

A watercolor illustration featuring a crown of thorns in shades of purple and magenta at the top. Below it, a profile of a face is depicted in various shades of green, from light to dark. The background is white with scattered watercolor splatters in purple and green. The text is written in a black, cursive script.

Let
the same
mind
be in you that was
in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:5, NRSV

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In the Holy Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome to Saint Thomas' Church!

We are a lively, active community of faith. We strive to be a loving congregation, committed to welcoming ALL and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our Church building is a beautiful and distinguished historic site. We invite you to read more about us. There is information on our Literature Table at the back of the Church and on our website. We are happy that you are here with us today! Please learn more about our worship from the notes below.

ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH and OUR WORSHIP

- **The Episcopal Church, USA**, is the American branch of the **85-million member worldwide Anglican Communion** – those Churches born out of **The Church of England**. Of the world's **2.2 billion Christians**, we are **the third largest** body.
- **In our worship**, there is strong emphasis upon **congregational participation**. The Clergy and the congregation **together** conduct our services. Worshippers are **involved participants**, not mere spectators. Please use *The Book of Common Prayer* (**red**), this **Service Program** and *The Hymnal* (**blue**) to worship God with joy and enthusiasm! Join in the responses, sing along on the Hymns. Share in praising and thanking our loving God for all His blessings!
- **Holy Communion is open to ALL Baptized persons**, regardless of Church affiliation. Our **Ushers** will guide you forward at the appointed time. You may kneel or stand for Communion. **Read more about this** in the Communion section of **this Service Booklet**.
- **Our 11:A.M. service** and many of our special services are **live streamed** on **Facebook**, then archived for later viewing. *Note that you may be on camera at some point!*
- **Our accessible entrance and restroom** are on the west (left) side of the Church building.

The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 1, 2023

10:00 A.M. - FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST [*Rite Two*] and SERMON
Daughters of the King Monthly Corporate Communion

The Liturgy of the Word of God

Organ Prelude - *Please use the time before the service for prayer and quiet reflection.
Please SILENCE all Cell Phones when entering the Church.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 105, "*God rest you merry, gentlemen*" *God Rest You Merry*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

HYMN of PRAISE 115, "*What child is this?*" *Greensleeves*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day (*The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ*) *Bulletin Insert*

Preface of the Incarnation

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Bulletin Insert

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Psalter: Psalm 8 – *Said by ALL – Remaining SEATED*

Bulletin Insert

The Epistle: Galations 4:4-7

Bulletin Insert

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

SEQUENCE HYMN 128, “*We Three Kings of Orient Are*”

Three Kings of Orient

The Holy Gospel: Saint Luke 2:15-21

Bulletin Insert

The Congregation remains standing and faces the Deacon or Priest, who reads the Gospel.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.

The People sing: ***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Tune of Hymn 208: Victory

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord. **The People sing: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Tune of Hymn 208: Victory

The Sermon: The Reverend Steven McCarty, *Interim Rector*

The Nicene Creed

Prayer Book, Pages 326-327

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Form IV

Prayer Book, Pages 388-389

The Celebrant adds this concluding Collect:

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Confession of Sin and The Absolution

Prayer Book, Page 360

The Peace – *In the Holy Name of the Christ Child, please briefly greet those around you!*

Welcome and Announcements

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM, “It came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Carol

PRESENTATION HYMN 94 [Stanza 6 ONLY]

Winchester Old

*All glory be to God on high
and on the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – Form B

Prayer Book, Page 367

SANCTUS – “*Holy, holy, holy Lord*” – Hymnal S-129

Setting: Robert Powell

The Celebrant and People sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The People kneel and the Celebrant continues

Prayer Book, Page 368

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION – Hymnal *S-138

Setting: McNeil Robinson

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

The Celebrant continues

Prayer Book, Page 369

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Book, Page 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Book, Page 364

FRACTION HYMN 79 [Stanza 5 ONLY – Sung for 'Agnus Dei']

St. Louis

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

Facing the People, the Celebrant says the Invitation to Holy Communion.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The COMMUNION of the PEOPLE

*ALL Baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion in The Episcopal Church!
Kneel or stand at the Rail and cup your hands to receive the Consecrated Bread.
Guide the Cup to your lips, or receive by intinction ("dipping") of the Bread.
Those unable to receive are encouraged to come forward for a Blessing.
Please fold your arms across your chest to indicate that you wish a Blessing.*

*Baptism, the ancient service through which one joins Christ's Church, may be arranged.
We warmly invite you to contact the Clergy about scheduling your Baptism.*

On behalf of those viewing the service via Livestream, the Prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori is SAID by ALL.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually, into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You, dear Lord Christ. Amen

ABLUTIONS HYMN 112, "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Cranham

Sung by ALL – Kneeling

The Postcommunion Prayer *Said by ALL*

Prayer Book, Page 365

The Christmas Blessing

RECESSIONAL HYMN 109, "The First Nowell"

The First Nowell

Silent Prayer – *All are invited to kneel for a moment of silent prayer before the Dismissal.*

The Dismissal

Deacon or Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Organ Postlude

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The Reverend Steven McCarty, *Interim Rector*

The Reverend Kirk E. DeVore, *Deacon*

J. Gwynne Cavey, *Minister of Music*

Tracy L. Salvagno, *Senior Warden*

Pamela J. S. Mann, *Registrar*

PARISH NEWS for The Feast of the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Sunday, January 1, 2023

OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION CONTINUES! On this, the eighth day after **Christmas**, we celebrate the Feast Day of **The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ**. As our Gospel for today tells us, “After eight days had passed... he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived...”. It was customary in Jesus’ day to have family and friends present to witness the naming of a child. That is a tradition that we Episcopalians have retained in the modern world, albeit in a modified way! Our liturgy of baptism begins with the presentation of the person to be baptized by naming them aloud.

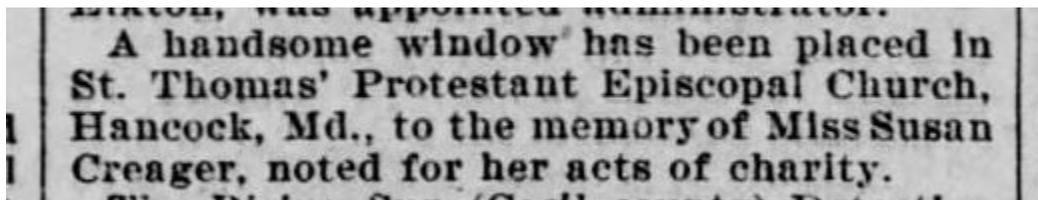
FATHER STEVE MCCARTY, who also serves as Rector of **St. Andrew’s Church** in Clear Spring, is our new **Interim Rector!** As many of you know, Father Steve grew up here at **St. Thomas’** and was encouraged and supported in his journey to **Ordination!** Please warmly greet him and his wife, Melanie, and let them know how happy we are that they are here.

WARM THANKS to *Jane Shaw* and *Carolyn Breakall* for their thoughtful preparation of gift bags for our shut-ins! Members of our **Women’s Bible Study** group, which meets each **Tuesday** morning at **9:A.M.**, contributed to this endeavor and shared in delivering these gifts. Please remember our sick and shut-in friends (included on our Prayer List) in your daily prayers – and call or visit them as you are able!

UPDATES TO OUR PRAYER LIST are encouraged. We invite you to let us know when you or a loved one is in need of prayer. Our Prayer List is provided in the bulletin each week for you to take home and include in your own daily prayers. Prayer Request slips are located on the table at the back of the church – please complete and place in the Prayer Box on the same table.

YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING – We invite your **Christmas Offering** to the many ministries of our Church so important at this time of year. If you have not yet made a gift to the Christ Child for this **Christmastide**, we invite you to do so today. For your convenience, a **Christmas offering envelope** is enclosed with this bulletin. Thank you.

RESTORATION OF OUR GOOD SHEPHERD WINDOW was completed this past week! A team of craftsmen from Epiphany Studios of Front Royal, Virginia made repairs and installed a new protective covering on the exterior of this beautiful window. The restoration project was funded by a gift from Dr. Ralph and Tracy Salvagno. This window was originally given in memory of Miss Susan Creager in 1902, as noted in this clipping from The Baltimore Sun from January 7, 1902:



YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE. Please pick yours up today. If you have not yet made a pledge to your church, please also fill out a **Pledge Card**. Thank you for your generosity.

Official Notice to All Parishioners

The 188th Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday Morning, February 12, 2023

Order of Business will include the prayerful election of **three new Vestrymembers** to succeed **Meredith Hendershot, Bob Mann and Tracy Salvagno**, who are completing their terms. Our Vestry is comprised of nine members elected by the congregation. Each year, three new members are elected to serve three-year terms. Those Vestry Members currently serving are:

Until 2023

Meredith Hendershot
Robert B. Mann, Sr.
Tracy L. Salvagno

Until 2024

Linda K. McCarty
M. Linda Mellott
Timothy R. Smith

Until 2025

Melinda Golden
Jennifer Walter
Dr. Ralph Salvagno

This is a **red-letter day** which you will not want to miss!

Held in conjunction with the 11:A.M. Eucharist. Please be with us!

PARISH LEADERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS for the **Parish Meeting** (set for **Sunday, February 12**) are asked to get your reports in as soon as possible – **no later than Sunday, January 22**. Reports are best **E-mailed** to the church at **stthomashancock@gmail.com** as this saves re-typing. Thank you!

St. Thomas' Parish Prayer List: January 1 – 7, 2023

CHRISTIANS ARE PEOPLE OF PRAYER, and we encourage everyone at **St. Thomas'** to focus on prayer in daily life. Our **Daughters of the King** and **Brothers of St. Andrew** join your **Clergy** in leading the way in faithful, daily prayer. Use of **The Book of Common Prayer** at home is strongly recommended.

Our **Parish Prayer List**, printed below, is revised for each Sunday. We take great care to include all needs known to us. Please take the **Prayer List** home and **use it in your daily prayers**. As you pray, you will be wonderfully linked to other Christians in our Parish, across our Diocese and throughout the Church Universal. Your prayers will bring blessings to others – and to you!

INCLUDED IN THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THIS WEEK: Birthdays –January 1: Robert Barnhart, Jr., David Hixon, Jr., Brandon Fox; 2: David Fost, Sarah Brown; 3: Lee Everts, Lyle Shifflet, Charles Conley, Ashley Creek, Jennifer Alkire; 4: Barry Stanley; 5: Jonathan Clark, Brian Smith; 6: Jeneice Wuertenberg, Brianna Buskirk, Karleigh Dodson.

Anniversaries: January 2: Daniel & Melanie Hixon

Law Enforcement and Fire & Rescue Personnel, Correctional Officers

Military Service – Vince Biggs, Philip Corbett, Allen Foshee, Spencer Hose, Cody Hovermale, Jasper Howard, Chris Krause, Matt Lacy, Cameron Meadows, Jake Michael, Dakota Ritz, Taylor Shafer, Andrew Shaw, Josh Stotler, Nicholas Valentine, Taylor Valentine, Jesse Wolford.

Sick/Ongoing Concern – Marty Adams, Madeline Clark, Cindy Crone, Robert Cubbage, Alda Lashley, Dakota Maravelis, Steve McKinley, Lisa Obrecht, Bonnie Pryor, Teresa Reif, John Robinson, Jason Roderick, Daniel Sauter, Alethea Shiplett, Shirley Silvers, Tim Stotler, David Walter, Sr., Sherry Weaver, Mike Zacker, Bob Weatherholt.

Shut-ins – Catherine Durst, Sally Fost, Beverly Hershberger, Ruth McCarty, Mary Ann Mortzfeldt, Barbara Smith, Peggy Strong, Janice Trail, Marion Tritipoe, Ernie Truax, Pam Trumpower, Frances Younker, Jack Hill.

OUR HISTORIC PARISH CHURCH IS DECORATED FOR CHRISTMASTIDE to the Glory and Honor of the Christ Child and in loving memory of friends and loved ones of the Parish. Names of those memorialized will be found on the BACK PAGES of this Service Booklet.

PLEASE TAKE THIS PRAYER LIST WITH YOU FOR USE AT HOME!

On ST. THOMAS' PARISH CALENDAR: January 1 – 7, 2023

TODAY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 – THE HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

11:00 A.M. FESTIVAL EUCHARIST (*Rite Two*) and SERMON
Daughters of King Monthly Corporate Communion
Mon. Jan. 2 7:30 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous (*Lower Parish Hall*)
Tue. Jan. 3 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study (*Off-site*)
7:30 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous (*Lower Parish Hall*)
Thurs. Jan. 5 7:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal (*Church Choir Loft*)

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 – The BAPTISM of OUR LORD (C)

7:30 A.M. LITURGY OF THE WORD & COMMUNION FROM
RESERVED SACRAMENT
10:00 A.M. Adult Education
11:00 A.M. FESTIVAL EUCHARIST (*Rite Two*) and SERMON
together with RENEWAL of BAPTISMAL VOWS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS THIS WEEK:

Lectors/Chalicians: 10:00 A.M. Jennifer Walter

Altar Guild This Month: Tracy Salvagno, Pamela Mann

Acolytes: Jackson Walter, Solomon Walter

AV:

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS and GREENERY for CHRISTMAS, 2022

***Historic Saint Thomas' Parish Church is Decorated for this Christmastide
to the Glory and Honor of the Christ Child***

And In Loving Memory of Loved Ones and Friends of the Congregation

In Loving Memory of:

Given by:

Irvin & Virginia Payne, Merrill & Genevieve Sipes
Chad R. Breakall, George & Alta Breakall and
Maynard Spade

Lester and Carolyn Breakall

Louis Close, Lydia and Alex Mosier,
Paul & Virginia Mosier Helm,
Maurice & Jean Mosier Watson,
Robert & Cleda Close, Marie Phillips McKinley,
Phil Phillips

Carol Close, Bob Close & Leslie Weller

Thomas J. Strong, Sr.,
Serena Tasker, Dennis Fandl

Debbie Cohill

Olan William Creek, Jr., Ronald Walls, Bud Walls,
Tammy Walls, Lee Frederick, Ron Frederick,
Penny Schetrompf, Patty Schetrompf

Terra L. Creek

Jerry Dhayer, Eddie and Louise Stotler,
Marguerite and Ed Stotler

Debbie Dhayer

Lee & Laura Cavey, Billy Smith, George Dowe, Jr.,
Matt Conn, Rob Stephens, Carol Conn, David Potter
and Mildred & Robert Tiller, Jr.

Mark, Kelly, Aiden, Declan & Kellan Dowe

Ray E. Younker, Sr., Mary E. Younker,
Ray E. Younker, Jr., Russell & Grace Robinson,
Ronald Davis, Jr., Dolly Divelbliss, Russell Divelbliss

Gail P. Fitzwater

Mark Herb Fost

Donna M. Fost

Henry and Betty Barnhart, Philip Foy

Stephanie Foy

John Goff, John and Margaret Tirschman, Sr.,
John and Thelma Tirschman, Jr.

Carol Goff

MEMORIALS for CHRISTMAS, 2022 – Page 2

In Loving Memory of:

Edward Whiteside, Betty Whiteside, Paul A. Hendershot,
Chester & Dana Sensel, Kenneth & Stella Hendershot,
Harold & Virginia Martin, Richard Mollicone

Willis Mills, Nettie Mills, Myrtle Feight,
Theodore & Cora McCoy, Doug McCoy,
Teddy, Terry & Kristina Swaim, Selvia Swaim,
Lee & Edna Hixon, Ila & Clyde Hixon,
George & Lily Coffman, Sandra Howard and
Debbie Wheeler

Rumsey & Elsie Stotler, Emory & Marie
Hoopengardner, Albert & Esther Davis,
June Nalley, Charlene Schetrompf, Virgie Rector
Richard & Shirley Stotler, Donald Stotler, Trudy Diehl,
Cassidy Maravelis, Larry & Mary Cross,
Joe Hoopengardner and Sue DesChamps

Dr. Homer E. Tabler, Laura C. Jenkins Tabler,
Homer E. Tabler, Jr., Dora (Tabler) Henry,
Charles E. Henry, Jr., Burman W. Allen,
Anna Phoenix and Sue & Connie Deschamps

Betty & Ralph Sauter, Jim and Jean Mann,
Evan & Ruby Sauter, Mary & Oscar Burton,
Lynne Thomas, Connie Windschmidt

Homer, Charlene & Daniel Schetrompf,
Homer, Jr., Donna & Penny Schetrompf,
David Schetrompf, Patty Schetrompf,
Ronald & Lee Frederick, Tammy Walls,
Olan William Creek, Jr.

Roy & Ruth Weaver, Christopher McCarty,
Wilbur Weaver, Bernandine McCarty and
Susan Hinckle

Homer, Mary & Wayne Stoner, Bella Appel,
Frank, Suie and Donald Stoner

Given by:

Kent, Meredith and Paul Hendershot

Jim and Edna Hixon

Bob and Diane Hoopengardner

Edward J. Maloy, IV and
Laura Mae (Tabler) Maloy

Robert and Pamela Mann

Kathy McCarty

Linda McCarty

Dianne and Anthony McCusker

MEMORIALS for CHRISTMAS, 2022 – Page 3

In Loving Memory of:

Homer & Charlene Schetrompf,
Danny, David & Patty Schetrompf,
Homer, Jr., Donna & Penny Schetrompf,
Ron & Lee Frederick, Tammy Walls, Tom Donahue

Krystal Pierce, Homer & Alice Pierce,
Paul and M.J. Rickrode

Olan William Creek, Jr.

Dana & Chester Sensel, Edward Whiteside,
Paul Hendershot, Hazel & George Repp,
Henry Sensel, Rosetta Klugh, Richard Mollicone

James Shaw, William & Ethel Shaw, Bud Shaw,
Nanette Malarkey, Leroy & Helen Brakeall,
Ruth & David Johnson, Tom Johnson and
Flossie Everts

Margory A. Smith

Ronnie & Hunter Van Meter, Lyle & Wanda Souders

Martha & Otis Stanley, Virginia “Genny” Stanley,
Mary Ellen “Tootles” Gladhill and Wilma Valentine

Elizabeth F. & The Honorable F. Allan Weatherholt, Sr.,
Katharine C. & James P. Orwig, Elizabeth Orwig,
The Rev. Samuel Cook, Preston & Helen Orwig,
Samuel T., Mary and Helen Weatherholt,
Allan C. and Ella R. Fisher, Agnes E. Rees,
J. L. & Elise T. Towler, Louise R. & Thomas Davis,
The Rev. Jeanne W. Kirby-Coladonato, Jennie Mae Buck,
James “J.R.” Robey, Mac Elser, Roy & Dolores McCarthy,
Will & Cully Craig, Donald L. Houck

Barbara Wolford

Given by:

Lynn and Robin Schetrompf Mosier

Sean Pierce

Hannah and Dakota Ritz

Debra Sensel

Jane Shaw

Timothy Smith

Pat & Chera Souders & Ally Van Meter

Robert Stanley

The Reverends Allan & Anne Weatherholt

Zachary, Jordan, Lily & Jesse Wolford

Given in Thanksgiving for the Christ Child and His Church:

Debbie Dhayer – in Thanksgiving for Marcy, Avery, Conner & Pat
and for Alexia, Lana & Michael

Richard and Trudy Dickerhoff

Donna M. Fost – in Honor of Sally Fost

Dr. Richard and Suzanne Jeffries

Gene & Linda Mellott – in Thanksgiving for our grandchildren and great grandchildren

Eddie & Sylvia Moats – in Thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren



Christmastide, 2022 – 2023 A.D.

We wish you a Joyous Christmastide and Blessed New Year!