



# Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL  
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA  
NOVEMBER 22, 2017

## Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 9:30 and 11:00 AM  
Saturday: 5:00 PM

## Book Study and Eucharist

Wednesday: 11:00 AM

## Nursery

Sunday  
9:45 AM – 12:30 PM

## Choir Rehearsal

Sunday: 9:45 AM

## Sunday School

Sunday: 10:00 AM

## The Vestry

Reece Middleton, Senior Warden  
Gerry Brooks, Jr. Warden  
Steve Snodgrass, Secretary  
Shirley Enani  
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## Deadline

Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.

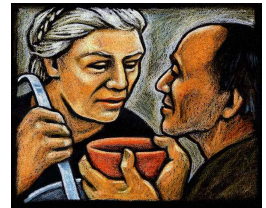
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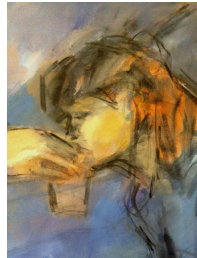
## A New Year in Ministry

Once again, we come to the end of the Church Year—and the beginning of a new one. In the weeks following Pentecost we read and prayed with Jesus' teachings, some of them hard, all of them familiar. We end the season with the affirmation that in all of history past, present, and future God is Maker, Redeemer, God. There is no other, and when the final story of the universe is told God's goodness will prevail.

### Feed the hungry



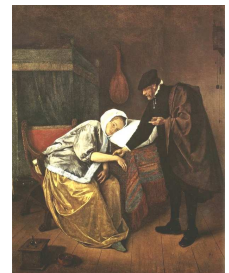
### Give drink to the thirsty



This is sometimes hard to envision, hard to believe, when so many human-made and natural disasters come into our world to harm so many people. The truth of their reality is difficult to reconcile with our faith that God's will for peace and reconciliation is the story that will finally be written. Here, perhaps more than any place else, faith is trust—in things not seen.

And so the Last Sunday after Pentecost is all about that glorious time when God's reign will be realized in all Creation. Ezekiel's vision is of a God who cares for God's people; Jesus' vision is of God's people becoming the image of God we are made to be: caring for one another as God cares for us. We aren't told when this time will come; again, we look forward in trust and do our part in prayer and practice to grow more and more into the image of God.

### Visit the sick



### Clothe the naked



And then we turn a bit and look into a new year. We prepare for the coming of the One who shows us in his person what a shepherd looks like, how we personify God's nature. Two weeks ago I told the story of a congregation that was challenged one year to embody one of the examples Jesus uses in his teaching: feed the hungry, give a drink to those who are thirsty, visit the sick, clothe

the naked, visit those in prison. I made the story up to put flesh on one of Jesus' parables, but really, this would be a good way to prepare for Jesus' coming. Take on a ministry, intentionally patterned after one of Jesus' examples, and embody it one day (or more) each week during Advent.

#### Visit the imprisoned

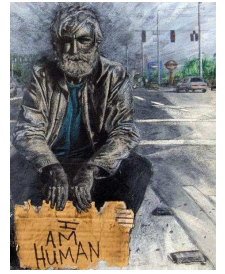


I don't know if this will be the same for you, but it's been my experience that nothing creates and sustains hope like active ministry. I think it's the real, active turning of the heart in ministry that does this for me: my heart is slowly turned to my sisters and brothers in need, and in the turning it is slowly changing. I bet you've had similar experiences with ministry. It goes far beyond feeling good and knowing we are receiving more than we give. Ministry is life-changing.

So as we begin the new year in the life of the Church, let us resolve to look outward and to ask God to lead us into pastures of service. And let us ask God to increase in us the hope that is the essence of our faith.

*The Rev. Mary B. Richard*

#### Shelter the homeless



Every creature is a glittering, glistening mirror of Divinity.  
-Hildegard of Bingen

## *Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year A*

*Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012*



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### The Last Sunday after Pentecost The Reign of Christ Proper 29: November 26, 2017

*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24* ✎ *Psalm 100*  
*Ephesians 1:15-23* ✎ *Matthew 25:31-46*

(*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*) Even with the judgment language, the image of God as the reconciler is present in this passage. God seeks to reconcile humanity in a divine/human relationship that results in salvation, redemption, safety, obedient discipleship, and divinely ordained leadership (vv. 22-24). That is what the shepherd does: care for the wounded, find the lost, nurture those who have been left behind. One of the reasons shepherds determine which sheep are fat and which are lean is to make sure the undernourished are provided better opportunities to be "fattened." However, God will also hold accountable those sheep who are predatorily taking more than their needs require, as well as the shepherds who are called to care for God's flock (v. 22).

*Karyn L. Wiseman*

### The First Sunday of Advent, Year B December 3, 2017

*Isaiah 64:1-9* ✎ *Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19*  
*1 Corinthians 1:3-9* ✎ *Mark 13:24-37*

(*Isaiah 64:1-9*) The coming of Advent jolts the church out of Ordinary Time with the invasive news that it's time to think about fresh possibilities for deliverance and human wholeness. We cannot create peace through selfishness, but by opening ourselves to hope. Hope is what is left when your worst fears have been realized and you are no longer optimistic about your future. Hope is what comes with a broken heart willing to be mended. At Advent, God's people summon the courage and the spiritual strength to remember that the holy breaks into the daily. In tiny ways, we can open our broken hearts to the healing grace of God, who opens the way to peace.

*Patricia E. De Jong*

## Calendar for November and December

Wednesdays	Book study, Holy Eucharist	11:00 AM	Undercroft
Thursdays	Bible study, history of the Episcopal Church	1:30 PM	Fairmont Apartments Community Meeting Room
Saturdays	Holy Eucharist II	5:00 PM	Chapel
Sundays	Informal Eucharist	9:20 AM	Rose Garden or Chapel (depending on weather)
	Choir Rehearsal	9:45 AM	Nave
	Nursery	9:30 AM – noon	Education Building
	Sunday School	10:00 AM	Education Building
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Nave
Sunday, December 3	Advent Lessons and Carols	11:00 AM	Nave
Sunday, December 10*	<i>The Continuing Feast</i>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft

**\*Note: *The Continuing Feast* has been postponed from December 3.**

## Prayer List

Wanda Allen  
Debbie Atwood  
Michael Atwood  
Claudette Branson  
Michael Breedlove  
Tommy Breedlove  
Cary Rhea Brooks  
Evelyn Corley  
Ron Dean

Shirley Enani  
Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar  
Christine Hennigan  
Kenneth Jordan  
Lee Kennedy  
Doris Lewis  
Flo Little  
Mim McCoy  
Pat McCoy  
Jim McCranie

Allison Moncla  
Bob Morris  
Jim Santa Ana  
Brady Sessions  
Tommy Simrall  
Jack Theurkauf  
Sonny Thomas  
Kim Tobin  
Robert Todd

Sara Townsend  
Mattie Washington  
Laura Wilkerson  
Mike Wilkerson  
Michael Winburn  
Bill Wright  
Larry Wright  
Mary Wright

We pray for those who serve and are served by Providence House;  
for all who live in the devastation of hurricanes and fires, and for those who will rebuild;  
for the people of our country, that we may work with renewed purpose to overcome our fears and prejudices;  
for law enforcement officers and the people they serve;  
for people in all places where there is war and fear, and for those who seek peace;  
and for the leaders and the people of our country, that a spirit of hospitality, respect and compassion for all people may  
lead us to enact laws that serve those who are most vulnerable.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Hardtner Camp and Conference Center; for the Episcopal School of Acadiana, Headmaster Dr. Paul Baker (Lauren), Dr. Andrew Armond, John Campbell, the Rev. Brandt Montgomery; for all Parish Day Schools, and for all Canterbury Ministers and Chaplains.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Wad Medani (Northern Sudan), the Rt. Rev. Saman Farajalla Mahdi;  
and for West Buganda (Uganda), the Rt. Rev. Henry Katumba-Tamale

In the suffering and darkness of the world, sometimes it is difficult to see you God. Help us to be, like Stephen, witnesses to your goodness, even to those who wish us harm. Amen.

# Lay Ministries

## The Last Sunday after Pentecost November 26, 2017

Sun. 11:00 AM:  
Lectors: Nathaniel Means, David Richard  
Prayers of the People: Maggie Fowle  
Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Ginger Paul  
Acolytes: Herschel Richard, Joe Bob Evanson, Hannah Wallace  
Ushers: Monty Walford, Bill Richard  
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 PM: June Kirkland, Margaret Heacock  
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: Tommie Sue Brooks

## The First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2017

Sun. 11:00 AM:  
Lectors: Reece Middleton, Ginger Paul, Hannah Wallace, Melissa Fowle  
Prayers of the People: Reid Raymond  
Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Herschel Richard  
Acolyte: Aaron Horton  
Ushers: Gerry Brooks, Tommie Sue Brooks  
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 PM: June Kirkland, Margaret Heacock  
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: Ginger Paul, June Kirkland

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## Service Music

### The Last Sunday after Pentecost: November 26 Christ the King

**Introit:** *Worthy is the Lamb that was slain* Tone VIII.2  
**Mass:** Mathias and Hurd  
**Psalm 100:** Metrical setting Hymn 377 *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*  
**Anthems:** *Jubilate Deo Purvis* *The eternal gifts of Christ the King* Guidetti; arr. Henry Ley  
**Hymns:** 494 *Diademata* 610 *Blaenbafren* 614 *Christus Rex* 460 *Hyfrydol*  
**Organ:** *Christ the King* Benoit *Jubilate Deo* G. Gabrieli *Te Deum* Demessieux

### The First Sunday of Advent: December 3 Advent Lessons and Carols with the Holy Eucharist: Rite II

**Introit:** *O come, thou Dayspring from on high* Plainsong, Mode I  
**Mass:** *Trisagion* S 102 Archangelsky, Schubert, and Hurd  
**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18:** Plainsong, Tone I and Tonus Peregrinus  
**Anthems:** *Canticle of Peace* Clokey  
*The angel Gabriel* anon. Basque carol, harm. Pettman  
*Zion hears the watchmen singing* J.S. Bach  
*Christ is the world's true light* Stanton  
*Lo, he comes, with clouds descending* D. H. Williams  
**Solo:** *Adam lay ybounden* Warlock  
**Duet:** *Peace between nations* Wiggins  
**Hymns:** 68 *Llangloffan* 66 *Stuttgart* 65 *Bereden väg för Herran*  
61 *Wachet auf* 462 *York* stanzas 1-3 73 *St. Stephen*  
**Organ:** *For Advent* Benoit *Savior of the nations, come!* BWV 659 J. S. Bach  
*March of the Night Watchman* (from Bach's *Memento*) J. S. Bach, arr. Widor

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go even to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

From *The Bidding Prayer for the Service of Advent Lessons and Carols*





# Hope House News

New Hope House fall T-shirts are now available! They are a beautiful bright blue with the Hope House “brand” on front and back. If you would like to purchase one (\$15 each), please come by the church office or speak to Mary on Sunday. This is a great way to spread Hope House’s message and mission all around town.

If you’d like to give a Christmas gift to our neighbors, consider buying new socks, men’s underwear, or towels, or donating money so that the church can buy them for you. You can take your donations to Hope House, or drop them off at the church.

Donna, Larry, and Hoyo are the people who make Hope House the warm, caring place it is. If you see them, please thank them!



Donna



Larry



Hoyo

**Burial of the ashes of Paige McCranie** will be on Friday, November 24, at 10:00 AM in the Holy Cross Rose Garden. The Rev. Kenneth Paul will officiate, and the Rev. Mary Richard will assist. We invite friends of Paige, Tommie Sue, and Gerry Brooks and their family, and we hope you will come. A reception will follow in the Holy Cross Undercroft.

## In the Narthex:

Please remember to check the tables in the Narthex and Undercroft for letters from our Bishop, the Presiding Bishop, notices from Episcopal Relief and Development, and the Episcopal Policy Network. It’s important to know what the leaders of our church write about current issues and happenings. Episcopal Relief and Development and the Episcopal Policy Network give us avenues through which to respond to areas of concern and places of disaster. Currently, there is information about the Fuller Center for Housing’s Christmas Gift Sale on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Please pick one up and consider how you might help.

## Pickles and more . . .



We still have homemade pickles and fig jam for sale in the Undercroft. Holy Cross Pickles are famous—both for their flavor and for their scarcity. Made by the Episcopal Church Women of Holy Cross, our pickles are unique. As you plan your holiday giving, be sure to include pickles and jam. Proceeds from the sales will be given back to the community, as the ECW makes their donations to various local ministries.

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**Hope House:** There is an ongoing need for coffee, sugar, creamer, laundry detergent, disposable razors, and personal size hygiene products (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.). Please take your donations to 762 Austen Place or to the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

**Forward Day by Day** for **December** and **January**, in both standard and large-print editions, is available in the Narthex and the Undercroft.



The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Ph.D.  
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Jacob Owensby, Ph.D., D. D.  
The Rev. Mary B. Richard  
The Rev. Sally M. Fox  
The Rev. Kenneth W. Paul  
The Rev. Donald D. Heacock  
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