



# The Ivy Leaf

December 13, 2020

## Welcome...

to St. Matthew's as we observe the season of Advent. These four weeks before Christmas are a time of watchful waiting for the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. During Advent, we look back to Jesus' birth two thousand years ago, and we look forward to his coming again to make all things new. We also look to the present, creating room for Jesus to be born anew into our own lives, our own world.

Wherever you are on your path in life, we are glad you are here! We hope that you find something in this community that feeds your soul through this season of waiting and hope.

## **Messiah Holiday Concert Next Sunday**

This **Sunday, December 13 at noon**, our annual *Messiah* concert will premiere on Facebook and YouTube *and* our website. Tune in to see and hear performances by our Chancel Choir soloists, with Karen Hutchinson on the piano and Angela Kraft Cross on the organ. Links are here:

Webpage: <https://episcopalstmatthew.org/2020/12/messiah-concert/>

YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_EX2X-8DCzY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_EX2X-8DCzY)

FB: [https://www.facebook.com/episcopalstmatthew/live\\_videos](https://www.facebook.com/episcopalstmatthew/live_videos)

## **Christmas Eve Services**

**4:00 pm** Facebook Livestream: Nativity Pageant, with Christmas Music

**5:30 pm** On the Lawn: Christmas caroling by the lighted tree

**9:00 pm** Facebook Livestream: Festival Christmas Choral Eucharist

## **Christmas Altar Flowers**

This season, remember a loved one or give thanks with a donation to the Altar Guild for altar flowers. A \$35 donation supports this ministry and adds the name you specify to service bulletins Christmas week—as a memorial, or acknowledging an anniversary, birthday, or in thanksgiving. **Deadline for inclusion in Christmas service bulletins is Monday, December 21.** Please call Carol Kalb, Memorial

Flower Chairman, at 650-578-9855 if you'd like to donate or have further questions.

### **Pledge Envelopes Available**

Weekly 2021 pledge envelopes are available now. If you ordered a set, we will mail yours to you. If you haven't yet ordered but would like a set, please contact the [church office](#).

### **Blessings and Prayer List Additions**

Names for blessings and prayers can be submitted by emailing or calling the church office: [office@episcopalstmatthew.org](mailto:office@episcopalstmatthew.org) or 650-274-0795.

### **Contributions and Pledges**

Your generous financial support helps St. Matthew's fulfill its mission: to live God's love, to share the Gospel, and to grow spiritually. Thank you for continuing your giving during these times. Contributions and pledges can be mailed to the church or made online at: [episcopalstmatthew.org/giving/donate-now/](https://episcopalstmatthew.org/giving/donate-now/).