

The First Sunday of Advent

Choral Eucharist at 11 am

November 27, 2022

325 PARK AVENUE AT 51ST STREET NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022



We invite you to make this place yours.

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

What we are for

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families.

What we are against

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

What we value

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility as New Yorkers, Americans and global citizens. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

Welcome!



Children, Youth, and Families

Nursery available from 8:45 am - 12:45 pm in Room 53

10 am Activities Hour in the Community House

StoryMakers (Grades K-5), Room 52 Youth at the Center (Grades 6-12), Room 33

Our ushers will be glad to guide you.

11 am Kids' Church (Grades K-5)

Children are invited to follow the cross to the chapel during the second hymn for singing, a lesson, and prayers designed especially for elementary schoolers. Parents and younger children are welcome to join in. Children will return to the church during The Peace.

Kids' Activity Bags and PRAYground

A carpeted play area with supply bags, leaflets, and activities for children is provided under the front-right balcony of the church. Rocking chairs are available for pregnant women and parents of infants. We encourage you to take advantage of this space during the worship service.

St. Bartholomew's Choristers

Following a morning rehearsal, the choristers sing at the 11am service alongside St. Bartholomew's Choir. In addition, the ensemble rehearses on Sunday and Tuesday afternoons. St. Bartholomew's Choristers is open to all children ages 8 through 18. To inquire or to arrange an audition, speak to Alexander Pattavina (apattavina@stbarts.org), the Director of St. Bartholomew's Choristers.

Sacramental Participation

All children are welcome to participate in Holy Communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. Those not receiving are invited forward to receive a blessing from a member of the clergy. Additionally, the baptism of infants and young children is customary in the Episcopal Church. Should you wish to explore Holy Baptism, please speak with a member of the clergy. Prelude Præludium in F-sharp Minor, BuxWV 146, Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

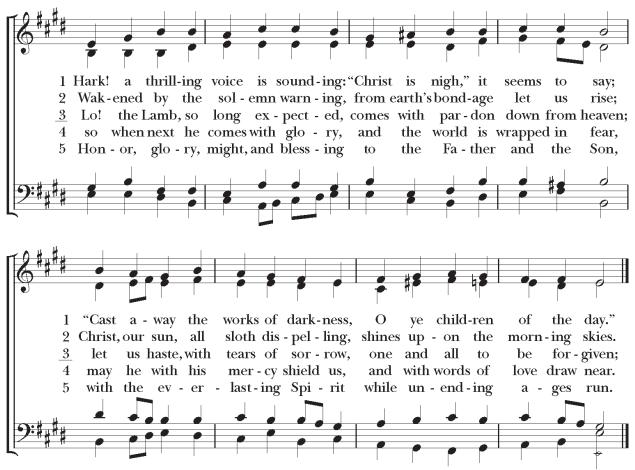
The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

After the candle is lit, a child addresses the congregation.

ChildLet us walk together in Christ's light.PeopleThanks be to God.

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 59



Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Opening Acclamation

Presider	Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People	God's mercy endures for ever.

The Opening Sentence

Presider

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Confession of Sin

Presider	Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence is kept.	
All	Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.
Presider	Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
All	Amen.
Kyrie St. Bar	rtholomew's Choir

Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy.

Music: from *Communion Service in A*, Harold Darke (1888-1976).

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Presider People	The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Presider	Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All	Amen.

The people sit.

The First Lesson Isaiah 2:1-5

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 122 St. Bartholomew's Choir

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

Music: Plainsong, tone VIII.1

The Second Lesson Romans 13:11-14

Lector A reading the letter of Paul to the Romans.

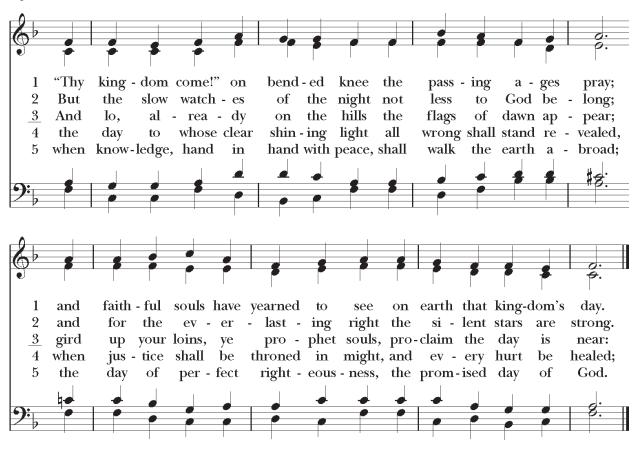
You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Children in grades K-5 are invited to follow the processional cross from the front of the church to the chapel for children's worship time. Adult family members are welcome to join.

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 615



Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929). Music: St. Flavian, melody from Day's Psalter, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

The Holy Gospel Matthew 24:36-44

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers, Assisting Priest

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

All

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor	"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined." You who dwell in darkness and light, in silence and sound, dwell in the hearts of your people. In hope, peace, and joy, may we await with anticipation the coming of Christ, the Morning Star.
Intercessor People	Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.
Intercessor	You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation, dispel the arrogance, animosity, and anger that shatter the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth.
Intercessor People	Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.
Intercessor	You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise, set us free from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision.
Intercessor People	Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.
Intercessor	You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender, and ethnicity may be recreated into one common humanity.
Intercessor People	Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.
Intercessor	You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost, and the least, shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering, includingand those we now name.
The people may	add their own petitions.
	Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.
Intercessor People	Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.

Intercessor	You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, welcome our loved ones whose earthly lives have ended, includingand those we now name.
The people mag	y add their own petitions.
	And bestow the light of hope on all who mourn.
Intercessor People	Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.
Intercessor	You who delight in the complexity and splendor of creation, help us to delight in the diversity of this earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for all you have made.
Intercessor People	Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.
Intercessor	You whose coming among us gives us reason to rejoice, accept our thanks for all the good things you have done in our midst, including those we now name.
The people mag	y add their own petitions.
	And make us ready for the good that is to come.
Intercessor People	Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.
Presider	Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our
All	judge and Savior. Amen.
The Desce	

The Peace

Presider	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.

The people exchange a sign of God's peace with one another and then sit.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

- Please place your offering in one of the plates as it is passed or as you exit. Ushers can assist you.
- You may donate by scanning the QR code to the right with your mobile device or visit bit.ly/STB-Give.

Anthem St. Bartholomew's Choir

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come, and light will be no more. They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

Words: from Revelation 22, adapt. Ruth Manz (1919-2008). Music: Paul Manz (1919-2009).



The people stand as the hymn begins.







Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944). Music: *Wachet auf*, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Presider	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Presider	It is right, and a good and joyful thing, alv

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

Sanctus and Benedictus St. Bartholomew's Choir

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory, Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Music: from Communion Service in A, Harold Darke (1888-1976).

Presider	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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Lord 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 he 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,
All	We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;
Presider	And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.
	By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
All	AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

PresiderAnd now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,AllOur Father, who 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
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.

The Fraction Anthem

The presider breaks the bread. Silence is kept.

Presider	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider 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 people sit.

At the Communion

- All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the altar rail. Please follow the instructions of the ushers. Both bread and wine are offered. After receiving the bread, please wait for the chalice of wine if you would like to receive it.
- Wine is only received by drinking from the common cup. Those who do not choose to drink from the common cup may cross their arms to indicate that they would prefer not to receive wine. They are also invited to touch the chalice should they wish.
- At the request of the Bishop of New York, St. Bart's does not permit intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) at this time. The Episcopal Church teaches that the Sacrament is fully present even when received in only one kind. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please be assured that you are still a full partaker in the Eucharistic feast.
- At the High Altar, communion may be offered by unmasked ministers. Those who would prefer to receive communion from a masked minister should proceed to the communion station in the West End (rear) of the church.
- If you require a gluten-free wafer, simply request one from the communion minister when the bread is offered to you.
- Those who do not wish to receive communion are still invited to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing.
- If you are unable to travel to a communion station, please alert an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

Agnus Dei St. Bartholomew's Choir

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Music: from Communion Service in A, Harold Darke (1888-1976).

Anthem St. Bartholomew's Choir

Rorate caeli desuper
et nubes pluant justum:
aperiatur terra
et germinet Salvatorem.
ostende nobis, Domine,
misericordiam tuam
et salutare tuum da nobis:
veni Domine et noli tardare.

Drop down ye heavens, from above, and let skies pour down righteousness: Let the earth open And bring forth a savior. Show us your mercy, O Lord And grant us your salvation Come, Lord, and do not delay.

The Prayer After Communion

Presider All

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 57



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778).

The Dismissal

DeaconGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Postlude Epilogue, from *The Hovingham Sketches*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Advent Fair for All Ages

Join us in the Great Hall to prepare for the festive holiday season with crafts, refreshments, music and more. All are welcome!

Service Participants

Presider The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe
Preacher The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers
Deacon The Reverend John F. Wirenius
Subdeacon The Reverend Peter D. Thompson
Assisting Clergy The Reverend Meredith E. Ward, The Reverend Zack Nyein, The Reverend Canon Andrew J. W Mullins

Lectors Ron Bagden, Mary Abraham Intercessor Megan Burnham Honorof

Altar Guild Luke Failla, Lara Mizrack Verger Tim Martin Crucifers Tivaun Cooper, Luciana Lyrio Acolytes Elliott Brown, Grace Wilson Ushers Monica Tanjala, Ron Bagden, William Fulton, Bob Kiely, Mairim Pina, Sally Ross, Bill Rowe, Steve Sakson

St. Bartholomew's Choir Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon **Associate Organist and Choirmaster** Alexander Pattavina

Director of Communications Kara Flannery **Assistant Communications Director** Ben Castellanos **Livestream Producer** Leo da Silva, Chloe Pitkoff

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The Vestry of St. Bart's

Miriam K. Schneider, William ("Bill") Fry IV, Wardens

Joe Bessey, Kathleen Breiten, A. Christian Burke, David Lee Carson, Luke Failla, Rachel Farrar, James Ferrara, Tim Hook, Astrid Horan, J. Patrick Hornbeck II, Mary Robin Jurkiewicz, Keith Rook, Craig Simmons, Robert Watson

We continue to hold in our prayers:

Selena, Eileen C., Gertrude, J.D., Michael, Dwight, Claire, Fiona, Adrian, Santha, Jeanne

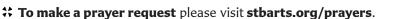
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- Thank you for joining us today. If you are new to St. Bart's, please visit <u>stbarts.org/connect/im-new</u> or scan the QR code to the right to fill out our online Connect Card.
- *** To learn more about our upcoming events** and to register for classes, please visit **stbarts.org/calendar**.

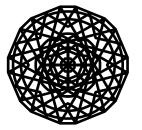


* Free Parking

We offer parking free of charge for Sunday services. The garage is on the south side of East 51st Street (between 3rd and Lexington Avenues). Request a parking voucher from an usher or someone at St. Bart's Central. Vouchers are valid for 12 hours or until midnight, whichever comes first. (Because some have asked, please note that each redeemed parking voucher costs St. Bart's \$15.)

Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings. Learn more at stbarts.org/sunday.

MEET US AFTER CHURCH



12:30 PM VIA ZOOM Meet other virtual worshippers immediately after the service.

Advent Fair for All Ages

Virtual Coffee Hour

12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL Prepare for the festive holiday season with crafts, refreshments, music and more.

Peace Book Club

2:00 PM VIA ZOOM We continue our focus on Norman Wirzba's *This Sacred Life*.

Living Christ Sangha

3-4:30 PM VIA ZOOM Weekly meditation practice with sitting and walking meditation, reading and sharing.

November 20s/30s Hangout

6:30 PM AT CLINTON HALL (230 E 51ST STREET) Adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join us for some drinks and appetizers.

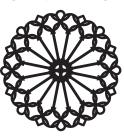
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Join us in person at 8 am, 9 am, 11 am, and 5 pm.

*** You may also join our Sunday morning livestream service at 11 am** on our website (<u>stbarts.org/worship/livestream</u>), via <u>YouTube</u> or <u>Facebook Live</u> (@stbartsnyc).

🛠 The Forum at 10 am

Understanding Jesus and Paul means Understanding Jewish Practice and Belief Amy-Jill Levine, prolific author and the Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace, places Jesus and Paul within their Jewish context and reflects on how the Jewishness of early Christians is so often overlooked.



NEXT

SUNDAY

AT ST. BART'S

Weekday Opening Times

The Church is open Monday through Friday, 9 am-5 pm for prayer and meditation. The Bookstore is also open during these hours.

For more information and to register, please visit stbarts.org.



Make a Gift to Christmas Flowers and Music

The season of Advent and Christmas offers an opportunity to memorialize a loved one or offer thanksgiving for a special blessing. In your leaflet this morning is an offering envelope. It contains all the information you need to make a gift toward the flowers and music of the season. You may also make a gift at **stbarts.org/tributes**.

The deadline for listing in the Christmas Eve leaflets is December 15, 2022.

Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols

Our combined choirs offer Advent carols and anthems in alternation with readings of the beautiful prophecies of the coming of Christ.

Offer Radical Welcome this Christmas

Additional Greeters and Ushers are needed for our Christmas Eve services at 12:05 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm and 11 pm and also on Christmas Day at 11 am. Help ensure that all who enter St. Bart's receive a warm welcome and that our services run smoothly. No experience needed-we'll train you! To sign up, please email Christian Burke (cburkeo8@gmail.com).

Be Still in Advent

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 AT 5:30 PM, VIA ZOOM Advent is the season in which we prepare for the coming of the Light of the World, that is, Jesus' birth. Give yourself the gift of time for stillness and reflection on this great mystery. Join us via Zoom for a short, 30-minute session of encouragement and practice of being still from 5:30 pm to 6 pm on the 4 Wednesdays in Advent.

Make Your Will: Step by Step is back for Session #2

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 AT 7 PM, VIA ZOOM Join us for a check-in for anyone who is working on their will and other important documents. If you missed Session #1, that's not a problem. You can sign up for this offering of support, encouragement, and shared stories with the Reverend Meredith E. Ward, member Ray Vandenberg, and Jama Toung, Director of Stewardship and Development here: bit.ly/STBMakeYourWill.

Holiday Cabaret

"That Holiday Feeling"—The St. Bart's Players annual holiday cabaret will be on Friday, December 2nd and Saturday, December 3rd at 7:30 pm in St. Bart's Chapel. Suggested donation: \$20 at the door.

Welcome Sunday

Get ready to celebrate new members of our community at our first Welcome Sunday since the beginning of the pandemic! On December 4, we'll recognize newcomers with a special liturgy during the 11 am service. Afterwards, we'll have the chance to connect and celebrate during a festive reception. If you've joined St. Bart's since 2019 and have yet to participate in Welcome Sunday, you're invited to be officially welcomed! Newcomers, email bregan@ stbarts.org to RSVP by Wednesday, November 30 at 5:30 pm.

Caroling on the Steps

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 5:45 PM

Join us on the steps of St. Bart's for our annual carol sing-a-long—a welcoming way for parishioners, friends, and commuters to pause together in pre-Christmas joy!

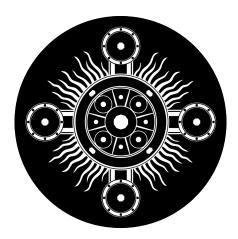
The Joyous Christmas Concert FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, AT 7:30 PM

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