

All Saints Episcopal Church

(Part of the Anglican Communion)

“Answering the call to spread Christ’s Ministry”



Christmas Lessons and Carols

December 29, 2024

11:30 a.m.

The Reverend Deacon Michael A. Stutso, Officiant

Welcome to all, especially those visiting and returning.

We hope today’s service is a blessing to you and that you will come again and again.

Please sign our Guest Book located in the Entrance Hall.

Please join us for Fellowship/Hospitality immediately following service for a personal welcome from our members in the Chapel.

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Today, the Lectern is our key focal point. The Holy Scriptures, illuminated by candles, records the history of God's interaction with humankind, our sinful past, and God's salvation of all when God became human in the person of Jesus, the son of Mary.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a distinguished tradition highlighting our historic connection with the Church of England.

Each scripture and hymn that follows invites us to hear, reflect, and sing the story of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Some hymns might be unfamiliar, and some may be well-known.

You are invited to participate as you are comfortable, and to meditate on God's holy word as we continue to celebrate and observe The Season of Christmas.



*According to the Book of Common Prayer, Rite II – BCP (the Red Book)
Hymns are from Lift Every Voice and Sing II – LEV, The Hymnal 1982 – H
and Wonder Love and Praise - WLP*

OPENING HYMN: God Rest you Merry, Gentlemen H 105

Please stand as you are able.

A BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make All Saints' glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city, Detroit.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless; the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us but upon another shore and in a greater light that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in the Lord Jesus, we are one for evermore.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life, and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

Presider and People sing,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LEV 264

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Then the Presider says,

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. Amen.

Please be seated for reading of the lessons.

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25

God creates man and woman to live in obedience to him in the Garden of Eden.

Read by James B.

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up-- for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground-- then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed. Pause: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN: What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest H 115

Please be seated.

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 3: 1-23

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Read by Juanita W.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

[To the woman he said,

"I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children,
yet your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you."

And to the man he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
'You shall not eat of it,'
cursed is the ground because of you;
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN:

Away in a Manger

LEV 27

Please be seated.

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshiped by angels and shepherds.

Read by Loraine G.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.
Pause: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing H 87

Please be seated for the Welcome and Announcements.

GENERAL OFFERING

The Deacon begins the Offering saying,

Let us offer our lives and gifts to God, trusting that the God of righteousness will purify them, like a new garment, and refine them, like silver and gold, so that they might be worthy of praise and pleasing to the Lord.

For those joining us Live stream on zoom and/or Facebook, welcome and you may support our ministries through our website. Go to allsaintsdetroit.org and click the Giving tab and then select tithes/offerings.



Using your cell phone you can also scan the code on the right above to give. We thank you for your support.

The people remain seated and sing the hymn while the offerings are received.

OFFERTORY HYMN: On This Day Earth Shall Ring H 92

Please stand as you are able when the offering is presented and sing.

THE DOXOLOGY: Tune: Old 100th H 380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

The Deacon says,

Let us pray,

Let us name before God those whom have asked our prayers, that God may heal, renew, and restore all those who wait for the Return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Intercessor says,

We pray for the sick and suffering especially, **Arnie, Bianca, Catherine G., Charles, Cleveland, Crystal, Daryl, David, Deane, Delano, Elinda, Emmett, Eric, Funteller, Gaston, Gregory P., Helenor, Janice, Joyce C., Joyce W., Jomar, Kat, Kenneth B., Lauriant, Lena, Lenore, Lucia, Marcus R., Martha, Muriel, Nicol S., Nicole G., Oscar, Patrick G., Pauline G., Ruby, Valerie, Vickie, and Willie F.**

For all celebrating birthdays especially, Ashley B. (12/30); Sheila A., Altonia and Denise K. (1/1) and Reni W. (1/3)

Please offer your own intercessions at this time.

The Deacon concludes the prayers with the following.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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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.**

CLOSING HYMN:

Joy to the World!

H 100

Before the close of the Office, the Officiant says.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: The promise of God is for all. Prepare the way of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

LAY LEADERSHIP

LECTORS	James B./Juanita W. Joanna G./Lorraine G./Jacqueline P.
INTERCESSOR – PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Linval W.
VERGER	Roger W.
ACOLYTE	Lawrence P.
ALTAR GUILD	Members
COUNTERS	Volunteers
USHERS	Sheila L./Patrick L.
TECH MINISTRY	Dennis B., Jr./Alan P./Francine P.
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Lorraine G.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH VESTRY MEMBERS

Marcia F., Sr. Warden Alan P., Jr. Warden Allison P., Vestry Clerk *James B., Treasurer *Non-Vestry Member	Joanna G. Lorraine G. Sylvia N. William P. Lawrence P. Linval W.
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When contributing by check to our ministries:

[Clergy Discretionary Fund, Clergy Fund, Crossroads,
 Forgotten Harvest, Episcopal Relief & Development or
 Undesignated Outreach Ministry Fund.]

*Make checks payable to: **All Saints Episcopal Church***
 (Note in memo the name of the fund)



Second Sunday after Christmas Lessons

January 5, 2025

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14

The Psalm 84:1-8

The Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7

The Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

The Reverend Anthony C. Estes, Celebrant

Announcements

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

At All Saints we are “Answering the call”:

***To be committed stewards of Christ’s ministry
by strengthening our faith, serving the community,
and spreading his love by thought, word and deed.***

We thank the Altar Guild and all who volunteered to beautify the church for Christmas.

The Altar Guild, Directress and members thank everyone for their contributions to beautify the church during this Christmas Season. Please see the enclosed list of those who contributed in memory and/or thanksgiving during this season of Christmas.

The Men’s Club

The Men’s Club will meet today after services to elect officers 15 minutes after service in the Breezeway. Thank you, Roger W.

Vestry Meeting

The Vestry will meet on **Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.** following Service in the 2nd Floor Levering Room.

Thank you to our senior warden, Marcia F. and her sister, Pauline G., for sponsoring our hospitality hour on Sunday, December 22nd. We appreciate them for giving of their time and talent.

Reverend Estes will be away December 26th through December 31st. During his absence, please contact Reverend Deacon Mike Stutso at (734) 476-4812 for any Pastoral Care needs.

All Saints Church 2024 Toy Drive

The Rector and the Vestry would like to thank Allison P. and her committee for the Toy Drive held December 15th. The event was very successful. Thank You. Marcia F.



All Saints Church - 2024 Annual Stewardship Program - "Walk in Love"

Thank you to all our members and friends who made their 2025 financial commitment to All Saint Church ministries. If you did not turn in your commitment letter last Sunday, please place your commitment letter in the offertory plate.

Members of the Stewardship Committee: Rebecca M.; Roger W. and Juanita W. are available to answer any questions.

2024 Annual Reports

All annual reports are due to the church office by Friday, January 17th. All reports should be sent online to the church office. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

2025 Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26th.

Building Renovation Project Update – 12-30-24

Interior Repairs – Plastering and Painting – Awaiting start date from contractor.

Gutter Repairs – Completed.

Parking Lot Repairs – Spring 2025.

Steel Door to furnace room – Assessment in process.

Boiler Repairs – Boiler A scheduled for 2025.

Questions, please see William (Bill), Roger or Juanita.

Rev. Estes contact information: Cell phone: (313) 505-9113.

Office Hours: Thursdays: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Email address: aestes@allsaintsdetroit.org



Prayers of the People - Important Update to Our Prayer List

As we begin the New Year, our current prayer list will be **retired on the First Sunday of 2025 – January 5th**. Parishioners are invited to submit new prayer requests starting today, by completing the form located on the table in the Narthex or contact the church office.

Names will remain on the list for **4 weeks** unless renewed by request. Renewals will be considered based on **pastoral discretion** to ensure the list reflects the immediate needs of our community.

For those with **long-term needs**, we are establishing a **Parish Prayer Ministry** to provide ongoing prayer support and pastoral care.

If you feel called to serve in this ministry or would like to learn more, please contact The Rev. Anthony Estes at 313-505-9113 or The Rev. Deacon Mike Stutso at 734-476-4812.

Rev. Anthony Estes, Rector

Weekly Bible Study with Rev. Anthony Estes

Weekly Bible Study is paused for the remainder of December 2024. Study will resume on **Thursday, January 9, 2025**.



Rev. Estes invites you to scheduled weekly Zoom meetings.

Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3994227190>

Meeting ID: 399 422 7190

One tap mobile

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kjRtFTG9x>

Church Updates: FYI...Please check your emails on **Thursday evenings** for any updates from the church. We appreciate your assistance so that we can keep you informed.

The Rector and The Wardens

Church Events Forms

All church events planned and scheduled through February 2025 should be submitted to the church office for review/ approval by the vestry board.

Thank you – The Wardens.

Custodian Position

A copy of the job description is available on the table in the Narthex and on our website allsaintsdetroit.org. You can also find it on the diocese website edomi.org

All applicants should submit their resume to the church office email: allsaintsdetroit@sbcglobal.net

Outreach Ministry - Crossroads

Thank you to everyone for their generosity of food items for Crossroads. We are supporting those in need in our community. Please check out the list of non-perishable foods that we can purchase on Page 22.

You can contribute by donating cash or check (written to All Saints Church with memo notation – Crossroads). Please contact the Church office or see Juanita W. if you have any questions.

Hospitality/Coffee Hour

We are asking your support to provide refreshments for any available dates in the hospitality book on the table in the Narthex.

Please see Juanita W. or contact the church office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Episcopal Relief & Development support can be matched if you make a donation by December 31st. is needed from you: See below.



SHINE YOUR LIGHT 2X AS BRIGHT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, SPREAD LIGHT AND HOPE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS NEAR AND FAR THROUGH EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT'S HOLIDAY MATCH.

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Usher Ministry

We need members to sign up to serve as ushers. Training is available for you. You can serve one Sunday, two Sundays or four Sundays. Please talk to Sheila L. or leave a message in the church office.

We appreciate Sheila L. and Patrick L. for serving as our lead ushers each week giving of their time and talent.

Thank you, Sheila L. Chairperson.

“Our All Saints Church Website” go to: allsaintsdetroit.org

Do you want to learn more about our ministries, our diocese or the National Episcopal Church, check out our website: allsaintsdetroit.org It is updated weekly! Share the link with friends and family.

We welcome your feedback. Thanks to Jacqueline P. for her commitment to this important ministry.



“The Good News”

Our latest newsletter is available on the table in the Narthex. If you would like a copy mailed to someone, please leave the person’s name and address along with your name in the Communications Mailbox in the Church’s Office. Thank you,

The Communications Committee.



Recycle Ministry – Our Blue Bins – No Trash Please!

Please discard your bulletin into the blue bins in the corner entrance of each door into the Narthex. Thank you for helping us care for our environment. **The Earth is the LORD’S and all that is in it – Psalm 24:1**

YouTube Channel

Please subscribe to All Saints YouTube Channel. To meet our goal of 50+ subscribers hit the bell at:

<https://youtube.com/channel/UC93INKglUxOlmd16nvHpYHA>

Crossroads – Non Perishable Food Items You Can Donate



- Canned fish
- Meat-based canned soups/stews
- Nutbutters
- Bags or cans of dried beans and peas
- Whole-grain cereals
- Bags of plain rice and pasta
- Barley and quinoa
- Canned fruits
- Canned vegetables

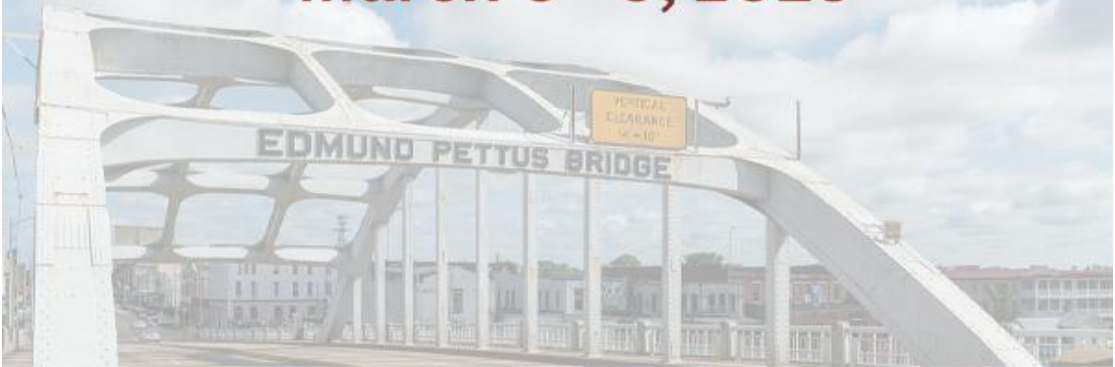
Non-perishable foods are:

- Convenient; long shelf life, and are easy to consume.
- Do not require refrigeration but must be kept cool and dry.
- Essential in emergency situations.



Civil Rights Pilgrimage 2025

March 6 - 9, 2025



Join us as we travel to the Civil Rights District in Birmingham, Alabama, stop in Selma to honor the 60th anniversary of the voting rights march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, and experience the Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum and Memorial in Montgomery.

**\$950 Single Occupancy and
\$575 Per Person Double Occupancy**

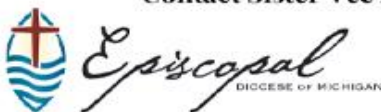
If you bring a young person (high school through first two years of college), the young person's cost is cut in half!

Additional Scholarship Funds Are Available!

Pilgrims are responsible for travel to and from Birmingham. All inter-city transportation, hotel, and museum entry costs are included in the price, as well as breakfasts, box lunch on Friday, and dinner on Saturday

**Registration closes December 20, 2024
Full payment is due January 10, 2025**

Contact Sister Vee for more info a sistervee@edomi.org



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2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
1 11:30 a.m. Advent 1 Worship Service Ministry Fair - Narthex After Service Vestry Board Meeting – 30 Minutes After Service	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 Office Hours 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 Office Hours 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m.	6 Office Hours 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	7
8 11:30 a.m. Advent 2 Festival of Lessons & Carols Ministry Fair – Narthex After Service	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10 Office Hours 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12 Office Hours 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m.	13 Office Hours 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	14
15 11:30 a.m. Advent 3 Worship Service Mens' Club Meeting – Breezeway	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17 Office Hours 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19 Office Hours 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m.	20 Office Hours 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	21
22 11:30 a.m. Advent 4 Worship Service Stewardship Commitment Sunday	23 Office Hours 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	24 Office Hours 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service – 7 p.m. All Saints Church	25 OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Day No Services	26 OFFICE CLOSED Bible Study Paused	27 Office Hours 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	28
29 11:30 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 Office Hours 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.				