

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield, Rector

11300 West Huguenot Road

Midlothian, VA 23113

Announcements for December 23, 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION

Morning Prayer via zoom—8:30 AM

For after-hour emergencies and pastoral care, please contact the Rector or Parish Administrator: 804-464-1842.

For baptisms, marriages, or funerals, please contact the Rector.

For use of the facilities, membership, or giving and pledges, please contact the Parish Administrator.

Church sponsored, Sunday bulletin announcements are due in the office by 12:00 PM, Tuesdays and should be submitted here:

www.stmatmidlo.com/news-announcements

Please see our community bulletin board in Morrison Hall for personal and community announcements.

OFFICE HOURS

By Appointment Only

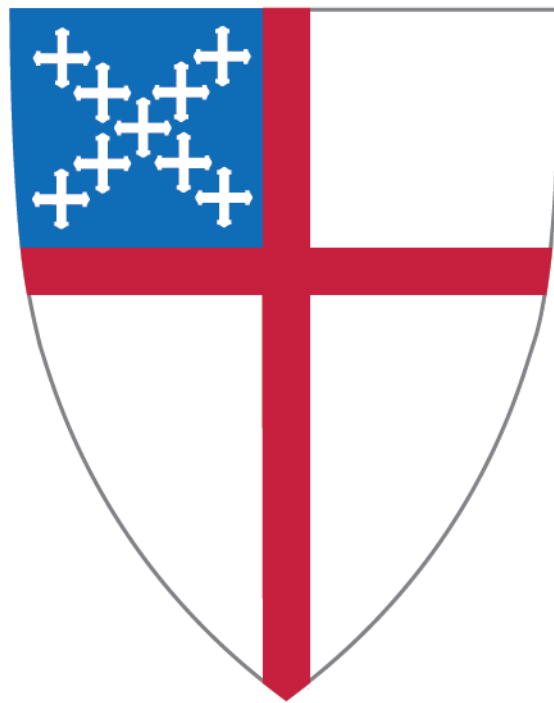
Masks Required.

Staff members are working from home and are checking voice mail and returning calls.

Phone: 804-464-1842 Fax: 804-594-5982

Weather/Emergency Text Updates: Text WeAreIAm to 84483

Web Site: www.stmatmidlo.com ~ Email: st.matthias@stmatmidlo.com



Weekly Update

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WAITING ON THE THRESHOLD

We live on the brink every day. We stand on the threshold between this world and the next one. We live and move between the ordinary and divine, between the mundane and the mystery. Too often, we forget to look up and see the angels in our living room. We forget that the love we give and live is a sign of eternity, God with us, right now. We forget that company is coming.

Luke tells us that God's favor came to a girl, an ordinary girl. It might have been you or your daughter; it might have been the girl down the street or your grandchild. But the messenger of God came and greeted her and said, "The Lord is with you." What a gift and a promise: Emmanuel, God is with us.

We light candles with peace in our hearts for the promise of proximity, the nearness of God. Even when we forget to listen, to lean into that presence, God is as close as our own breath. This, in a confused and confusing world, is a peace that passes all understanding. It is the peace that knows that company is coming.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

(Edited from Discipleship Ministries)



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Worship

Please print out the worship booklet ahead of the service or use a computer that has two screens, so you can follow along with the service.

[Christmas Eve 5:00 PM](#)

Passcode: **383345**

Meeting ID: 864 2222 5901

[Christmas Eve 10:00 PM](#)

Passcode: **993897**

Meeting ID: 857 4708 5396

[Christmas Eve Service Booklet](#)

[Christmas Day Service 10:00 AM](#)

Passcode: **367265**

Meeting ID: 864 2517 8195

[Christmas Day Service Booklet](#)

Sunday Worship December 27

Diocesan virtual service for Christmas 1 & Compline

As a gift to the Diocese, the Diocesan Office staff, in conjunction with diocesan liturgists, will be offering worship on Christmas 1, December 27. Our worship service will be offered virtually to the entire diocese and will be accessed via the [diocesan website](#), [YouTube channel](#) and [Face-book](#) (Please click on one of these three links for the service). It will also be an opportunity for the diocese to worship together during one of the most joyful times of the year. The service recording will be available for on-demand viewing after Dec. 27. If you would like to know that you are worshipping with members of St. Matthias', we suggest that everyone go on at 10:00 AM. O Come Let Us Adore Him!

St. Matthias' will offer Compline at 5:30 PM. Please use the links below for Zoom and the worship booklet.

[Compline](#)

[Compline Booklet](#)

Passcode: 616718

Holiday Break: Beginning at 12:30 PM on December 24 through January 3 the staff will be on their annual holiday break.

In the event of an emergency call the Church Office and follow the emergency prompts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRY: Sunday School and Youth Ministry will be on a break during the Christmas holidays. We will resume classes again on January 10, 2021.

Virtual Christmas Pageant 2020: Thanks to everyone who participated in our pageant this year. We will be broadcasting the pageant at both the 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm Christmas Eve services on Zoom. After that, the pageant will be available to view on our St. Matthias' YouTube channel. We will provide information on how to access that after Christmas.

SHELTER FEEDING SATURDAY DECEMBER 26TH: The Shelter Feeding Ministry invites you to serve Saturday, December 26th. If you want to help with this wonderful ministry, please make 10 bagged lunches consisting of a sandwich, a fruit snack, a salty treat like chips, a sweet treat like cookies and a napkin. Please no condiments. If you make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, please mark "PBJ" on the bag. It is very helpful if you are able to put the 10 lunch bags in one large paper bag or box. We will meet at 9am on Dec 26th in the parking lot BEHIND the church. Click on the link below to sign up or call or email Carrie carriecdeane@aol.com 804 986 6460 or Mary maryellers@yahoo.com 804 908 1575.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044DAEA728A1F94-theshelter>

Seekers Class: Starting on Sunday, January 3rd, the class will discuss Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations from the Center for Action and Contemplation. www.cac.org This class meets via Zoom at 9:30 on Sundays and the link for the meeting can be found in the Enews or the Morning Prayer email. All are welcome.

Change in Food Pantry Donation Day: The Food Pantry team has made a decision to change the church donation day from every other Friday to every other THURSDAY, beginning in 2021. With the rising rates of COVID and mandates from our Bishop, we felt that trying to space out the number of people in the food pantry area at any given time would be safer, as well as help us be ready for the increase in families that we are seeing. This congregation makes it possible for us to continue this important ministry of St. Matthias and we thank each one of you for your generosity. Our new schedule will begin on THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021. Thank you!

With the rise in Covid cases, donations can only be accepted on the designated donation day. Currently staff is not able to accept Food Pantry donations at the door.

Weekly Zoom Gatherings

All you have to do is click on the links below to join. If there is an access code listed with a link, you will need to use that access code to enter that meeting.

All Sunday Service information and links will sent to you in a separate email.

December 27 Diocesan Service [diocesan website](#), [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook](#)

Compline

Compline Booklet

[Monday Evening Kerygma Monday 7:00 PM](#) Pass Code: 555850

[Men's Group Tuesday 8:30 AM](#)

[Passing the Peace Tuesday 7:00 PM](#) Pass Code: 579942

Wednesday Kerygma 10:00 AM: Meeting ID is 651650950

[Centering Prayer Wednesday 7:30 AM](#)

Contributions to the Church

Please continue to offer your faithful gifts by mailing your check to our church office at 11300 West Huguenot Road, Midlothian VA 23113. Please be sure to note on your check if it is for the General Fund or the Outreach Fund and or how you would like your amount split between the two.

Now that staff are in the office you may also give via debit/credit card over the phone by calling Br. Mark.

On-line giving has been set up and activated to provide an avenue to continue to receive members' donations. This includes debit and credit cards as well as direct ACH transactions. We offer these various forms of payment of your donations for your convenience and ease, but never with the wish that you indebt yourselves in so doing. We are grateful for your generosity.

On-line giving is available through our website at www.stmatmidlo.com.

Text Giving

Text: Stmatmidlo and Amount to 73256

PRAYER LIST

Prayer requests can be sent to Br. Mark at Mark.jenkins@stmatmidlo.com.

Our Congregation is asked to keep in their prayers the following:

Opal & Nancy Moore
Lee
Betsy
The Tucker Family
Pete
Lou
Matt
/Bob
Jagne (Jang)
Mary Elizabeth
Michael
Nicholas
James
Carl & Helen
Nancy
/Lisa Stanko
Ed
John Allen
Madison
Luca
Nancy Petrelli
Albert Uzel
/The Bowman Family
Cathy Britton
Larry
David Ottoway
Sarah
Gwen

Pat
Dot Worsham
/Mark Redstrom
Kirby
Annie
Rob
Mary
/Pamela
Rinaldo Redstrom
Claude
Elliott Woodaman
Jane Griffin
Liz Brengel
Rodger Hardy
Gretchen
Dick Harman
Ed McCowan

For the repose of the souls of Sheila Bradshaw,
Jerome Mend-Cole and Jessica

We also pray for those in the military, especially:
Todd Batteau
Sooky Brooks
Alex Burton
Christopher Garland
Michael Handlan
Jake Hentges
Rebecca Jenkins
Donta Mason
Tom Montgomery
Phillip Plourd
Andrew Rodgers
Heather Smith
Hank Truillo
Nat Williams
Corey
Spencer
Zach

MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

December

Bob Franklin 28
Michael Barree 30

January

Rodger Hardy 1
Gary Reinhardt 1
Bill Thompson 1
Renay Hardy 2