

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week, we celebrate the season of giving

ADVENT EVENING WORSHIP OFFERINGS

- 12/5: Evensong; a service of scripture, prayer, and music, sung regularly in the Anglican church since the sixteenth century.
- 12/12: Blue Christmas, also called the Longest Night, gives space for those who are feeling sorrowful this season, and their friends who support them, to come and sit with one another, light candles, and listen to music, in a liturgy that speaks of the love of God for the grieving.
- 12/19: "Son et lumiere" images and colors accompanied by verses and music of Advent- this should be an awesome sensory experience.

5:00PM ON SUNDAYS

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OFFERINGS

- Sunday, 12/19 at 10:30am: Children's Christmas Pageant included in the Rite II service with music
- Friday, 12/24 at 5pm and 10pm: Christmas Eve services with prayers and carols
- Saturday, 12/25 at 10am: Christmas Day service
- Sunday, 12/26: standard 8am Rite I, and 10:30am Rite II with music

ALL ARE WELCOME

**THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO COME TOGETHER (VIRTUALLY AND IN-PERSON) THIS SEASON!
PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR OTHER DATES TO NOTE: STTHOMASNEWARKDE.CHURCH**

ALL are Welcome!

Sunday
Rite 1 spoken
8:00 am

Sunday
Rite 2 with music
10:30 am

Sunday
Advent Prayers
5:00 pm

Wednesday
12 noon
Intercessory Prayer

Thursday
7 pm
Evening Compline



Poets' Corner Reading Series presents

Traci Currie

reading poetry by her favorite poets

Saturday, December 4, 4:30p.m.

ALL are Welcome!



Blood Drive for Team Riley

Thursday, Dec 9th

10am-3pm

<https://donate.bbd.org>

1-888-8-BLOOD-8



Christmas Dedications

Celebrate someone special in your life with a memorial or honorary dedication in the Christmas service booklet. Everyone is invited. Honorary gifts are often given to show appreciation for someone's kindness or to recognize their impact on your life, or to mark an anniversary or other special event. In Memory Gifts are a special way to memorialize someone special who has passed away. A donation with your dedication turns your expression of love into a sign of hope. All names received for dedications will be published in the Christmas and Christmas Eve booklets, and all donations received will be used to support St Thomas' mission of following Jesus into loving, liberating and life-giving relationships with God, with each other and with the world.

Dedication forms are available in the office and in the lobby, and also via email by request. Please have everything turned in by the end of next week: Dec 12th. You can mail, email, or drop your dedication in the mailbox on the office door, or use the Giving page on our website. The suggested donation amount is \$25, however there is no required minimum or limit. The greening of the church building will again be modest this year; in this season, our priorities are staying safe and helping our neighbors. And so, the donations collected will go towards those priorities.

Please let me know if you have any questions. This has been a year when we have experienced losses, and also a year when we have experienced new joys. This is a nice opportunity to reflect and share those significant events and special individuals with our faith family.