



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

...Where God is seen, love is felt and lives are changed!

December 18, 2020

4 Advent:

Psalm 93

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

SUNDAY WORSHIP

This Sunday, we will have **ONE** service of **Morning Prayer** for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Our livestream is at 9 a.m. on our [YouTube Channel](#). Call 865-498-6483 to listen to the service, if you do not have a computer.



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SUNDAY SOCIAL TIME

We have two virtual social hours on Sunday mornings and evenings on Zoom! Stop by and say hello!

[Morning Coffee Hour](#) is at **10 a.m.** between our livestream and in-person worship services, for a brief bit of fellowship. **Morning Meeting ID: 848 0379 6165**
Password: 609987

[Evening Social Hour](#) is at **5 p.m.**, and will be available for about an hour.

Evening Meeting ID: 816 4332 4827
Password: 999944

PASTORAL CARE

JOIN US AS WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

Brad & Ashley Hillis, Thomas

Please include these people in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHANGES

We will **NOT** be having in-person Christmas Eve services as initially planned. Instead, our Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist will be livestreamed from the nave at 1 PM on December 24th. My own illness has made this very apparent that safety and logistical issues are becoming a great strain on all of us who are planning and organizing these services. While it is the last thing I want to do, because of both safety concerns with increasing COVID cases and exposures in our parish AND the logistical challenge of organizing worship leaders - many of whom are also isolating due to possible contact with COVID-positive people - we have altered our Christmas Eve worship.

The rest of our Christmas schedule remains the same as published before.

DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

- 1 PM - Holy Eucharist service will be livestreamed
- 6 PM - Christmas Lessons and Carols (Pre-recorded)

DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

- 10 AM - Christmas Day Holy Eucharist (Pre-recorded)

~ Fr. Bailey



2020 Christmas Schedule



DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

1 PM

Holy Eucharist
the service will be livestreamed.

6 PM

Christmas Lessons and Carols
(Pre-recorded)

DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

10 AM

Holy Eucharist
the service will be livestreamed.



DRIVE-THRU CHRISTMAS, AN OAK RIDGE COMMUNITY EVENT!

The Oak Ridge Ministerial Association is putting on a unique event called "Drive Thru Christmas". In light of the fact that many local churches are not having in-person Christmas events and that many people are still wary of attending services, a number of local churches will be hosting a multi-site nativity scene. The event will be held **Saturday, December 19, 2020 from 6 to 8 p.m.** Our scene of the nativity will be the actual scene of Jesus' birth in the stable. If you are interested in participating, please contact Fr. Bailey.