and others in our community by a team of six trained ministers. Reiki promotes healing and wellness of body and mind, and is a consistent and gentle means for relieving stress and tension in the mind-body complex. Sessions last about 40 minutes. If you have questions or would like to schedule a session, contact **Ric Cederwall** | 206/855-0900 | [ric@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:ric@stanfordalumni.org) or **Sr Mary Louise Sulonen** | 360/626-3264 | [sjpsulonen@comcast.net](mailto:sjpsulonen@comcast.net)

## Personal Rites for Advent – A Take Home Sheet for Your Refrigerator Door

*Pay attention. That is the Advent message. Attentiveness to the mystery of the Coming One is not easily practiced in the midst of crowded calendars and unrelenting din of December. It is important to make time for paying attention, for silence, for waiting.*

Here are some suggestions:

1. **Attend Sunday church service on all four Sundays.** Throughout Advent, the liturgies tell us more and more about the future God is making... don't miss a single chapter of the unfolding drama as we wait for God together!
2. **Follow the daily readings found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP),** or on line at <http://satucket.com/lectionary/>. You may want to use the forms provided in the BCP for home prayers. Compline is a lovely way to end the day – you'll find it on page 127.
3. **Create an Advent wreath on the first Sunday of Advent.** Light the Advent candle when you say your prayers and sit down to supper. Use an Advent Calendar. Talk with family or friends about the season and the feelings it brings. Listen to the promise of God in each other.
4. **Meditate on the O Antiphons.** You may want to do this by candlelight, or in front of a fire.
5. **Break habitual patterns.** Cultivate surprise. See all things as new! Take an unusual route to work or use an alternative form of transportation. Do something you have never done before, or see something you have never seen before. Take a walk, letting colors, patterns and movements surprise you. Wear your watch on the wrong wrist, or don't wear it at all. Every time you look in the wrong place for "the time", pray God to make you ready for the unexpected.
6. **Practice waiting.** Sit or lie by a window where you can see only the sky. Wait for something to pass by – a cloud, a plane, a sparrow, an angel...
7. **Climb a hill and watch for the moon to rise.** Watch for the sunrise after the longest night (December 21). Watch for the first star on Christmas Eve. "Wait without thought."
8. **Keep the prayer "Maranatha, come Lord Jesus" in your mind and heart.** Say it in various places. Empty your mind as you pray it. Watch for signs.
9. **Make at least one conscious act of being a sign of God's future to others.** Look to [Matthew 25: 35-40](#) for guidelines.
10. **Make room for silence and inactivity.** Schedule it. Put the television in a closet. Set aside one evening and do nothing – not even books or music. Turn off the lights. Stop talking. Listen. Who is knocking at the door of your heart?

Waiting is really a period of learning. The longer we wait, the more we hear about Him for whom we are waiting. As the advent weeks progress, we hear more and more about the beauty and splendor of the One who is to come. There is a stark beauty about it all... Advent invites us into a growing inner stillness and joy allowing us to realize that He for whom we are waiting has already arrived and speaks to us in the silence of our hearts. Just as a mother feels her growing child in her womb, and is not surprised on the day of the birth and joyfully receives the one she learned to know during her waiting, so Jesus can be born in our lives – slowly and steadily – and be received as the one we learned to know while waiting.

*Adapted from [The Genesee Diary](#) by Henri J. M. Nouwen*

# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST BARNABAS



## Sunday, December 24

**4:00 pm: Christmas Eve Pageant with carols & organ**

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**6:45 pm: Prelude of Carols with singers & instruments**

**7:00 pm: Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist**

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**9:30 pm: Prelude of Carols with choir, organ & instruments**

**10:00 pm: Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist (with incense)**

## Monday, December 25

**10:00 am: Christmas Day Eucharist with organ**



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