

# **Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church**

*A Jubilee Ministry Center*



**The First Sunday In Advent**

**December 3, 2023 10 A.M.**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**Celebrant The Rev. Canon Bruce A. Jackson**

## ***Our Missional Vision***

*Good Shepherd of the Hills Church brings the love and light of Christ Jesus to our neighbors. We are called to go out to serve the needs of our community.*

## **Welcome To All Visitors**

*If you are a visitor today, we welcome you and thank you for worshipping with us! We hope that you are blessed by your visit.*

The Right Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall, Bishop  
The Rev. Canon Bruce A. Jackson, Interim Rector  
Eunkyung Suh-Lee, Director of Music  
Ashley Phillips, Director of Children and Youth Ministry  
Axel Lopez, Ministry Assistant for Youth  
Kristine Kulesza, Parish Administrator  
Teresa Garnica, Sexton

### Today's Ministry Schedule

Lector:

Altar Servers:

Ushers:

Greeters:

*The Altar Flowers have been lovingly  
arranged by our Flower Guild!*

~Prelude~

“Advent Star”

By: Edward Broughton

Lighting of the Advent Candle

# ~Processional Hymn #68~ “Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”



1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!



## Eucharist, Rite II

### The Word of God

#### Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People: (shout) The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

#### ~S#102 Holy God X3~

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in 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.**

## Lessons A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

### Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 80:1-7,16-18 (To Be Read *In Unison*)**

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be  
saved.**
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be  
saved.**
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be  
saved.**

## **A Reading From Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians**

### **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

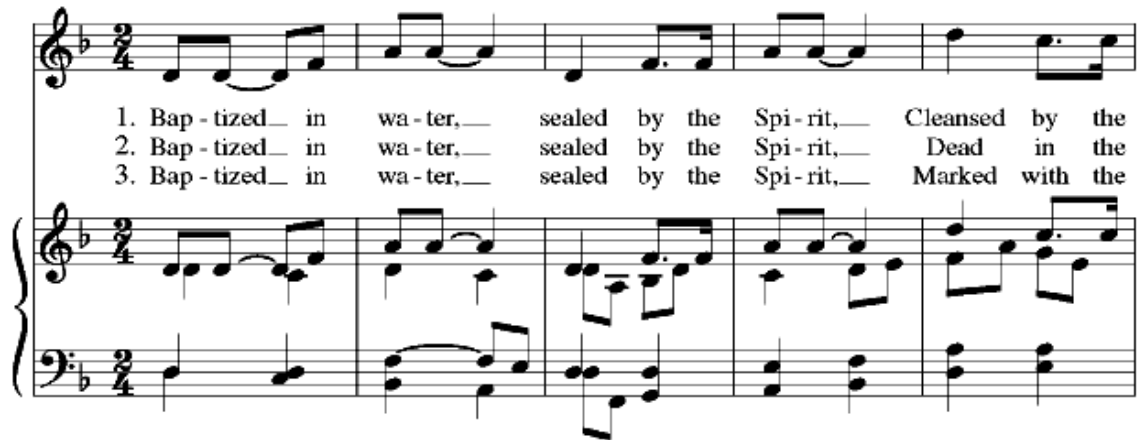
**People: Thanks be to God**



# ~Gospel Hymn WLAP#767~

## “Baptized In Water”

(vs. 1 Before & vs. 2 After)



1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Cleansed by the  
2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Dead in the  
3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Marked with the



1. blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion,  
2. tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing,  
3. sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther,



1. trust - ing his prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
2. freed and for - giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
3. we are his child - ren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

# The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Mark

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

## Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Bruce A. Jackson

### *“Advent - A Time Of Heartfelt Preparation”*

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Then the candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows*

*Parents and Godparents*

I present Aspen Nelson and Arlo Nelson to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant Asks the Parents and Godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Aspen and Arlo in their life in Christ?

People    We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with Aspen and Arlo who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant    Do you believe in God the Father?

**People        I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant    Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People        I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead**

***Celebrant*** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
***People*** I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

***Celebrant:*** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

***People:*** *I will, with God's help.*

***Celebrant:*** Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People:*** *I will, with God's help.*

***Celebrant:*** Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People:*** *I will, with God's help.*

***Celebrant:*** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People:*** *I will, with God's help.*

***Celebrant:*** Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People:*** *I will, with God's help.*

## Prayers for the Candidates

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for Aspen and Arlo who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth. *A period of silence follows.*

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

**Leader:** Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. ***Amen.***

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that he who here is cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Baptism

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon, the candidate, saying*

Aspen, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Arlo, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*When this action has been completed, the Celebrant, in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying*

Aspen, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. ***Amen.***

Arlo, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. ***Amen.***

*At the completion of the baptism, the Celebrant says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

**The Peace**

***Celebrant:*** The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

## Offering

*The Offering is received and the altar is prepared.*

### ~Offertory Anthem~

#### "Advent Joy"

By: Thomas Jarman

### The Doxology

\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## **The Holy Eucharist**

### *Eucharistic Prayer B*

**The Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

*The Celebrant proceeds:*

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# Sanctus

fmin Db Ab b7min fmin

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, One Be - ing in us all.

fmin Db Ab Eb F

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, One Be - ing in us all.

## Verse

Ab Eb fmin Eb/G Ab Db Eb

1..All cre-a - tion shows your Light, filled with ho - ly glo - ry.  
2..Bless - ed is the One who comes, show - ing us your Way.

Ab Eb fmin cmin7 Db Eb

All cre-a - tion shows your Life, filled with ho - ly Love.  
Bless - ed is the One who comes, Ho - san - na, praise to you.

The people stand or kneel.

*The Celebrant 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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

***Celebrant and 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 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**

***Celebrant:*** Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People:*** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God.

[Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

## Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive communion.



### ~Communion Hymn~

"The Gift Of Angels"

By: Charles E. Peery

(Solo- Eunhee Suh)

Post-Communion Prayer *Celebrant*: Let us pray.

### *Celebrant 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 Priest gives the blessing*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



~Recessional Hymn #615~  
**“Thy Kingdom Come! On Bended Knee”**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains five lines of lyrics. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern in the right hand and a more active, melodic line in the left hand. The lyrics are as follows:

1 “Thy king - dom come!” on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;  
 2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;  
 3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;  
 4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,  
 5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom’s day.  
 2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.  
 3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near;  
 4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;  
 5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929) Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day’s Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

**Dismissal**

**Celebrant:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**People :** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

~Postlude~  
**“Postlude On Genevan 42”**  
 By: David Lasky



**Please Pray For the Following People**

Mariah Myers, Mike, Kathy Frederick, Jeff, Chris Francis,  
Johnny, Mandie, Brynn and Iann Miller, Paddi Mozilo,  
Jan, Edna, Mat, and Rick Rhoades, Riley Gillam,  
Mike Selinsky, Sylvia Tabor, Dee Crane, Susan,  
The Family and Friends of Todd Hodesh, Celeste V., Lenore, Helen,  
The Family and Friends of Christine Rea Boyle, David Popejoy,  
Bruce Briggs, Cindy Creamers, Eric and Michelle Salawich,  
Ginny Montoya, Charles, Katie, Linda,  
The Family and Friends of Craig Christiansen, Gwendy,  
Aaron Parson, James Micuda, Bill Turner, The Borel Family,  
Waverly Newport, The Family and Friends of Jane Spaulding,  
John, Donna LaMar, The Family and Friends of Rhys Mitchell,  
Susan Robbins, The Family and Friends of Megan

**Please Pray for those in the Armed Forces**

Stephanie Case Andersen, Adam and Kim Bennett,  
Jeff Walker, Jeff Lindbom, Jordan Knight,  
Katherine Guthrie, Pierce Guthrie, Nathan Cole,  
John A. Malley-Garza, Benjamin McCombs, Gabriel Leite, Blake  
Henderson Jr., David Allen Slockett, Bryson Henderson,  
Brady Bevard

# Aspen and Arlo Nelson

Holy Baptism  
December 3, 2023



*Aspen Nelson*  
*Born August 2, 2021*



*Arlo Nelson*  
*Born May 24, 2023*



*The Altar Flowers  
have been dedicated to  
Aspen and Arlo Nelson  
in honor of their  
Holy Baptism  
by their grandparents  
Bob, Phylise, and Barbara*

***Save The Dates!***

**Christmas Eve Services**

**10 A.M. and 12 Noon.**

**Christmas Day Service**

**10 A.M.**



## Anthony Robert Kulina Interment Service

On Friday, December 8, 2023 at 12 noon, we will have a service of interment for Anthony Kulina. After the service the family will be hosting a reception in Maitland Hall. All our welcome to attend. Volunteers are needed for the Reception, please contact the office if you can assist.

The Autism Support Group meets on the third Saturday of every month. If you or someone you know would benefit please join us, all are welcome. You can register in advance at [www.PHX.autism.org](http://www.PHX.autism.org).



**Autism Society**  
of Greater Phoenix

### Caregiver Support Group

**In Person Meeting in Cave Creek**  
3rd Saturday of each month  
Time: 1:30 - 2:45 PM  
Where: Good Shepherd of the Hills  
6502 E. Cave Creek Rd, Cave Creek, AZ 85331



The connection is you. Join us as we connect with other caregivers on this Autism journey! Share your challenges, successes and gain support. Register today at [www.PHXautism.org](http://www.PHXautism.org)



Our Wednesday Bible Study is held weekly at 5:00 p.m. in Maitland Hall. We will be discussing the Gospel of John. If you have not been a part of the study/discussion group, and wish to join so that you can receive Canon Jackson's weekly update and guide, please email Canon Jackson ([bajacksongs@gmail.com](mailto:bajacksongs@gmail.com)) or call the church office.



## STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Stewardship – A Way of Life at  
Good Shepherd of the Hills



I hope all of you have had an opportunity to make your stewardship decision of your Time, Talent and Treasure for 2024. Thank you to all that have already returned their 2024 pledge card.

For all the rest of you, please return your pledge card when you have had time to prayerfully consider your stewardship ministry for the coming year. If you need help in that process, please contact Fr. Jackson or one of our fine stewardship leaders.

As you know, we are trying to conclude this portion of our stewardship program quickly so that we can focus time and energy on other ministries and missions. In the meantime, I pray our spiritual life will continue to grow as we move forward together in our Christian discipleship.

Rob Jenkins, Stewardship Chair





# Christmas Concert and Carols Sing-A-Long

*Free Admission! All Are Welcome!*

When: Friday, December 8, 2023

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Where:

Good Shepherd of the Hills  
Episcopal Church  
6502 E Cave Creek Road  
Cave Creek, AZ. 85331

***NEW DATE!!***

## Cookie Exchange

**Saturday December 9th 1-3pm**

Bring 3 dozen to exchange and any amount to share during the get together.

Home baked cookies— no store bought cookies please.

Email a copy of your recipe to [goodshepherdaz@msn.com](mailto:goodshepherdaz@msn.com) in advance as we will be making a recipe book to give to all the participants to take home after the event.

Minimum participation of 10 people needed! Sign up sheet in Maitland Hall!



***The Food and Fellowship Ministry will be meeting today after the service in the Library (after everyone gets their snacks). If you are interested in joining this ministry or just finding out more information please join them!***

## **Food and Fellowship Ministry needs volunteers to Join their Ministry!**

**Food &  
Fellowship  
MINISTRY**



The Food & Fellowship Ministry assists the Coffee Hour hosts following worship and also works with the various ministry leaders to coordinate the food and beverage portion of community events on our campus. Your serving commitment can be as much as every Sunday/event or as little as one Sunday a month, it's up to you! The full Ministry Profile is posted to the bulletin board in Maitland Hall. If the Holy Spirit moves you to offer your spiritual gifts to the success of this vital ministry, please contact the Arlene or Margie.

### **COFFEE HOUR!**

**Volunteers are needed to host  
coffee hour !**

**If you are interested in being a  
host please sign up on the sheet  
inside Maitland Hall.**

**Not interested in hosting but still  
want to help? Please see Arlene and  
Margie to let them know!**

### ***What's A Coffee Hour Host?***

The host provides delicious food for all to share on the Sunday of their Choice! The host is also in charge putting their food and treats on the banquet table, helping to serve the beverages, and cleaning up after coffee hour ends. (Just the basics i.e. removing the food and trays from the banquet table, storing leftover items, loading the dishwasher, emptying the coffee pot, and wiping down the counters)





### ***Christmas Flower Dedications!***

If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one, or honor and bless your family and friends this holy season with a Christmas Flower dedication, please fill out the form below.

Christmas Flowers have been dedicated to:

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Message:

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By:

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Please return your forms no later then Thursday, December 14th.

Suggested Donation of \$15 can be paid by Cash, Check or Electronic payment via our website. ([www.goodshepherdaz.org](http://www.goodshepherdaz.org))

Please put Christmas Flower Dedication on the memo line of your check, or in the note section if paying online.



*I am coordinating two Creative Christmas Workshops*

*For participation it is necessary for you to have good eyesight and steady hand coordination. We will be creating snowflake ornaments and crosses with beads and wires. The finished products will be sold here at Good Shepherd and the proceeds will go to our Youth Group.*

*I will be coordinating workshops on two Saturdays in December (the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup>) Both of them will be held in Maitland Hall from 10-12.*

*If you would like to participate in making these items please call me at 860-235-1489 and sign up with your name and phone number. These classes will be limited to 10 people each. (first come...first served)*

*Blessings with beads.....elayne kitchen*



## ***Altar Flower Dedications !***

Our Altar Flower Dedication Program is taking altar flower dedication through next year— the new sign up sheet is posted in Maitland Hall!

Our beautiful Altar flowers are arranged by our Flower Guild but sponsored by our members in celebration for birthdays, anniversaries, and in memory of loved ones. Our Flower Guild works hard to keep the costs low but we are encouraging a donation of \$50 when sponsoring flowers.

Donors are encouraged to let the office know the occasion so we can include the information in the Sunday Bulletin.



**Drop-off extended an until December 7th @ noon!**

### **Foothills Food Bank Adopt-A-Family**

Adopt-A-Family helps adults, children, seniors, and veterans by providing food, toys, clothing and a lot of Christmas spirit. It's an opportunity for our community to reach out and lift those who are less fortunate.

**Foothills Food Bank has been spreading holiday joy for 21 years! With your generosity we served 1,140 individuals through the Adopt-A-Family holiday gift program last year.**

This year we are asking for your help in providing relief to our families that are feeling the pressure of today's cost of living.

- **\$50 VISA or Walmart Gift Cards**
- **New Family Games** (e.g., *Jenga, Yahtzee, Beat the Parents, Connect Four, Checkers, Qwirkle, Uno, card games, etc.*)
- **Adult Puzzle Books** (*Large print, crossword, Sudoku*)
- **Lap Blankets/Throws**
- **New Warm Socks (Children, Men & Women)**

Please drop off your donations in Maitland Hall before December 3<sup>rd</sup> so they can be taken to the Food Bank in time for their Holiday Event.



### **Foothills Food Bank Needs Donations!!**

We are continuing to take donations for the Food Bank every Sunday to try to help them meet their rise in demand. To participate bring one food item with you to church each Sunday! We have set up a basket in the Narthex and Maitland Hall to drop off your donations. Thank you in advance!

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