

CALENDAR

WEEKLY November 28 - December 4

SUN.	8:00 AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	9:00 AM	Choir Practice	Music Room
	10:00 AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	11:15AM	Choir Practice	Music Room
MON.	8:00 PM	Fireside Group (AA)	Parish Hall
	8:00 PM	Simple Serenity	Friendship Room
TUES.	9:30 AM	Crafts and Chats	Friendship Room
	7:00PM	Strategic Planning	Friendship Room
WED.	6:30 PM	Guides	Parish Hall
	6:30 PM	Pathfinders	Music Room
	7:15 PM	Bible Study	Friendship Room
THURS.	10:00 AM	Worship	Chapel
	10:30 AM	Bible Study	Music Room



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*"TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE
DEMONSTRATING GOD'S LOVE"*



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2010

8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

ORDER OF WORSHIP 8 AM

Presider: the Rev. Jim Popham
Lay Reader: Simpson Laing

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Blessing and Lighting of the Advent *(bulletin insert)*
Candle

The Collect p. 67

The Commandments

The Prayer of the Community

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Refrain: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14

Gospel Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon

(A time for silent reflection)

The Creed P. 71

RESPONDING TO GOD

The Offering

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution p. 77

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

The Great Thanksgiving

Communion

The Lord's Prayer p. 85

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

The Blessing

Dismissal

NEWS AND VIEWS

ST. JUDE'S, IQUALUIT: IGLOO CATHEDRAL DONOR CHALLENGE

An anonymous donation of \$500,000 towards the construction of St. Jude's Cathedral in Iqaluit in the northern Diocese of The Arctic has been received. This donor would like to challenge both individuals and corporations to work toward matching that amount in order to reach a goal of \$1,000,000 – or more – by the year's end. For more information, see the pictures and notice on the bulletin board in the narthex.

ADOPT-A-ROOM PROGRAM

It is a big task to keep all of our rooms in the church neat and tidy. We would like to encourage people to "Adopt-a-Room" and help us keep our Church beautiful and clean! Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby to sign up for a room.

SCRAPAWAY RETREATS

Scrapbooking Christmas Party! Come spend the day scrapbooking while celebrating with food, door prizes, make N takes and more! Being held on Saturday Dec 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Cost is \$40 to attend the party. Spots filling up fast, register by calling Shauna at 403.700.5590.

CARD-MAKING

On **Saturday December 4th, 1:30- 3:30 p.m.** Join me at the church for an afternoon of making and learning how to make home made cards. Supplies will be provided, but if you have a basic card making kit, please bring your tools with you. For more information or to sign up please contact Tammy Hopkinson at 403-238-7330 so that I can arrange to have enough supplies for everyone.

Deadline for signing up is Tuesday November 30th. Maximum of 15 people. First come, first serve. (A basic card making kit consists of: scissors, ruler, pen, pencil, eraser, small note book, and bone folder). No previous experience necessary. Cost is \$35 per person.

CRAFTS AND CHATS

Tickets are now on sale for our quilt. They are available from all group members. If you would like to sell a book to your family and friends, please speak to Joan Eades at 403.256.5057. All proceeds go to support Outreach.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Please join us Thursday mornings as we take a closer look at the Gospel readings for the coming week. We meet weekly in the Music Room at 10:30 a.m. following the Thursday Morning Worship service. Each session is a stand-alone study. We invite the congregation to join us during Advent for a soup and bun lunch following the Bible Study.

KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON

Did You know that it costs over \$700 a day to keep our church in operation?

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

We have made a few minor adjustments in the Advent & Christmas Schedule. Please, see the revised schedule on the website or pick up a copy in the narthex.

STEWARDSHIP 2011- GOING FORWARD TOGETHER

As we go forward together into a new year, we are filled with vision and hope, looking to be God's people, demonstrating God's love in a rapidly changing and ever challenging world. Please, check your mailbox this morning and pick-up your 2011 Pledge cards. You also will find a Christmas schedule, our 2011 Stewardship brochure *Going Forward Together*, and a letter urging your continued support for our mission at Holy Nativity. This is truly a time to appreciate the blessings of our abundance, look into our hearts, and remember that "of thine own have we given thee." Pledge Sunday will be December 5. Please, return your pledge card then or by mail, addressed to our envelope secretary.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Please join us as we plan for the future of Holy Nativity. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Friendship Room. Everyone is welcome!

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Advent is the beginning of the church year, and what better time to step back from the text of the Bible and see it in a broader perspective? Join Jim Popham on four Wednesday evenings at 7:15 – 8:45 p.m. beginning on November 24 to consider a variety of questions about the Bible.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Christmas is just over the horizon, and who can imagine Christmas without music? Music takes us to the reverence and joy of our celebration of the birth of Christ. You can be part of our musical celebration of Christmas by singing with our special Christmas Choir. We are not short of great voices at Holy Nativity. We know you are out there, and you know who you are! Our choir is sounding great, but you can help them make a bigger joyful noise for Christmas. For more information, see our Choir Director, Johnson Philip.

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

In the event of a pastoral emergency such as an unexpected death, critical medical emergency, or hospital admission, please, contact the church office as soon as possible. After hours, please, do not hesitate to call Jim at 403-891-3706. Please, respect that this number should be used only for true emergencies. While we always are happy to hear your comments, suggestions, and questions, please, catch Jim at the office for these non-emergency matters .

PRAYER OF THE COMMUNITY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of Man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Worldwide: In the worldwide cycle of prayer, today we pray for Kimberley & Kuruman - (South Africa) and the Rt. Rev. Oswald Peter Patrick Swartz .

Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands, we pray for St. Paul, Calliaqua with St. John.

Diocese: In our diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. John the Divine, Siksika and their priest, the Rev. Margaret Waterchief and Larry Waterchief, Lay Pastor; and St. Barnabas, Tsu Tina and thier priest, the Rev. Roy Darcus.

Parish: Here at Holy Nativity we pray for all our parish families and individuals, and for those desiring individual prayers. Today we especially pray for Joy, Vance & Pat, Frank, Joan, Mary, Sharon, Chase, Lorraine, Anne Marie, and any others on our hearts today.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, that day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew

nothing until the flood came and took them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Evelyn Vardalas.

COPIES OF THE SERMON

If hearing is a concern, you may pick-up a copy of the Sunday sermon as you enter the church. Just ask one of the sidespeople.

Reading for Next Sunday

Advent 2 - Proper p. 269	Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12