

Dismissal Songs

“Go Now in Peace”

*Go now in peace; never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day,
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true,*

Know he will guide you in all you do.

*Go now in love and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see,
God will be there watching from above,
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*

“Let There Be Love”

*Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes;
may now your love sweep this nation,
cause us, Oh Lord to arise;
Give us a fresh understanding,
of Christian love that is real;
let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.*

“May God’s Blessing”

*May God’s blessing surround you each day,
As you trust Him and walk in his way.*

*May his presence within
Guard and keep you from sin,
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.*

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A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WHO ARE WITH US TODAY. WE HOPE THAT GOD WILL BLESS US AS WE WORSHIP HIM HERE TOGETHER AT ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH.

Message from the Rector

Greetings friends: It is hard to believe we have surpassed the first month of the new year, seems like such a short time ago we were celebrating Christmas and about to welcome a new year. Time gets away from us when we become distracted, and we have been distracted in January with cold, high winds and snowy weather. We are now entering into February, a shorter month, so we shall see what it brings in the form of weather. One thing we do know is that before we know it winter will be loosening its grip, and signs of spring will present itself, or at least we hope so. Now that we are into February, we might realize that, though Christmas was seemingly only a few days ago, we are now about to enter into the season of Lent. It all begins on Shrove Tuesday (February 17th) as we come together for our sausages and pancakes. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent starts on Ash Wednesday. The name Shrove comes from the old middle English word 'Shriven' meaning to confess and to say sorry for the wrong things we've done. Lent always starts on a Wednesday, so people went to confess on the day before. This became known as Shriven Tuesday and then Shrove Tuesday. The other name for this day, Pancake Day, comes from the old English custom of using up all the fattening ingredients in the house before Lent, so that people were ready to fast during Lent. The fattening ingredients that most people had in their houses in those days were eggs and milk. A very simple recipe to use up these ingredients was to combine them with some flour and make pancakes! Shrove Tuesday is also an opportunity for the faith community to share together in a meal of celebration and fellowship before the more somber days of Lent begin. As the church, we still adhere to some of these customs of Lent, as lots of things ordinarily happening in the life of the parish

is halted until after Lent, Holy Week and Easter day, especially fundraising activities. It really is about reflection and self-denial.

The 5 weeks of Lent and Holy Week are solemn times for us to remember and reflect on the life of Jesus, from his wilderness experience of fasting and being tempted by Satan, to his betrayal, arrest and crucifixion on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. It is only when we have a deep appreciation of the sacrifices that Jesus made for us that we can truly grasp the joy of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Like the weeks of Lent and Holy Week are a journey to Easter, so too, our lives are a journey from life to death and new life. It begins with our birth and baptism into the family of God, we journey through life and at the sunset of our days comes death, but then the great joy of new and eternal life in the Kingdom of God. Our Lenten series this year will be *The Trials of Jesus*, where we will look at certain characters involved, such as Satan, Judas, Annas, Caiaphas, Peter and Herod. I invite you to join with us each Wednesday of Lent (starting Ash Wednesday) and make that journey together until we arrive at Easter Sunday, then join us in proclaiming the joy of the Resurrection, and claiming the hope we have in Jesus Christ – the resurrected Lord who loves us and claims us for his own. But, before we get to Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, we have a couple more Sundays to consider Epiphany and Jesus' Transfiguration. Like our common lectionary indicates, we are moving through the events of Jesus' life piece by piece, his birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension. Much of this is mirrored in our own lives as well, for we are followers of Jesus on the same path. We have our own temptations, our own struggles of life, our own crosses to carry, as we follow in the footsteps of our master. May the upcoming journey of Lent be for us a time of reflection, renewal and spiritual growth.

Rev. Randy

Columbarium niche sale update. The new units were installed back in November, giving us an extra 48 niches, for a total number of 96 niches on site. To date, approximately 59 of those niches have been sold, with 37 remaining for sale. It is the parish intent to add additional ones once we get down to a certain number remaining, however, the purchase price of new ones will be determined by the cost of placing more columbarium units on site. For example, once we sold the first 48 niches at \$3000 each, the new units cost more to purchase, which meant we had to increase the niche sale price to \$4000 (no tax) We will continue to give updates as we go along.

Fundraising will cease in Lent. This means that for about 7 weeks we will depend on our envelope offerings (also E-Giving & EMT) only to meet the financial obligations of the parish. We ask our parishioners to be mindful of this and would really appreciate a special effort to get your offerings into the parish on a regular basis. Once we get past Easter Sunday (April 5th) we will resume our normal activities. Thank you for your faithful support of the parish.

**THIS BULLETIN
IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Harvey Sharpe

(April 15, 1937 – February 6, 1977)

Given By:

Mary, Cheryl & Beverly



Leila Tulk

Lovingly remembered by:

Tom, Renee, Jerred & Alexis

NOTICES /MEMORABLE DATES

February 1 – Coffee hour starting at 9:30 a.m. hosted by Ruth Hiscock & Courtney Melindy

February 3 – ACW Card Game – 7:30 pm

February 10 – Vestry Meeting

February 17 – Pancake Supper – 6:30 pm

February 22 – Annual Congregational Meeting following 10:30 am service.

February 25 – Wednesday midweek Lenten Service

Our monthly Coffee Hour has now resumed. From now until June 2026 we will have our coffee hour on the first or second Sunday of each month, just before the 10:30 am worship. The next Coffee Hour will be on Sunday, February 1, prior to the 10:30 worship. Thank you to Ruth Hiscock and Courtney Melindy for sponsoring February month. Come along a little earlier and join us for tea/coffee and refreshments. If you would be interested in hosting one for March, April, May or June, please contact Lisa Brown by email: llake99@hotmail.com.

We will need a few more volunteers for Vestry. Each year several members complete their 3 - year term and move off vestry, and at the annual meeting they are replaced by others. We would love for you to consider offering yourself for this very important work of being involved in the running of our parish. Please pray about it.

Annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, February 22nd, following the 10:30 am worship. All members of the parish are invited to attend. We will begin with a pot-luck lunch after worship, if you plan to attend, please bring something for the pot-luck. Following the lunch, we will go right into our meeting.

Additional Sides persons are needed! Currently we have about 5 teams that alternate, which means each group is on duty one week out of 5. A couple of the teams need additional help because their numbers are smaller. Duties include greeting parishioners and visitors on Sunday morning, raising and taking down the flags (when weather permits), passing out service books and bulletins, taking up the offering, ringing the bell, etc. If this is something you would consider please speak to Rev. Randy. Youth are also invited to be a part of this important ministry.

The card game scheduled for January 27th, because of inclement weather, has been rescheduled to Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:30 pm (Note the new time of 7:30 pm)

Feb. 17th - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Please note the time for the Pancake Supper. The supper will begin at 6:30 pm. This is because the after- school group do not usually finish up until 6:00 pm. So, we need to give them time to leave before we open the doors for supper. Donations of sausages, pancake mix, syrup or money are welcome. Cost of pancakes, sausages, tea/coffee/juice is \$10.00 and there will be a signup sheet placed in the main entrance for those interested to sign their names. Children 6 and under are free.

Envelope boxes are still available for pickup in the foyer. Most of them are already taken but there are still some. If there are any there belonging to your family or neighbors please deliver them. If you did not receive your box of envelopes, or you are new to our parish and would like a box, we have some available. Call our Envelope Secretary, Marie Chafe at 709-895-2562 or the parish office at 895-0715.

The EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is available for rentals. Anyone interested in renting the parish hall should contact Donna and Janice Spurrell to arrange booking. All rental inquiries, such as rental costs should also be directed to Donna and Janice. They can be contacted at 709-895-3581 or 709-725-1057.

Rev. Randy is always available for the blessing of homes. Some people, especially as they move into their new home, like to have a blessing of the home. If this is something you would like to have you can speak to the rector and he will be happy to do this.

The 2025 receipts are available in the main entrance of the church. These are the ones you will need for your 2025 income tax returns. If you do not see yours there, please speak to Marie, our envelope secretary, or Rev. Randy.

<p>February 1st 4th Sunday after Epiphany – Presentation of the Lord in the Temple Scriptural Sentence <i>"This is a light to reveal God to the nations and the glory of his people Israel."</i></p> <p>1st Reading Malachi 3: 1-4 Psalm 24: 7-10 Page: 732 (<i>Dr. Greg Brown</i>)</p> <p>2nd Reading Hebrews 2: 14-18 (<i>Jennifer Cross</i>)</p> <p>Gospel Luke 2: 22-40 (<i>Deacon Ed Bonnell</i>)</p> <p>Collects & Prayers</p> <p>Collect – Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p> <p>Prayer over the Gifts – Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p> <p>Prayer after Communion - God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.</p>	<p>February 8th 5th Sunday after Epiphany Scriptural Sentence <i>"I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."</i></p> <p>1st Reading Isaiah 58: 1-9a Psalm 112: 1-10 Pages: 860-861 (<i>Debbie Collis-Best</i>)</p> <p>2nd Reading 1st Corinthians 2: 1-12 (<i>Betty Lewis</i>)</p> <p>Gospel Matthew 5: 13-20 (<i>Deacon Ed Bonnell</i>)</p> <p>Collects & Prayers</p> <p>Collect – Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.</p> <p>Prayer over the Gifts – God of compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.</p> <p>Prayer after Communion - Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>February 15th 6th Sunday after Epiphany Scriptural Sentence <i>"Blessed is our Father, Lord of heaven and earth, who has revealed these things to the simple."</i></p> <p>1st Reading Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 Psalm 119: 1-8 Pages: 868-869 and 881 (<i>Brenda Harding</i>)</p> <p>2nd Reading 1st Corinthians 3: 1-9 (<i>Gary King</i>)</p> <p>Gospel Matthew 5: 21-37 (<i>Deacon Ed Bonnell</i>)</p> <p>Collects & Prayers</p> <p>Collect – Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.</p> <p>Prayer over the Gifts – Merciful God, turn us from sin to faithfulness. Accept our offering, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. Amen.</p> <p>Prayer after Communion - God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>February 18th Ash Wednesday (no Scriptural Sentence)</p> <p>1st Reading Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17 Psalm 103: 8-18 Pages: 842-843 (<i>Dr. Greg Brown</i>)</p> <p>2nd Reading 2nd Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10 (<i>Canon Shirley Gosse</i>)</p> <p>Gospel Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21 (<i>Deacon Ed Bonnell</i>)</p> <p>Collects & Prayers</p> <p>Collect – Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.</p> <p>Prayer over the Gifts – Merciful God, turn us from sin to faithfulness. Accept our offering, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. Amen.</p> <p>Prayer after Communion - God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>February 22nd 1st Sunday in Lent Scriptural Sentence <i>"We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."</i></p> <p>1st Reading Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7 Psalm 32 Pages: 742-743 (<i>Todd Martin</i>)</p> <p>2nd Reading Romans 5: 12-19 (<i>Debbie Collis-Best</i>)</p> <p>Gospel Matthew 4 : 1-11 (<i>Deacon Ed Bonnell</i>)</p> <p>Collects & Prayers</p> <p>Collect – Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.</p> <p>Prayer over the Gifts – God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. Amen.</p> <p>Prayer after Communion - Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. Amen.</p>
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