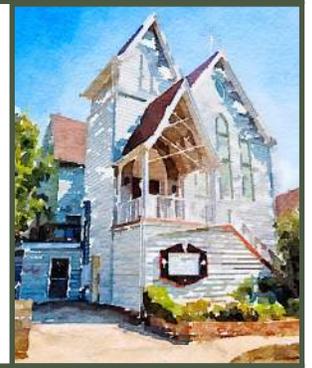


# The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour

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## Dear friends in Christ,

The introduction of a book I am reading called *The Vigil: Keeping Watch in the Season of Christ's Coming* says (and I paraphrased a bit): *'The ancient desert dwellers tell us that the surest way into the heart of God is to be still. In being still we learn to be attentive to the vast and hidden stillness that permeates all things. I invite you to begin by being attentive to that stillness. Seek it first in your own home. Rise in the thin light of a new day. Do not turn on the lamp or television or coffee maker, but stand by an east window and let the dawn's fingers creep over the fingers of your own hand.'*

*Listen next for stillness as you venture out of doors. Hear it in the splintering of fall leaves...Finally turn to your own heart. The same stillness is there as well. At the core, buried beneath the turbulence of emotions rubbed raw by life's labor. In that primordial stillness beats the heart of God.'*

This is a season in which we look to the future, but we also hold memories of past Christmas seasons in our hearts. I remember taking midnight walks in the snow when I lived in Michigan. There is nothing quite as still as walking at midnight after a fresh snow that blankets the earth. It was especially beautiful when the snow stopped, the sky was clear and the moon shone brightly. The only sound was the crunch of the snow under my feet. Where have you experienced stillness and sensed the presence of the Holy One?

This is a sacred season that invites us deeper into the mystery of God who comes again to dwell within us.

*"The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before. It is not possible to keep it from coming, because it will. That's just how Advent works. What is possible is to not see it, to turn just as it brushes past you... So Stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder. There will be time enough for running. For rushing. For worrying. For pushing. For now, stay. Wait. Something is on the horizon" (from Night Visions by Jan Richardson).*

Silent Night,  
Holy Night,  
All is Calm,  
All is Bright

with blessings and prayers,

Rev Deb

## *Advent Reflection\**

We are now in the season of Advent which is a time to prepare joyfully for Christ’s return and his reign. In Advent the liturgy deals with contrasts: light and dark; joy and sorrow; beginning and end; and, especially, chronological time and God’s time. We discover in Advent that God’s time is of the kind described not by clocks and calendars but in terms like “the time is ripe,” or “in the fullness of time.”

In liturgical worship Christians and our Jewish forebears and kin find time transcended in both directions. In remembering God’s saving acts in the past in prayer and thanksgiving, we find those past acts becoming present reality, and we, too, participate in them. In our liturgical rites we also look ahead to the end of time, and again our present time is filled with a foretaste of the kingdom which is yet to come.

Each of the four Advent Sundays has its own particular emphasis, and each reveals the Lord who enters into time and space, into our personal and corporate lives, whenever the “right time” occurs. As we remember, in liturgy, on each of these Sundays, our anamnesis (Greek for “remembering, unforgetting”) becomes the means by which God’s action in what we remember becomes operative in our lives. We are likewise led to look forward in anticipation to Christ’s return (Eucharistic Prayer B, The Book of Common Prayer, page 368):

We remember his death,  
 We proclaim his resurrection,  
 We await his coming in glory.

The First Sunday of Advent is concerned with the Lord’s return as Judge of his people and of the whole created order. This is not simply a return which happens haphazardly, but neither can it be forecast by the clock or the calendar. Instead, Christ comes to each of us and to the world as he chooses, and according to his time. The character of his coming is revealed in the occasions he has come in the past. It is a gracious and loving advent, and it is judging and critical as well. Jesus encounters us not at our convenience or on demand; instead, he comes suddenly and often surprisingly. He comes to us in ways on which we can depend, such as prayer and worship, and especially in the Holy Eucharist; but he also comes when we least expect him, and often when we do not even desire him. So in the Eucharist we pray, “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” (Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP, page 368).

### Dates at a Glance

- Dec 5**  
Parish Pantry 10-2
- Dec 6**  
One worship service 9:30
- Dec 7**  
Pledges due to prepare budget
- Dec 9**  
Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm  
Second Windsay 7:00 pm
- Dec 13**  
Forum Anglican Vision:  
Church and Sacrament 9:15
- Dec 15**  
Vestry Meeting 12:15
- Dec 20**  
Blue Christmas 4:00
- Dec 24**  
Christmas Pageant 4:00 pm  
Midnight Mass 9:00 pm



The Second and Third Sundays of Advent are focused on John the Baptist, the final prophet of Israel and the Forerunner of Christ. On the Second Sunday, John is revealed as the Forerunner, the striking figure who fulfills the last prophecies of the Old Testament. He is the human sign that the Messiah has at last come and that God's kingdom is imminent. John cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." That preparation is what the Greek-speaking writers of the Gospels called *metanoia*, which means, "change of mind" or "turning back," and which we translate as "repentance." The call is not to feel guilty, but to forsake that which is opposed to the reign of Christ. So we pray that day for the "grace to heed [the prophets'] warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ" (Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent, BCP, page 211).

On the Third Sunday we hear more of the call to repentance from John and the call to prepare for the Messiah's coming by living lives in keeping with the kingdom of God. We also hear John's testimony to the ministry and significance of Jesus. Jesus is the Messiah, the one whose coming John's preaching announces. John, the Forerunner of the Messiah (Christ), is the model for our own living. We also are to be those who announce Jesus' coming into his world. We are so to live that "we may," as we pray in Advent, "without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing" (Proper Preface for Advent, BCP, page 345).

The Fourth Sunday of Advent is concerned with Jesus' immediate family and particularly with his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and her role in redemption. The fear of expressing reverence for Mary, which characterized many Protestant and Anglican Christians in the past, has begun to disappear as advances in biblical and historical studies have made possible a reassessment of her place in the scriptures and in the piety and doctrine of the early church. We recognize that God did not redeem us in a vacuum, apart from human participation. God brought about the Incarnation of the Son through the cooperation of a human woman with the life-giving Spirit. Furthermore, Mary's vocation is not only to bear the God incarnate, but also to be the pattern for us as we become "God-bearers" by means of following her example of cooperation with the divine grace. Thus, we pray on the Fourth Sunday that our consciences may be so purified that Christ "may find in us," as he did in his holy mother, "a mansion prepared for himself" (Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, BCP, page 212).

God's time breaks into our time redemptively whenever we, in prayer and liturgy and ministry, cooperate with the divine will. It is then that the reason for honoring blessed Mary becomes clear, for we see her as the pattern for ourselves and as the first of all believers. The liturgy is always human action in union with God's action, by which God removes the barriers between our chronological time and space, and God's time, God's kingdom. The liturgy is the point at which God's Spirit draws us into the life and the presence of the saving God. It is in the liturgy that we are revealed to be the Body of Christ and to be the means by which the Incarnation is extended in time and space.

In Advent we find all our times brought together in God's time, all our joys in God's joy, all our lives in God's life. In Advent we pray in these words (Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP, page 368):

We give thanks to you, O God... For in these last days you sent [Jesus] 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. Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

*\*From The Rite Light: Reflections on the Sunday Readings and Seasons of the Church Year by Michael W. Merriman. Church Publishing Incorporated, New York.*

## ***Poinsettia Memorial***



The flowers of Christmas can be given in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for God's blessing or someone in your life. They are \$10.00 each. Please make checks out to THE ALTAR GUILD along with your message before December 17th. Your donations help to make our church beautiful for our Christmas services. Thank you.

## ***Parish Pantry***

It's time for Church of Our Saviour's December Parish Pantry. We will celebrate with Christmas cookies, tea and coffee, shopping and conversation, on Saturday, December 5, from 10:00 until 2:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall.

There will be beautiful handmade crafts, preserves, and treats with good keeping qualities for sale. The boutique will be available during Coffee Hour each Sunday until Christmas. Don't delay, these items will not be here long; they make terrific gifts.

Help with set up would be appreciated from 8:30 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. on December 5, Saturday. Please bring your donations at that time or make other arrangements with Karin (530-306-3638), or Brenda (530-622-2191).

## ***Charities to donate to this season***

If you are looking for a charity to donate to this season please consider the following:

### **Only Kindness, Inc., Veterans Fund**

The Only Kindness, Inc., dba Community Resource Center, has been serving the homeless and at risk of homelessness population of El Dorado county for a number of years. Since July of 2014, in collaboration with Veterans organizations, a separate Veterans fund has been established. Make your check out to Church of Our Saviour, but on the memo line please put OK Vets.

### **Order of Julian of Norwich**

is planning to build a guest house for this Anglican Order. Make your check out to Church of Our Saviour, but on the memo line please put OJN.

When you donate to OK Vets, you are fulfilling your Apostolic, outreach mission.

When you donate to OJN, you are fulfilling your Contemplative, inward mission.

### **Episcopal Relief & Development**

Episcopal Relief & Development works with Church partners and other local organizations to save lives and transform communities worldwide. We rebuild after disasters and empower people to create lasting solutions that fight poverty, hunger and disease. Working in close to 40 countries, our programs impact the lives of approximately 3 million people around the world. Examples of where your money could go are:

- \$80     Goat
- \$100    Pig
- \$135    Flock of chickens
- \$50     Reforestation (50 trees)

There is more information in the Parish Hall about gift designation. Make your check out to Church of Our Saviour, but on the memo line please write ERD.

### **The Priest-in-Charge Discretionary Fund**

People frequently call the church in need of some money for food, car repair, medical expenses, rent and a myriad of other reasons. Your donation to the Priest-in-Charge Discretionary account will help those in need who contact Rev Deb. Recent requests included:

- \$60    Night in motel for homeless
- \$275   Help with PGE bill
- \$550   Help with rent for family of four
- \$476   Tires for homeless man car

Make your check out to Church of Our Saviour, but on the memo line please write Priest Discretionary Fund.

*Many hands and hearts made the Advent Preparation Day a great success*

*Continuing Family Traditions:  
Advent Preparation  
11-21-2015 9-12 p.m.  
Crafts, Stories, Cooking Time,  
Community Soup!*



## *The Placerville Festival of Lights & Our Saviour Christmas caroling*

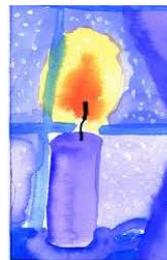
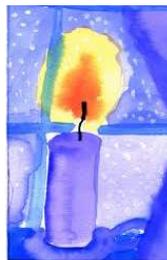
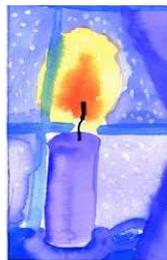


The lighting of the Placerville Christmas takes place the day after Thanksgiving each year. This year our church had Christmas lights strung on the staircase. We made a huge pot of hot chocolate, walked over by the freeway overpass, sang carols and passed out hot chocolate to people going over to the festivities. It was a 'trial run' and we know what to do next year to make it even better.

### *A Blue Christmas Service*

Dealing with grief during anytime is a struggle, but dealing with grief during the holidays is especially painful. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other dis-ease makes it hard to participate in parties and other social gatherings.

Our Saviour will hold a service of Blue Christmas on Sunday, December 20th, at 4:00 PM. At the service of Blue Christmas we will gather, hear and reflect on God's word, and share the bread and wine, Christ's body and blood, broken and shed for us, as Christ was one of us. We have the opportunity to allow God to comfort us and those around us. All are invited.



## *Celebrate Christmas at Our Saviour*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**

**4 pm A Christmas Pageant**

**&**

**9 pm A Festive (New York) Midnight Mass**



*Children are welcome at our services.*

*If you would like your child to be in the Pageant please call 530-622-2441*

Please join us on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. We will have a service at 4 pm that is geared to young children and families. The Christmas pageant will be at that service. We are calling the evening service a “New York Midnight Mass” since it will be 9 pm here but midnight in New York! At 9 pm we will sing favorite Christmas Carols and then start our festive Christmas Eve service with incense, candles, music and flowers.

# December 2015

| Sunday  | Monday             | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
|---|--------------------|---|---|---|--|---|
| 29<br>☞ 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br>☞ 9:30 AM Adult Forum<br>☞ 10:15 AM Nursery Care<br>☞ 10:20 AM Sunday School<br>☞ K-3rd<br>☞ 10:30 AM Family Service<br>with Music<br>☞ 12:10 PM Choir Practice   | 30<br>☞ 7:15 PM NA | 1<br>☞ 8:30 AM Morning Prayer in<br>church<br>☞ 6:00 PM Bunco | 2<br>☞ 11:00 AM Women's Bible<br>Study                        | 3<br>☞ 8:30 AM Growing in God's<br>Grace School<br>☞ 8:30 AM Morning Prayer in<br>church<br>☞ 10:00 AM DOK  | 4<br>☞ 6:30 PM Welcome Home<br>Group                     | 5<br>☞ 10:00 AM Parish Pantry<br>☞ 10:00 AM Altar Guild Set-<br>up  |
| 6<br>☞ 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br>☞ 9:30 AM Adult Forum<br>☞ 10:15 AM Nursery Care<br>☞ 10:20 AM Sunday School<br>☞ K-3rd<br>☞ 10:30 AM Family Service<br>with Music<br>☞ 12:10 PM Choir Practice<br>☞ 12:15 PM Executive Com-<br>mittee Meeting | 7<br>☞ 7:15 PM NA  | 8<br>☞ 8:30 AM Morning Prayer in<br>church                    | 9<br>☞ 9:00 AM New Event<br>☞ 11:00 AM Women's Bible<br>Study | 10<br>☞ 8:30 AM Morning Prayer in<br>church<br>☞ 8:30 AM Growing in God's<br>Grace School   | 11<br>☞ 6:30 PM Welcome Home<br>Group                    | 12<br>☞ 10:00 AM Altar Guild Set-<br>up   |
| 13<br>☞ 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br>☞ 9:30 AM Adult Forum<br>☞ 10:15 AM Nursery Care<br>☞ 10:20 AM Sunday School<br>☞ K-3rd<br>☞ 10:30 AM Family Service<br>with Music<br>☞ 12:10 PM Choir Practice<br>☞ 12:15 PM Vestry Meeting                  | 14<br>☞ 7:15 PM NA | 15<br>☞ 8:30 AM Morning Prayer in<br>church                   | 16<br>☞ 11:00 AM Women's Bible<br>Study                       | 17<br>☞ 8:30 AM Growing in God's<br>Grace School<br>☞ 8:30 AM Morning Prayer in<br>church<br>☞ 10:00 AM Altar Guild                               | 18<br>☞ 6:30 PM Welcome Home<br>Group                    | 19<br>☞ 9:00 AM Prayer Blanket<br>Group (Parish Hall)<br>☞ 10:00 AM Altar Guild Set-<br>up<br>☞ 11:00 AM Pastoral Partners<br>Group- Holiday Brunch |
| 20<br>☞ 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br>☞ 9:30 AM Adult Forum<br>☞ 10:15 AM Nursery Care<br>☞ 10:20 AM Sunday School<br>☞ K-3rd<br>☞ 10:30 AM Family Service<br>with Music<br>☞ 12:10 PM Choir Practice<br>☞ 4:00 PM Blue Christmas                   | 21<br>☞ 7:15 PM NA | 22<br>☞ 8:30 AM Morning Prayer in<br>church                   | 23<br>☞ 11:00 AM Women's Bible<br>Study                       | 24<br>☞ Upper Room<br>☞ Christmas Eve<br>☞ 8:30 AM Morning Prayer in<br>church<br>☞ 4:00 PM Christmas Eve<br>service<br>☞ 9:00 PM 'Midnight' Mass | 25<br>☞ Christmas Day<br>☞ 6:30 PM Welcome Home<br>Group | 26<br>☞ Day After Christmas Day<br>☞ 10:00 AM Altar Guild Set-<br>up  |
| 27<br>☞ 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br>☞ 9:30 AM Adult Forum<br>☞ 10:15 AM Nursery Care<br>☞ 10:20 AM Sunday School<br>☞ K-3rd<br>☞ 10:30 AM Family Service<br>with Music<br>☞ 12:10 PM Choir Practice   | 28<br>☞ 7:15 PM NA | 29<br>☞ 8:30 AM Morning Prayer in<br>church                   | 30<br>☞ 11:00 AM Women's Bible<br>Study                       | 31<br>☞ New Year's Eve<br>☞ 8:30 AM Morning Prayer in<br>church<br>☞ 8:30 AM Growing in God's<br>Grace School                                     | 1<br>☞ New Year's Day<br>☞ 6:30 PM Welcome Home<br>Group | 2<br>☞ 10:00 AM Altar Guild Set-<br>up  |

***Ministry Schedule 8 am***

| Date | EM             | Reader      | Usher                    |
|------|----------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 6    | Single Service |             |                          |
| 13   | S. Bert        | J. McDonald | L. Hill/C. Griffin       |
| 20   | L. Hill        | T. Wilson   | B. Wirth / P. Wooldridge |
| 24   | L. Hill        | J. McDonald | J. McDonald/C. Griffing  |
| 27   | D. Zelinsky    | L. Perpall  | N. Lawson/J. Scheoner    |

***Ministry Schedule 10:30 am***

| Date | EM                   | Reader        | Usher                   | Acolyte    |
|------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------|
| 6    | J. Baker/M. Baker    | B. Roberts    | D. Lightfoot/W. Roberts | R. Dorrans |
| 13   | M. Muetz/Y.Giordano  | T. Fritschi   | J. Baker/E. Cannon      |            |
| 20   | Y. Giordano/L. Parks | S. Bert       | M. Muetz/M. Miller      | R. Dorrans |
| 24   | T. Weikert/S. Bert   | TBA           | L. Parks/R. Douglas     |            |
| 27   | M. Muetz/S. Bert     | C. McLaughlin | L. Parks/R. Douglas     |            |

***Birthdays***

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Joanne McCormack    | December 2  |
| Mona Baker          | December 12 |
| Sean Nugent         | December 12 |
| Gary Ames           | December 21 |
| Elise Piazza        | December 21 |
| Dorothy Nisbet      | December 25 |
| Chelsea McCormack   | December 26 |
| Elsie Cannon        | December 27 |
| Caralie Blankenship | December 29 |

***Anniversaries***

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| John & Kim Nugent | December 13 |
|-------------------|-------------|

## ***Church Office Hours : Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 -12:00***

The church hours indicate when the secretary is at the office. If you wish to come and talk to Rev Deb please email her at [revdebra.oursaviour@gmail.com](mailto:revdebra.oursaviour@gmail.com), call her at 530-848-7765, or call Trish C at 530-622-2441.

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