

We welcome you this morning!  
If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us today.

**Officiant** Rev Chris McCann **January 2, 2022**

**Opening Hymn** *What star is this* Hymn# 124

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

**Collect for Purity** BCP p. 355

**Collect**

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

*(Please sit for the readings)*

**First Reading** *Book of Jeremiah [31:7-14]*

**Psalm** *84:1-8*

**Second Reading** *Letter of Paul to the Ephesians [1:3-6, 15-19a]*

**Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia*

**The Holy Gospel** *Matthew [2:1-12]*

**Sermon** Rev Chris McCann

**Nicene Creed**

BCP p. 358

**Intercessions**

**Parish Intercession/Prayer List:**

- Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, Arthur and William assisting bishops;
- For the whole world for which Jesus offered himself as a saving source of our reconciliation with God: for all who strive for peace with justice in God's creation. For the Uyghurs; the people of Syria; the people of Myanmar; the people of the holy land

For our civic life; for leaders in government, for all who work for the common good .....

For the mission of the church, and especially for the ministry of Reconciliation and especially for clergy and congregations as we gather together to wait upon the Lord's and his appearing

For the missionaries in Haiti

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for Clergy in Secular Employment.  
The Rev. Joseph G. Butler IV, Regional Deacon  
The Rev. Dr. Mary Lynn Dell, Nationwide Children's Hospital, OSU  
The Rev. Karen L. Eversman, Cuyahoga Community College  
The Rev. Bryan C. Gillooly, Deacon; Bellaire-Puritas Development Corp.  
The Rev. Polly A. Glanville, Deacon, St. Paul's, Akron  
The Rev. Dr. Michael A. Petrochuk, Rector, St. Andrew's, Barberton  
The Rev. Anne M. Pillot, Regional Deacon / Anne Pillot Graphic Design  
The Rev. Bobette P. Reed Kahn, Deacon  
The Rev. Kerry J. Stewman  
The Rev. Jane Trager, Regional Deacon  
The Rev. Dr. E. K. Twesigye, Faculty Member, Ohio Wesleyan University (Theology & Ethics)

• For all who have asked our prayers: Joan, Dave and Suzanne, Ginny, Grace, Greg, Stellie, Jeannette, Anna, Donald, Marie, Doug, Carolyn, Jaime, Katie, Rae...for all who are distressed and discouraged because of illness,...and all those we name either silently or aloud

• For the Faithful Departed:

**Confession** BCP. p. 360

**The Peace**

**Offertory Hymn** *Once in royal David's city* Hymn# 102

**Prayer Over The Gifts**  
*All things come of thee O Lord.*  
*and of thine own have we given thee.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer** B BCP p 367

**Sanctus** 288  
 SANCTUS

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord,  
 God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and  
 earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
 san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is  
 he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-  
 san-na in the high-est.

**Lord's Prayer** S149

**Fraction Sentence**  
 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
 Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

**Communion Hymn** *How lovely in they dwelling place* Hymn# 517

*(Please kneel)*  
**Prayer after Communion** BCP p. 366

*(Please stand)*  
**Closing Hymn** *Angels from the realms of glory* Hymn #93

**Chalice Bearer:** Andy Blackley  
**Lectors:** Carolyn & Doug Dolan  
**Organist:** Jean Spangler

**Today's Readings** **The Second Sunday after Christmas**

**First Reading**  
*Book of Jeremiah [31:7-14]*

Thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel. See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather

them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall I return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty," says the Lord. *The Word of the Lord.*

**Psalm**  
*84:1-8*

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of  
the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.  
3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.  
4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.  
5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find  
it a place of springs, \*

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.  
6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.  
7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.  
8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

**Second Reading**

*Letter of Paul to the Ephesians [1:3-6, 15-19a]*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe. *The Word of the Lord.*

**Gospel**

*Matthew [2:1-12]*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests

and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Financial Income Information			
Week of 12/26/21		Year To Date	Budget
Pledges/Non Pledge	\$	\$95,807.75	
Loose Plate	\$	\$1,368.35	
Christmas Flowers	\$		
Attendance	people		

### Appeal for Sunday Collection Counters

We are in the process of reconstituting our teams of counters to process and deposit the weekly collection. This ministry was temporarily suspended due to the pandemic, but it is important that it be reinstated for maintaining sound business practices. The Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs of the Episcopal Church specifies that at least two unrelated persons be responsible for counting and depositing the collections. Accordingly, we are seeking 8-10 individuals who are willing to dedicate approximately 1/2 hour of time one Sunday a month to complete this important task. No experience is necessary, and training will be provided. Please let Fr. Chris or Gary Witosky know if you are willing to serve in this capacity or need additional information.

### Intercession List

With the season of Advent, we are again renewing our intercession list. So if you have someone you want to add to the intercession list, please email the office at [stlukechardon@yahoo.com](mailto:stlukechardon@yahoo.com)

### Metro Food Bank Project

The next Metro Food Bank event will be on **Jan 22, 2022**. Volunteer sign-up online [www.stlukechardon.org](http://www.stlukechardon.org), in food pantry info.