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ADVENT III, December 17

8 a.m., Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist

7 p.m., Festival Service of
Nine Lessons and Carols

Reception follows in parish hall

ADVENT IV, December 24

9 a.m., Holy Eucharist

*One service only; No Church
School or Adult Classes this
Sunday*

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24

4 p.m., Christmas Eucharist
with the children's Christmas
presentation

10 p.m., Christmas Choral
Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25

No services

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, December 31

8 a.m., Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist,
*No Church School or Adult
Classes this Sunday*

Help us kick off the season of Advent with Advent Crafts & Soup

Join us on the first Sunday in Advent, December 3rd, for this annual event. Stay after the 10:15 service and have a bowl of soup and some hot cider. Spend some time enjoying your church family and kicking off the season of Advent. Make an Advent wreath or take supplies home to make one. Or perhaps, just savor the smell of fresh greens. Suggested donation to cover costs is \$10.

Try your hand at any of the craft stations:

- Make your own Christmas cards
- Add to your wood-burned crèche scene (This year we have a pattern for an ox.)
- Create a star ornament
- Design a baby Jesus ornament

Not feeling crafty? Come anyway. Enjoy the ambience and spend a few moments writing your Advent prayers of longing and leaving them in our empty manger.



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Our celebration begins on December 17

Join us for Lessons and Carols

The Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will take place on Sunday evening, December 17, at 7 p.m. in the church, and Bishop Frank Brookhart will again be the officiant at the service. The choir and organ will be in splendid voice, and the beautiful carols and anthems will be the perfect introduction to the last days before Christmas.

The Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, which began in England in the early 1900's, is now a part of Anglican and Episcopal worship throughout the world. The service is made up of lessons alternating with the singing of congregational and choral

music. Beginning with the story of Adam and Eve, the lessons trace the prophecies of the Nativity, and end with the beautiful passage from John: "In the Beginning was the Word..."

I invite all of you to join the choir on the 17th, and in the words of the beautiful opening prayer,

to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass...

—DR. NANCY COOPER

ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR

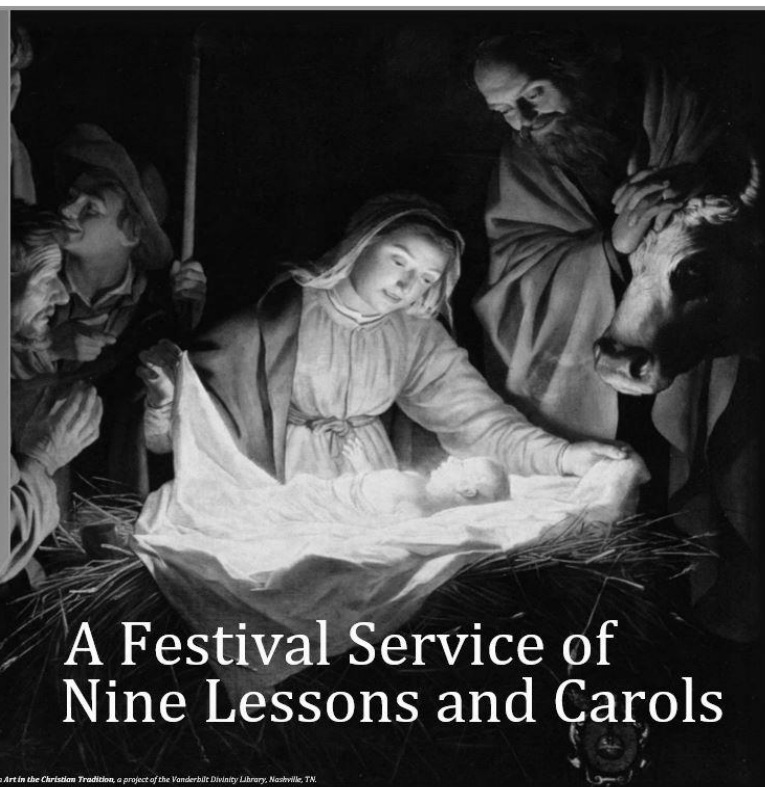
*The
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A Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Cover Art: Hyeherst, Gerrit van, 1590-1656. Nativity Scene, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Flower donors needed for Christmas

Your contributions for flowers during Advent are used for the special flowers at the Christmas celebration, and at that time, your prayers and memorials are noted once again in the Christmas bulletin. **Please let us know by noon on Monday, December 4, if you would like to have flowers listed in the Christmas bulletin.** Extra help with flower gifts is always appreciated at this time of year.

Church School:

Christmas Pageant 2017: Lights, Camera, Action!

The children began filming for their Christmas pageant in November, but there is still time for your child to be involved. We plan to wrap up with the pageant on Sunday, December 10th during Church School time. Filming, in still shots and live action, has allowed us to include some surprises in this year's pageant. Be sure to check out the trailer for the pageant on our website

and come enjoy the final product on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 p.m. service. A huge thank you to Susannah Ries, our director, and Elaine Higuera, our film crew!

— GRETCHEN STROHMAIER
DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL
FORMATION



Serving with Gladness

As the children continue to practice serving with gladness, they have begun to discuss ways to share some of their Church School offering money. Every year they give a portion of their offering money back to the church as a tithe. They work together to determine how else to use the offering money to serve those in need. They have several ideas, focusing on local charities, and after doing some research they will decide in December where to give that money.



Baptism date announced

The next date for baptism will be Sunday, January 7, at the 10:15 a.m. service. If you are interested in baptism at that time, either for yourself or for your child, please contact Rev. Terri at 542-2167 or at revterri@holyspiritmissoula.org. **The deadline for the January 7 baptism date is December 10.**

Here's what's happening this month at Church School!

Sunday, December 3	First Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 10	Regular Children's worship
Sunday, December 17	Regular Children's worship
Sunday, December 24	No Church School
Sunday, December 31	No Church School
Sunday, January 7	Church School resumes

Children join adult worship in progress
Kids finish filming for the Christmas pageant.
Children prepare for Christmas.
Christmas Eve service with pageant film at 4 p.m.
New Year's Eve



Explorations:


Opportunities
to cultivate,
challenge
and live our
faith

A new Sunday morning class begins in Advent

Back by popular demand! Join Bonnie Lee and Holly Swartz for this DVD study for adults, presenting the familiar story of Christmas (and Epiphany) as told in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Each scripture passage is illustrated and interpreted in the stunning artwork of John August Swanson along with commentary by some of America's premier Biblical scholars, names such as Dr. Thomas A. Long, Dr. Michael Joseph Brown, Dr. Carol A. Newsom and more.

This class is a lovely addition to your Advent, no reading or study required. Come. Enjoy the artwork and the music as presented on the DVD. Reflect through the artist's eyes on this most familiar Bible story and be surprised and inspired in new ways. Each participant receives his or her own discussion guide with full color images of the art.

Join us on Sunday morning 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Guild Room.




Sunday Morning Study

a thrill of **HOPE**

The Christmas Story
in Word and Art

Come enjoy a fresh look at the familiar story of Christmas.

Sunday, December 10, 17 and January 7
9 am in the Guild Room



Advent Quiet Day on Saturday, December 2 Lamp Posts: Contemplation in the Advent season

Join your church family on Saturday, December 2, for this annual quiet day that helps us intentionally enter the Advent season. The morning begins at 9:30 in the Guild Room, and we wrap up at 2:00 p.m. Three short Advent reflections will be shared throughout the day. These “lamp posts” help light the way for your own reflection and contemplation. Participants will keep silence together all day while sharing prayer, a noon meal, movement, and contemplation. Between reflections participants are welcome to take walks outside, spend time in a pew, or sit quietly with others, making the day exactly what they need.

Please register by contacting Gretchen at the church office, 542-2167 or gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org.

— GRETCHEN STROHMAIER
DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION



Join us for Compline

On the first Sunday of each month at 8 p.m. you are invited to a candlelit presentation of Compline, a short and beautiful service rooted in the last hour of the monastic day. The Holy Spirit Compline Choir will chant the psalm appointed for the day as well as music and hymns appropriate for the church season. We hope you will join us for this quiet contemplative service.

December 3: We wait in Advent's darkness

Perhaps there is no better place to begin Advent's waiting than in the candlelit darkness of Compline on Sunday evening, December 3, at 8 p.m. with the sparseness of plainchant and an opportunity for quiet prayer.

— KEITH KUHN

Compline

The ancient service of plainchant and contemplative prayer

First Sunday of the Month, October - June

8 p.m. ~ All are welcome



Make a year-end gift of endowment to Holy Spirit

As the end of the year nears, here is a way to make a special endowment gift to Holy Spirit Parish, offset by a significant reduction in your Montana and federal income taxes.

Under the Montana Endowment Tax Credit (METC) Program you may make a gift (minimum \$2,500) to Holy Spirit's endowment at the Montana Community Foundation. In doing so you will receive a 40% tax credit against Montana income taxes owed as well as federal deductibility. Donors typically are able to receive nearly half their gift back in credits and deductions.

METC gifts build Holy Spirit's endowment. Endowment funds are structured to provide an annual payment to the parish in perpetuity.

For more information about endowment giving or the METC, please reach out to Dorcie Dvarishkis or me. Or contact the Missoula Office of the Montana Community Foundation (406-926-2846).

— KEITH KUHN



Key ideas from Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow*

Given today's outpouring of concern, news coverage, and presidential acknowledgment of the opioid addiction crisis as a medical emergency needing treatment and funding, we may well wonder why this form of drug addiction—not to mention alcohol abuse—elicits compassion, while the crack epidemic among people of color, beginning in the 1980's, got a war declared against it, and mandatory sentencing, for simple possession of small amounts of crack or marijuana, of 5, 10, even 20 years in jail. Michelle Alexander's answer, in *The New Jim Crow*, is that the former is white drug use; the latter is social control of people of color, replacing the now illegal system of Jim Crow laws in the South, just as these replaced slavery. White men are those we respect, trust, and treat for addiction; black men are those we fear, hate, and incarcerate for crime.

Thank you to Doug Anderson for the highly informative and interesting book study on Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow*, recommended to all Episcopalians by the National Episcopal Church. If you missed it, the story told in the book can be found in Ava Du Vernay's prizewinning documentary *13th*, available on Netflix.

— CARLA METTLING

And the winner is...

Holiday Market Raffle:

Sled Coffee Table: Joanne Brekjern

Noah's Ark: Minette Long

Hand-crafted Quilt: Wendy Kuhn

Dinner at Pearl and MCT

Tickets: Barb Hosier

Handmade Doll & Clothing: Thea Varichak

Book Exchange Gift

Certificates (2): Mary Tromly
Bonnie Tyro

One Hour Massage: Minette Long

Giant Grizzly Bear: Vickie Fleischer

Griz Stadium Blanket: Sue Lowery

Duck Collector's Plates: Karen Orzech

Ice Skating for 4: Karen Orzech

Zootown Arts DIY Studio for 4: Dorcie Dvarishkis

Bigsky Breakout for 4: Wendy Kuhn



Silent Auction Winners:

Oregon Beach Condo: Jim Wiley

Royal Doulton Dickens Miniatures and Book: Laura Kat Hawkins

Family Picture Puzzle: Sue Talbot

Original Watercolor: Nancy Tyrell

Congratulations to all the winners and a HUGE thank you to the donors for the great prizes!



Holiday Bake Sale – let's make it another great fundraiser this year!

Parishioners at Holy Spirit are not only known for their baking expertise, they're also pretty good at enjoying the fruits of that baking! December 10th is the day for this year's Holiday Bake Sale, and as usual it will be held after both the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services. It's a good time to do some of your Christmas baking, putting a couple of plates aside for the Sale, not to mention buying some goodies to add to your inventory!

If you have a specialty, we hope that you will contribute it to the sale. Some annual favorites are mini-pies, cakes, rolls, whole pies, muffins, jams or jellies. There is a rumor that rich fruitcakes may be offered, as well as tart lemon curd. The famous cookie table is always a mouth-watering sight to behold – irresistible! This enables you to make up your own assortments.

Your donations for the Sale may be brought to the church kitchen:

- Friday, December 8, before 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 9, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon
- Sunday, December 10, before either service

Mark your calendars! You and your sweet tooth won't want to miss it! We will also be looking for helpers for both Sunday services. Please SIGN UP to help!

– LAURA TAYLOR AND THE HOLIDAY MARKET BAKE SALE COMMITTEE

It was a wonderful Holiday Market

Friday morning, November 10, once again found excited customers waiting for the doors to open for this year's Holiday Market. Inside, red-covered tables and a spectacular Art Gallery awaited all who entered. Red-aproned volunteers greeted each guest and assisted with purchases. Tables quickly filled for Friday's luncheon complete

with background harp music by Leigh Ann Bekemeyer. Wonderful service was provided by some of our younger parishioners, Liezel Strohmaier, Mary Jaeger and friends. An open sanctuary with organ music by Emily Silks and Nancy Cooper also added to Friday's activities. Saturday brought more

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The Wider Church:

Episcopalians mobilize to preserve DACA

Episcopalians across the country, from Los Angeles to Washington D.C., are mobilizing to convince Congress to preserve the federal immigration policy known as DACA, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, and to support the 800,000 "Dreamers" it affects. (Dreamers are qualifying undocumented immigrants who came to the United States as children and wish to remain.) Congress has six months from early September to work toward passage of a

WE STAND WITH THE DREAMERS

and will do all that we can to support them while we also work for the kind of immigration reform that truly reflects the best of our spiritual and moral values as people of faith and as citizens of the United States.

THE MOST REV. MICHAEL B. CURRY Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

THE REV. GAY CLARK JENNINGS President of the House of Deputies



bipartisan Dream Act that will provide protection. The Episcopal Church's presiding officers, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and President of the House of Deputies, the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, have said, "As people of faith, our obligation is first to the most vulnerable, especially to children. In this moment, we are called by God to protect Dreamers from being punished for something they had no agency in doing."

The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations and its Episcopal Public Policy Network continue to advocate for a "humane and proportional immigration system" based on General Convention's position on these issues. The office has resources for advocacy and action on immigration policy in addition to material on proposed legislation.

— PRU RANDALL



Hellgate High School and Parenting Place Community Ministries - Resiliency

Missoula was recently home to its second annual Community Resilience Week, with programming that tackled resiliency-building through a variety of avenues. These skills are essential for us and for our Parenting Place and Hellgate neighbors to rise again and again from the life events that bring us to our knees. It struck me how important a church community can be as a base for building resiliency. Journeying together in the Word, worship, prayer, education and outreach ups our capacity for awareness, relationship, faith, hope and perseverance. A recent article by Rick Avent on resilience noted scientific conclusions "that resilience, or perseverance, is not a disposition or personality type. Rather, it is a skill set that can be learned, making it possible to not only endure trials but to thrive during and after them." Our church communities hold great potential as places where we can face and seek meaning in our stress and trauma, experience God's forgiveness, connect with a support network when life turns upside down, and build resiliency for moving forward. Thank you for being a people from which hope springs, and for moving in that hope as we serve in our community ministries and beyond.

— DORCIE DVARISHKIS
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shoppers, and little was left to pack away when the doors closed that afternoon.

Retiring from chairing this event for three incredible years, Diane Rasmuson and Tracey Gage again provided the energetic and joyous leadership that makes the Holiday Market such a gratifying ministry for Holy Spirit. Special thank you's to the **Market Committee**: Sue Lowery, Sarah Towle, Bob and Lani Brewer, Betsy Holmquist, Jeanne Clark, Marva Gallegos, Anne Cohen, Mary Tromly, Bill Earhart, Barb Hosier, Catherine Durand, Bonnie Tyro, Elaine Brown, Barbara Morrison, and Wendy Kuhn. Thanks to all of you

who helped with the luncheon, the raffle sales, the Conga Line; who brought donations, set up tables, cashiered, provided lunches, bagged purchases, and set up displays. Who cleaned up on Saturday. Who shopped. Who invited and brought family and friends to this year's event. Know that every effort you gave provided a gift to someone else. Markets only work when there are items to offer and people to purchase. All of you who took part *in any way* in this year's Holiday Market gave to Holy Spirit the true gift of your love. Thank you.

— BETSY HOLMQUIST

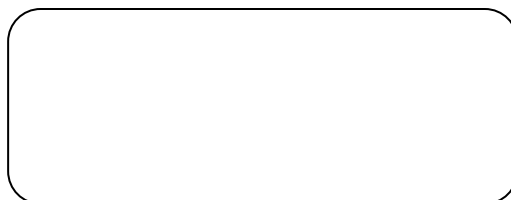
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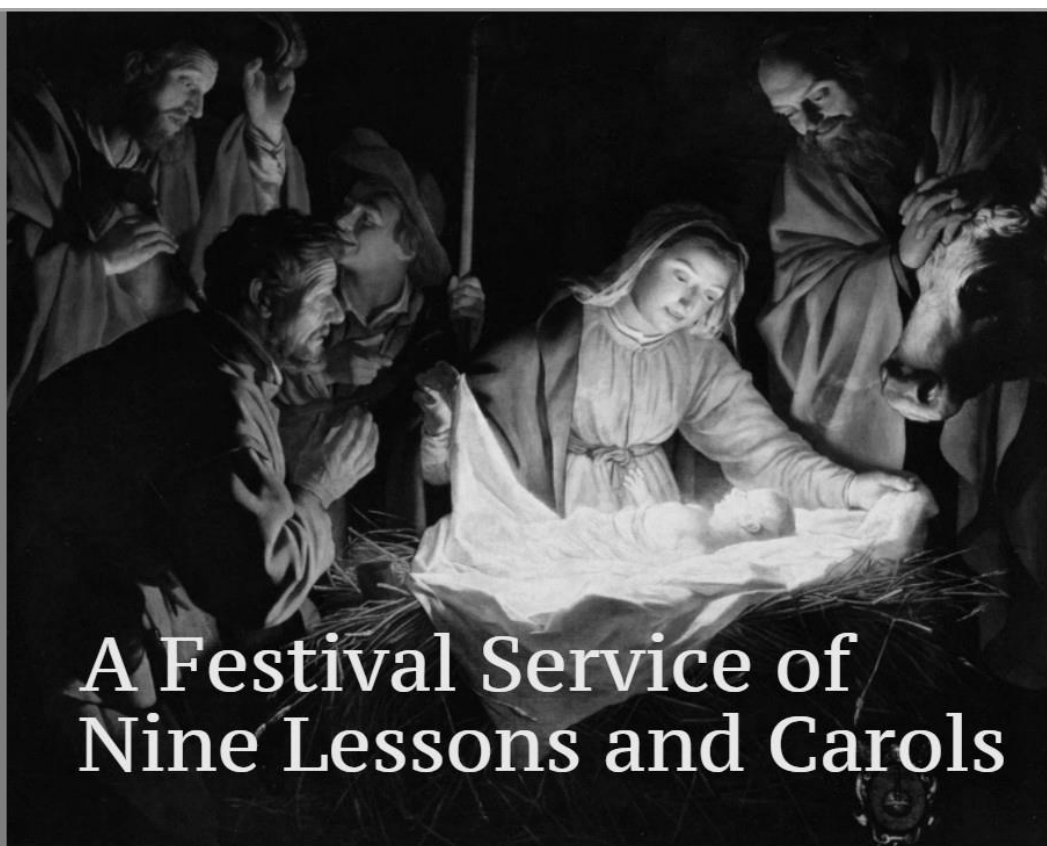
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