



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN



## Sunday, December 25, 2022 – Christmas Day The Holy Eucharist Rite II and Baptism at 10:00am

### SERVICE NOTES

*Welcome! We are so happy that you have joined us today for Christmas. The hymns can be found in the Hymnal in the pews in front of you. See insert for the prelude hymns, a medley of carols. Communion will be served at stations at the front of the church. We encourage you to sing and pray actively. Merry Christmas! Feliz Navidad!*

### PRELUDE

**A Medley of Carols** *All join in singing. Please see insert.*

H 78 "O little town of Bethlehem" (*Forest Green*) v. 1, 2

H 81 "Lo, how a rose e're blooming" (*Es ist ein Ros*) v. 1, 2

H 101 "Away in a manger" (*Cradle Song*) v. 1, 2

H 110 "The Snow lay on the ground" (*Venite adoremus*) v. 1, 2

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**OPENING HYMN** H83 "O Come All Ye Faithful" v. 1,2,3, and 6 (*Adeste Fideles*)

### CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHTING

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Reader* This is Christmas morning, a time when our longing for God's presence among us is fulfilled.

*(We light all four Advent candles)*

*Reader* Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. The hope, peace, joy and love of the entire world are fully realized in this tiny baby, sent to live among us as a human being and to walk with us on the paths of our lives.

*(We light the white Christ candle)*

*People* **O Emmanuel, God with us, as you let your light shine before all, help us be a light to the world.**

*Presider* Beloved in God, as we celebrate the birth of the Holy Child, let the light of Christ so enter our hearts and minds, that with simple faith and true hope, we may, at this time, hasten to Bethlehem to see the Baby lying in a manger. Amen.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

### *The Presider then continues*

*Presider* There is one Body and one Spirit  
*People* There is one hope in God's call to us;  
*Presider* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* One God and Father of all.

### *All are invited to sing the song of praise.*

**SONG OF PRAISE** H96 "Angels we have heard on high" v.1 and 2 (*Gloria*)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## FIRST READING

**ISAIAH 52:7-10**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion.  
Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

Let us read together Psalm 98.

- 1 Sing a new song to God, \*  
who has done marvelous things.
- 2 With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm, \*  
you have won for yourself the victory.
- 3 You have made known your victory; \*  
your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.

- 4 You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to God, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.
- 6 Sing to God with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn, \*  
shout with joy before our God who reigns in majesty.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before God,  
who will come to judge the earth;
- 10 God shall judge the world in righteousness \*  
and the peoples with equity.

**SECOND READING**

**HEBREWS 1:1-4**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN** H87 "Hark the herald angels sing" (*Mendelssohn*) *All join in singing.*

**GOSPEL**

**JOHN 1:1-14**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

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.

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*          Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

*Silence is kept after the sermon.*

## PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*Please stand as you are able.*

*The Presider says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Presenters*      We present Miles to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Presider asks Miles' presenters*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Presenters*      I will, with God's help.

*Presider*        Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Presenters*      I will, with God's help.

*Then the Presider asks the following questions of the presenters.*

*Question*        Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer*          I renounce them.

*Question*        Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer*          I renounce them.

*Question*        Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer*          I renounce them.

*Question*        Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer*          I do.

*Question*        Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer*          I do.

*Question*        Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer*          I do.

*Now the Presider addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?

*People*          **We will.**

*The Presider*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Presider*        Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*          I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Presider*        Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*          I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE**

*The Presider says*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Deacon* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Deacon* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Deacon* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Deacon* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Deacon* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Deacon* Send him into the world in witness to your love.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Deacon* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Presider says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

**PROCESSION TO THE BAPTISMAL POOL** H 490 "I want to walk as a child of the light"

### **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

*The Presider blesses the water, first saying*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Presider*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Presider touches the water.*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### **THE BAPTISM**

*The candidate is presented by name to the Presider, who says*

Miles, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Miles, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*The Presider says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Presider and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

### **PROCESSION BACK TO SEATS**

H 490 "I want to walk as a child of the light"

### **THE PEACE**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please be sensitive to those who wish to maintain physical distance.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the announcements on the last page of the bulletin. Feel free to take this bulletin home with you. In addition, an extended announcement sheet is on our website. If you do not currently receive an email from us with current news and events, please reach out to [info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org) so we can be in touch.

## OFFERTORY NOTES

The ushers will pass collection plates. Online giving is also available; just look for the blue “give” button on our website or using the QR code near the back of this bulletin—or contact the office for more information. We are very grateful to those who have pledged and who give regularly, as well as for all plate offerings. This year, our Christmas plate offering will be given to Yolo Crisis Nursery, an organization that provides voluntary and free childcare for ages birth through five years, along with wraparound services for families in crisis.

**OFFERTORY HYMN**      H 112 “In the bleak midwinter”      *All join in singing.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please remain standing, as you are able.*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      And also with you.

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*      We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*      It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### *The Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

### *Presider and People*

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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Please kneel or stand, as you are able.*

### *Then the Presider continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection  
We await Christ's coming in glory.

*The Presider continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed Martin and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, *(first in Spanish and then in English,)*

*Presider and People*

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu Nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos a los  
que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder,  
y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre.  
Amen.

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated bread or host, saying*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.



## **ABOUT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at God's table, children included. Gluten-free Communion hosts are available; please ask. Wine is being served via intinction only; the priest will dip your host into the chalice of wine and then offer it to you. If you would prefer to receive bread only, you may simply say so. The customary response upon receiving Communion is "Amen." Crossing your arms over your chest indicates that you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** H115 "What child is this?" (*Greensleeves*)

*All join in singing.*

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

## **A CHRISTMAS BLESSING**

*The Presider blesses the people, saying*

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** H100 "Joy to the world" (*Antioch*)

## **DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Von Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her (BWV 606) J.S. Bach

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## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

*We acknowledge the land on which we are gathered. For thousands of years, this land has been the home of Patwin people. Today, there are three federally-recognized Patwin tribes: Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community, Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation, and Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. The Patwin people have remained committed to the stewardship of this land over many centuries. It has been cherished and protected, as elders have instructed the young through generations. We are honored and grateful to be here today on their traditional lands.*

## **THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

### **Given in loving memory of**

Emma, *by Sandy Granett*

Linda Renner, *by Joan and Jim Jordan*

Good friends Sergio Gonzalez and Stuart Spafford, *by Janet Lane and Bob Holm*

Sean Duffey, *by Anne Duffey*

Frank and Ernest Clifton, brothers of Gail Cooluris, *by Gail Cooluris*

Our parents, Emlyn and Sara, *by Michael and Sheila Lewis*

Our mothers, Joyce Dunkley and Edith McHardy, *by Diane and Charlie Bamforth*

Barbara Lee Bondonno, Lee and Leona Bondonno, and Lee and Patricia Quaas, *by Thad and Marianne Quaas*

Sabrina Gonsalves and John Riggins, Peggy and Art Eichorn, and Mark Bachman *by Kim Eichorn*

### **Given in thanksgiving for**

Our mothers, *by Nancy and Jim Anderson*

The ministry of the Rt. Rev. George N. Hunt, *by Carole Hom and Neil Willits*

Wonderfully caring family and friends, *by Jerry Hulbert*

My children and grandchildren, *by Helen Campbell*

For family and friends, *by Dennis and Marianne Wilcox*

Our daughters, Annabel and Kathleen, *by John and Pamela Dolan*

The life and work of my parents, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Cary & Edith Cary, the life and friendship of my sister, Dee Cary, the love and strength of my son, daughter and grandson, Andrew, Lindsay, and Jack Bruch, and everyone at St. Martin's, *by Gwyneth Bruch*

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## **ABBREVIATED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY—DECEMBER 25, 2022**

For the full announcements, visit [www.churchofstmartin.org](http://www.churchofstmartin.org)

### **New Year's Day Services—Next Sunday**

*New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2023 at 8:00am and 10:00am:* The 8:00am service will be in person only; the 10:00am service will be both in person and online with coffee hour following.

**Christmas Offering Goes to Yolo Crisis Nursery:** It is a tradition at St. Martin's that we give away all our "plate" donations on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This year, a committee of parishioners reviewed your nominations and, after careful consideration, chose Yolo Crisis Nursery to be the recipient of your generosity. Yolo Crisis Nursery is an organization that provides voluntary and free childcare for ages birth through five years, along with wraparound services for families in crisis. For more information: <https://yolocrisisnursery.org/>

Instructions on how to donate are in the bulletin on page 7, under Offertory Notes. If you put a check (or cash) in the basket, we will assume it is for Yolo Crisis Nursery unless there is a memo or note saying otherwise. If you use our online giving system, you can choose to give either to the General Fund, which sustains our mission and ministry throughout the year, or to the Christmas Offering. Thank you and God bless you, everyone!

**Children's Ministries in the New Year: Godly Play and First Sunday Services:** We'll hold our "First Sunday" intergenerational service on January 8 at the 10 o'clock service, and then **Godly Play** on January 15, 22, and 29, during the 10 o'clock as well. After that, the pattern will be a First Sunday intergenerational service on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and **Godly Play on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays – during the 10:00am service.** If you have children but have not joined us in Godly Play, we would love to see you! **The Nursery** is closed today but reopens on January 1.

**New Year Service Opportunity—Dinner for the Davis Winter Shelter, January 1 – 7:** The downtown Davis winter shelter is open and housing 10 guests and two staff from November 27 – March 31. Organizations are providing dinner on a weekly rotating basis. St. Martin's will provide dinner every night for the week of January 1 – 7. **Would you be willing to sign up for one of these nights?** Dinner can be a hot meal or sandwiches; homemade or purchased. More information on the food is in our extended announcements. You can contact Janet Lane or the church office ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org)) for more information or to let us know you're ready to help!

**A Huge Thank You!:** Many thanks to all who helped with the greening of the church for Christmas: Jerry Hulbert, Aris Sun, Carla Harris, John Dolan, Rev. Pamela, Carole Hom, Neil Willits, Bob Holm, Janet Lane. We also offer sincere thanks to Scout Troops #466 and #139 for donating three Christmas trees to the church. The church looks beautiful!

**Prayer Trees in the Narthex:** The two prayer trees in the narthex will stay up throughout the Christmas season, until January 8 when we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. Feel free to place your prayers on them—intercessory prayers, prayers of thanksgiving, or anything you'd like God to hear. Just take a tag from the nearby basket and add your prayer—you can even draw your prayer! Then hang your tag on the tree or take it home with you. Place as many prayers on the tree as you wish.

### **Rector's Office Hours - Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:00pm**

Rev. Pamela's next office hours will be on **Wednesday, January 4** in the church library. To meet with her at a different time, just email her or contact the church office ([info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org)).

**Upcoming holiday office closures include Monday, December 26 (in observance of Christmas) and Monday, January 2 (in observance of New Year's Day).**

Our regular office hours are Monday – Friday, 9am – 12pm.