



PHILADELPHIA EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

WEEKLY NEWS OF PHILADELPHIA CATHEDRAL'S PEOPLE, MISSION & MINISTRIES

ADVENT II

December 4, 2011

SUNDAYS

10 a.m. – HOLY EUCHARIST

10 a.m. – GODLY PLAY FOR CHILDREN

WEEKDAYS (Mon – Fri)

12 NOON – HOLY EUCHARIST

We welcome our visitors.

We are happy to have you worship with us today. Please make yourselves known to the clergy and members of the congregation. We invite you to join us for refreshments following the Holy Eucharist. Please sign our visitor's book so we may stay in touch.



Healing Prayer: This Sunday (*and every first Sunday of the month*) our Healing Prayer Ministry takes place in front area of the Cathedral immediately following the liturgy. All are invited.

Readings for this Sunday: Isaiah 40: 1-11; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a Matthew 1: 1-8.

DIOCESAN PROGRAMS: *Standing Committee*; **DIOCESE OF GUATEMALA:** Our Companion Cathedral, Cathedral de Santiago Apóstol; Guatemala City, St. Joseph's Church, San Jose Villa Nueva, The Rev. Abraham Hernandez.

Prayers are also requested for: Ben Bell, Michele Betin, Terrance Calvert, Blanche Coleman, Jerry Di Falco, Peter Fuller & Family, Cindy, Joe Gilligan, Marilyn Hutchinson, Karen Li, Kelson & Family, Ken, Marie, Michael, Mary Ellen, Delores Shepherd, Gerry Wilson, Sandy, Sui Yen Lie, Tom, Kieran Quinn, Donald White, Anthony Yackovich.

Special thanks to: The Yellow and Purple Team for supporting today's liturgy.

Team Leader: Anne Minich

Team Members: John Braxton, Linda Braxton, Blanche Coleman, Marie Elcin, Mary Jo Grdina, Sarah Heim, Jasper Liem, Marie McCullough, Joan Nester, Robert Nester, Sheila McKenna, Irma Preikschat, Mike Trbovich, Ken Wolman.

The Team for December 11 will be the Red and Green Team.

Music for Advent II - This week the sermon anthem is a remarkable composition from Ghana called "Dumedefo", which is Ewe for "the foot that travels." This is an unpublished transcription Tom Lloyd made from a LP recording given to him by a former student, which was later performed in Ghana. On the surface, the text does not seem to be sacred, but in asking Ghanaians for the context, one realizes that it refers to the visit of itinerant preachers from village to village, spreading the good news of the gospel. In its combination of African melody and rhythms with Western counterpoint, it is a perfect expression of the anticipation we feel during Advent for the Good News of the birth of Jesus. The Marian antiphon for communion meditation is the best known setting of the Slavonic version of the "Hail, Mary" prayer, from Rachmaninoff's liturgical masterpiece, The All Night Vigil. Based on an ancient Znamenny chant melody, the music starts simply before building to a suddenly powerful climax on the words for "the Savior of our souls" (yako Spasa rodila).



SUNDAY December 18, 10 a.m. – The Right Reverend Frederick H. Borsch, will be the guest preacher at the 10 a.m. Eucharist here at the Cathedral. Bishop Borsch is presently Professor of New Testament and Chair of Anglican Studies at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Earlier he was the Interim Dean of the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale and Associate Dean of the Yale Divinity School. He is the retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. Bishop Borsch is a contributor of essays, articles and poetry to a number of journals and newspapers and is the author or editor of some twenty books. He has lectured throughout the world and is a leading Biblical theologian of the Episcopal Church.

SUNDAY, December — Artist Talk “In Darkness Waiting for Light”

Following the 10 a.m. Eucharist, Melinda Parsons will speak about Advent images throughout the history of art. *Melinda Boyd Parsons, Ph.D., is an Adjunct Professor of Art History at Neumann University in Aston, PA.*

Cookie Exchange: There will be a “Cookie Exchange” to benefit the food ministry on December 18, 2011. Homemade cookies and treats will be traded. Cookies will be available to all for a donation. All participants should call Stacey Middleton 610.328.9755.

Episcopal Community Services Christmas Giving Program. - Just a reminder about the 2011 Episcopal Community Services (ECS) “*Christmas Giving Program*”. ECS has sent us the names of 12 children 9-10 years old along with their gifts requests. The name of each child and his or her gift request is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Gifts may be received from November 28th through December 11th. Your contributions on behalf of these children will be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in contributing to this annual Christmas outreach ministry, please contact Stacey Middleton email: staceyd11550@yahoo.com or by calling 610.328.9755.



Sunday, December 18 - The “Greening of the Cathedral” will take place following the liturgy. There will be activities for the children with a special visit from Saint Nicholas. A potluck lunch will be served. All are invited to participate as we decorate the Cathedral in preparation to celebrate the birth of the Savior.

Christmas Flowers – Contributions are now being accepted for Christmas Flowers “in memory” or “in honor” of loved ones. There are envelopes in the Narthex. Please fill out the form (*print clearly*) and enclose your contribution. Checks should be made payable to the *Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral (Christmas Flowers)*. You may place your envelope in the offering basket or see Marie McCullough following the liturgy.
Note: December 18th is the deadline.

