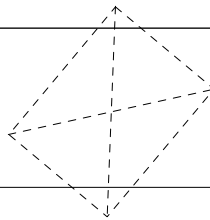


# The Episcopal Epistle

The Memorial Church of the Prince of Peace

December 2007



*From The Rector,  
The Rev. Kate Kelderman*

In the season of Advent we wait. We wait both for the Feast of the Nativity, and the Second Coming of Christ. And like our Hebrew ancestors who waited for the first Advent of Christ, we embrace this vigil with joyful expectation. Like them we anticipate that time when the Lord of Lords will come in both judgment and redemption. That is after all what we believe, what we hope, that Christ will come again to redeem all of creation and free us from the evil that so dominates us and our world.

Because of the twofold themes of threat and promise, the gladness we feel in the season of Advent is marked by a somber tone as well. And our waiting reflects this duality. Instead of the fasting and penitential behavior that marks lent, Advent is marked by prayerful attentiveness. We come before the Lord with humble devotion and commitment. In Advent we prepare for the coming of Christ by readying our inner home for the visitor that will stay a while.

So we prepare in different ways. In our homes the vigil takes place as we practice attentiveness to the hidden stillness of God that permeates all things. In our lives and the world around us we look for the coming of Christ in the falling leaves, slow moving sap of the trees, and growing frost on the meadow. And in our soul the vigil takes place as we look for the stillness of God buried beneath the turbulence created by life's labor. Preparing for the coming of Christ involves prayer, attentiveness, patience, and a willingness to embrace the wonder of His coming.

*Come my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a east:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.*

*George Herbert  
1593-1633*

I invite you to take part in this ancient vigil and embrace the wonder of Christ's coming.

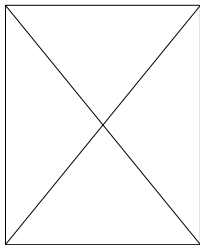
Faithfully yours,

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**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

- 8:00 a.m. Rite I Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 a.m. Sr. Choir
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all Ages  
(Sunday School - undercroft)  
(Adult Forums - soup kitchen)
- 10:15 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class (2nd Sunday)
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group (last Sunday)



**ADULT FORUMS**

Held each Sunday at 9:15 in the Soup Kitchen. **Coming December 2: Advent Wreath Making Activity. The whole community is invited to take part in this wonderful family activity.**

**BISHOP BAXTER'S VISIT**

The Rt. Rev. Nathan Baxter, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, will make his annual visit to Prince of Peace on Sunday December 9 at the 10:15 service.

**THANK YOU PRINCE OF PEACE**

Prince of Peace has been blessed with the ability to offer scholarships to our college-bound youth. You should know that parishioners Raeanna Lilley, Christopher Banks, Jack Purdy, Kristen Kamsler and Adrienne Marvin have all expressed their heartfelt thanks for this scholarship. Not only has this funding helped them financially; it has also reminded them of the love and support that is always here for them at Prince of Peace.

**To my church family,**

Just a few days ago, I took a short walk down to the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. I sat down in their immense garden and pulled out my world politics book to study for a few hours. The peaceful surroundings soon lulled me into distant memories of the first time I had been to the Cathedral with the acolytes from Prince of Peace.

The daydreaming soon lapsed into nostalgia as I thought of my church and my family at home. It all started when I was about four years old. Of course, I remember very little of my first times at Prince of Peace. I do remember being baptized there. I remember the amazing friends I made in youth group. There were the long hours spent on the altar, first torch bearing, then as a crucifer, and finally as a server. There was a point around my sixth grade year when I am fairly convinced I spent more waking hours at church than my own house.

Through all of this, the people that surrounded me were the best part. Even the adults were more than mentors, they were friends. They taught me valuable spiritual and life lessons, but they also took the time to listen to me, despite the fact that I was only 10 years old. These people watched me grow up and served as an extended family. Having this support system helped me become who I am today. These people watched me grow up and showed me support in my every endeavor. Now that I am in college, I feel a long way away from that support system, yet I know they are still there, cheering me on.

I just want to take a minute to say thank you so much. I really appreciate the scholarship with my whole heart, but more than that, I want to say thank you to all of you who have known me since I was young, and know that the money is being well invested. I appreciate your encouragement and love!

*Thank you, Adrienne Marvin*



**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve**

**Monday, Dec. 24**

- Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM
- Holy Eucharist 10:00 PM

**Christmas Day**

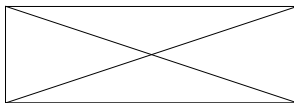
**Tuesday December 25**

- Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM

**1st Sunday After Christmas**

**Sunday December 30**

- Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM
- Festival of Lessons & Carols 10:15 AM

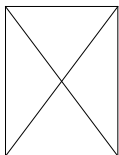


### ECW HOLIDAY MEETING AND DINNER

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Prince of Peace will be having their holiday dinner and meeting at General Pickett's Buffet on Tuesday, December 4, at 6:30 PM. General Pickett's is located at 571 Steinwehr Avenue. The cost of the dinner is \$12.00 including tax and gratuity. A sign-up sheet is in the parlor. Please mark your calendars to reserve the date and plan to join us to celebrate the holidays. If you have never attended a meeting and are interested in joining us, feel free to sign up for fellowship and fun. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara House or Jane Gough.

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Friday, December 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM the Prince of Peace Youth Group and some adult helpers will host a Christmas Party for children in the parish of all ages. Crafts, games, movies, and other activities will be planned for Pre-schoolers through 4th graders. Infants will be in the nursery and will listen to Christmas music as they play. Parents, the party will provide a safe and fun time for your children while you enjoy a dinner out, some Christmas shopping, or maybe a leisurely trip to the grocery store. Please add your children's names to the sign-up sheet in the parlor so that we can plan for the evening.



### A CHOWDER CHRISTMAS

A gathering of the High Street Marching and Chowder Society  
*(All men of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church)*

### FOOD FELLOWSHIP FUN

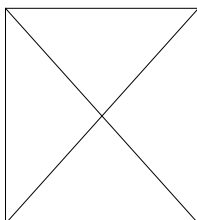
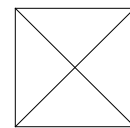
- Where:** Gettysburg Country Club, Rte 30 West (730 Chambersburg Rd.)  
**When:** Tuesday, December 4 at 6:00 PM  
**Menu:** Chowder, Fish & Chips, Tea, Coffee, Soda, Dessert (other beverages available for purchase)  
**Cost:** \$19.25 (includes meal, tax and tip)

Please sign up by Sunday, December 2  
*Questions, see Charles Marass or Ben Jones*

### SILENT AUCTION

Because of the positive comments, the successful interaction, and the fun in having a silent auction last year, the church will be holding its second annual silent auction. The bidding will end at 11 or 12:00 on January 20th, 2008 immediately before brunch begins after the Annual Meeting in the church. Let's kick off this second auction the right way. **This is a notice for everyone to think of an object, a gift or a talent that you can share with the church to auction off that day.** Think paintings, objects of special value, antiques, culinary skills (these went big last year – we heard no complaints), beef, time-shares, vacations, root canals (agh), house painting, yard work, mulching etc. **LET YOUR MIND GO. THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX** and even the church. Maybe friends and relatives have skills they will volunteer. The value of your gifts can be included in your contributions to the church (oh! apple butter or Neil Beach's socks). **More news to come—stay tuned.**

*Joe Donolli, Silent Auction Chair*



### 12TH ANNUAL GETTYSBURG TUBA CAROL FEST

Tuba players from everywhere, including the Prince of Peace family, will be performing Christmas Carols on Lincoln Square in front of the Gettysburg Hotel at 7:00 PM, Friday, December 14 as part of the 12th annual Gettysburg Tuba Carol Fest. The Tuba Carol Fest is directed by Prince of Peace's Ben Jones and performs in addition to the traditional carols a fun arrangement of "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" arranged by our own illustrious Roger Parsels. In case of rain, the performance will be in our church at 7pm.

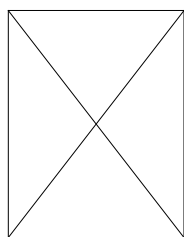
### DO YOU HAVE EXTRA SUITCASES?

When the homeless leave the shelter here in Gettysburg, they need to carry their clothes in something. If you have extra suitcases in your attic or closet that you can donate, please contact Linda Corson at 717-334-1955.

**UTO UPDATE**

Prince of Peace will be sending \$776.78 to the national ingathering of the United Thank Offering. This amount came from the generous gifts of so many faithful parishioners. Ushers were Gladys Parks (8:00), Mary Stevenson and Jane Gough (10:15) for this fall ingathering.

*Mary Laidlow, UTO Chair*



**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

We will decorate the church for Christmas on December 23rd, 2007, right after the 10:15 service. Any and all persons interested in helping and sharing the Christmas spirit are welcome.

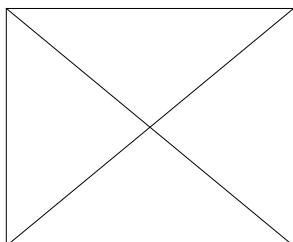
*Thank you, Olive Donolli 334-8255*

**FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

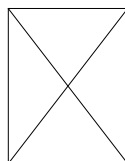
- Dec. 2 For AIDS Awareness Sunday and World AIDS Day, by Neil Beach  
In thanksgiving for our 50th wedding anniversary, by Doris & Tom Cole
- Dec. 9 In loving memory of Robert Stephen Gough, by Bob and Jane Gough
- Dec. 16 In loving memory of John B.S. and Clare L. Purdy, by the Purdy family
- Dec. 23 OPEN
- Dec. 24 Please use the special flower dedication form on this page
- Dec. 30 OPEN

Please fill out the form on the parlor table or call the church office at 334-6463 if you would like to make a flower dedication. The cost for 2007 is \$30.00 (or \$15.00 if the date is shared with another dedication). We can't reserve dates for single dedications, so you might have to share a date with another party.

Please make your check payable to *Prince of Peace* and mark it "Altar Flowers."



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS**



\$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed for the Christmas Decoration Fund.

Donation made by (PLEASE PRINT your name and phone number):

PLEASE PRINT your dedication ("in loving memory of", "in thanksgiving for", etc.):

**Any amount you'd like to donate will be gratefully accepted. Donations will be noted in the Christmas Eve bulletin. The deadline to submit dedications is Sunday December 16.**

Please send all donations and forms to the church office. Checks should be payable to "Prince of Peace Church" and marked "Christmas flower dedication." If you are mailing your dedication and payment, send them to: Prince of Peace Church Office, PO Box 3005, Gettysburg PA 17325.

## PARISH ROUND OF PRAYER FOR DECEMBER 2007

- Dec. 2 Kerry & Holly Schlein; Jim, Melanie & Martha Schupp; Betty Scott; and Peter & Anne Scott  
Dec. 9 Frank Seidel, Nicole Muench-Seidel & Veronika Muench-Seidel; and Bill & Dale Shade  
Dec. 16 Charlie Shenk; Jean Siderio; Betty Soubricas; and Philip, Madeleine & Karl Sowders  
Dec. 23 Dennis, Kathy, Katie, and D.J. Jr. Stahl; Kelli and Kristian Stahl; and John "Buck" Stahle  
Dec. 30 David & Gloria Stem; John & Mary Stevenson; and Jeffrey & Laurie Storer

### BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Bob Wetzel  
3rd Duane Botterbusch  
Jean Siderio  
4th Michael Ritterson  
9th Jill Purdy  
Cameron Powers  
11th Frank Sapp  
Sally Daminger  
12th Holly Purdy  
15th Tom Wajda  
16th Bobbie Hickcox  
18th Bettie Sapp  
Mike Regiec  
20th Albert Muenzfeld  
Joshua Larkin

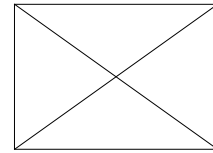
- 21st Betty Larson  
Sassy Turchi  
23rd Susan Cheek  
26th Madeline Wajda  
27th Mary Stevenson  
30th Alexander Leslie

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Tom & Doris Cole  
16th Dennis & Kathy Stahl  
27th Mark & Sharon Purdy  
31st Art & Barbara House  
*22nd Canon Ben Nevitt's  
anniversary of ordination to the  
priesthood.*

### BAPTISMS

- Lucy Jane Watkins  
November 4, 2007  
Levi Francis Hinkle  
November 4, 2007



### DEATH

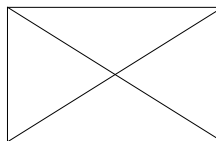
- Marjorie E. "Marge" Smith  
Nov. 12, 2007

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

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|--------|---|---------|---|---------|---|
| Dec. 2 | Isaiah 2:1-5<br>Psalm 122<br>Romans 13:11-14<br>Matthew 24:36-44          | Dec. 16 | Isaiah 35:1-10<br>Canticle 15 (Luke<br>1:46- 55)<br>James 5:7-10<br>Matthew 11:2-11 | Dec. 25 | Isaiah 62:6-12<br>Psalm 97<br>Titus 3:4-7<br>Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20            |
| Dec. 9 | Isaiah 11:1-10<br>Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19<br>Romans 15:4-13<br>Matthew 3:1-12 | Dec. 23 | Isaiah 7:10-16<br>Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18<br>Romans 1:1-7<br>Matthew 1:18-25            | Dec. 30 | Isaiah 61:10-62:3<br>Psalm 147<br>Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7<br>John 1:1-18 |

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

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|---------|------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Dec. 2  | Kate Reisinger &<br>Wendy Van Dyke | Dec. 23 | Alison & Jill Lowe                |
| Dec. 9  | Dave & Heather Swope               | Dec. 30 | Polly Carlson &<br>Kate Reisinger |
| Dec. 16 | Sharon Purdy &<br>Kim Regiec       |         |                                   |



***Our newsletter deadline  
is the 15th of each month;  
the bulletin deadline is  
each Wednesday  
by noon!***

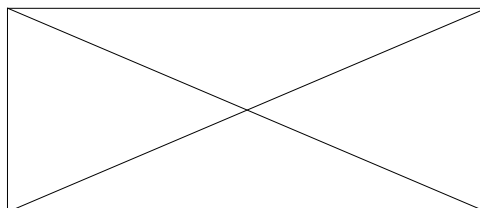
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Altar Guild: Shirley Purdy, Sheila Chiteji

Vestry Greeters: 8:00                      10:15 Sarah Bair

ACOLYTES	LECTORS & CHALICE BEARERS	USHERS & GREETERS
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<b>December 2</b>		
<b>8:00</b> Linda Corson, Server	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> Gail Picking, Lector Jody Barthle, Chalice Bearer Nancy Lilley, Healing Ministry	Bill Railing, Usher Nancy Lilley, Greeter
<b>10:15</b> Erika VanDyke, Server Sean Bair, Crucifer	Sarah Bair, Lector Jane Gough, Lector Mary Hamel, Chalice Bearer Dona Maguire, Chalice Bearer Dona Maguire, Ellen Bair, Healing Ministry	Jeff Bair, Usher Sarah Bair, Usher Bob Gough, Greeter Jane Gough, Greeter
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<b>December 9</b>		
<b>8:00</b> Cheryl Lloyd, Server	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> Jennifer Railing, Lector Nancy Forgang, Chalice Bearer Linda Corson, Healing Ministry	John Barthle, Usher Marjorie Davis, Greeter
<b>10:15</b> Jim Thomas, Server Tyler VanDyke, Crucifer Madeleine Sowders, Torch Meagan Clark, Torch	Youth TBD, Lector Youth TBD, Lector Jim Schupp, Chalice Bearer Melanie Schupp, Chalice Bearer Karen Botterbusch, Martha Schupp, Healing Ministry	Andrew Regiec, Usher Keene Kelderman, Usher Paul Clark, Greeter Chris Ground, Greeter
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<b>December 16</b>		
<b>8:00</b> Jody Barthle, Server	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> Charles Saltzman, Lector Linda Corson, Chalice Bearer Nancy Lilley, Healing Ministry	Charles Saltzman, Usher Gladys Parks, Greeter
<b>10:15</b> Jim Schupp, Server Martha Schupp, Crucifer	Sue Hammond, Lector Neil Beach, Lector Pam Mikesell, Chalice Bearer John Stevenson Chalice Bearer Dora Townsend, Phil Sowders, Healing Ministry	Mike Lilley, Usher Nancy Lilley, Usher Dora Townsend, Greeter Mary Laidlow, Greeter
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<b>December 23</b>		
<b>8:00</b> Barbara House, Server	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> Nancy Forgang, Lector Dick Purdy, Chalice Bearer Nancy Forgang, Healing Ministry	Harvey Haun, Usher Becky Addison, Greeter
<b>10:15</b> Dona McGuire, Server Madeleine Sowders, Crucifer	Michael Ritterson, Lector Mark Purdy, Lector Michael Ritterson, Chalice Bearer Dale Shade, Chalice Bearer Steve Dague, Joan Mummert, Healing Ministry	Paul Clark, Usher Andrew Regiec, Usher Steve Dague, Greeter Karin Miller, Greeter

**Schedule continued on reverse**



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**ACOLYTES**

December 24  
5:30 PM

**LECTORS & CHALICE BEARERS**

Christmas Eve

**USHERS & GREETERS**

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Schedule will be posted

10:00 PM

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**December 25**

10:00 Jody Barthle, Server

**Christmas Day**

Cathy Kamsler, Chalice Bearer

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**December 30**

8:00 John Barthle, Server

**1st Sunday After Christmas Day**

Dick Purdy, Lector

Dick Purdy, Chalice Bearer

Linda Corson, Healing Ministry

Sharon Litten, Usher

Audrey Tamblyn, Greeter

10:15 Sarah Thomas, Crucifer

**Festival of Lessons & Carols**

TBD, Lector

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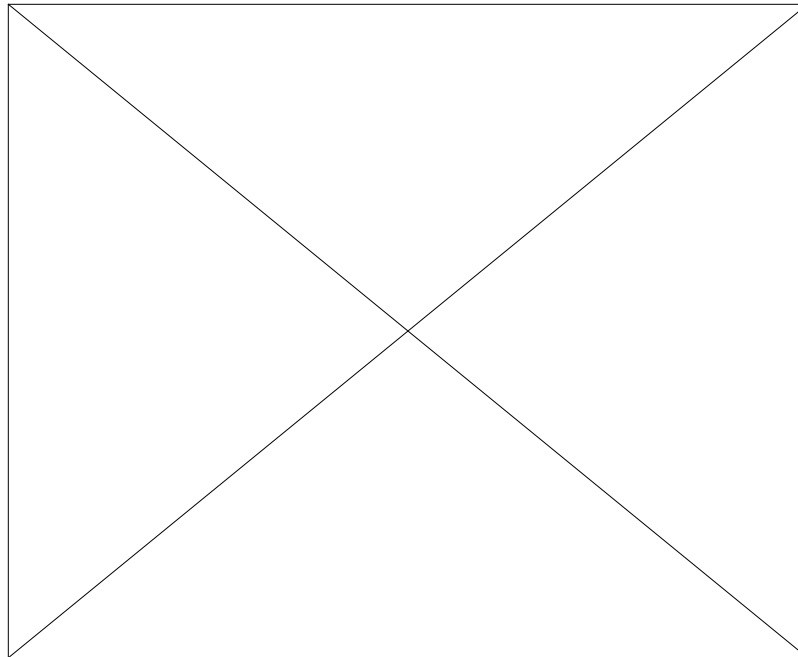
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Joan Mummert, Usher

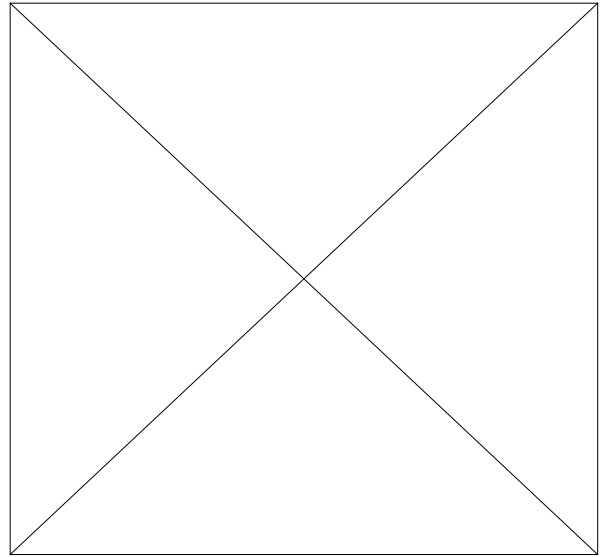
Mike Regiec, Greeter

Kim Regiec, Greeter

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**Holy Eucharist**

*Sunday*  
8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

*Thursday*  
12:00 Noon

**Bible Study**

*Thursday*  
1:00 PM

**Morning Prayer**

*Monday through Friday*  
9:00 AM