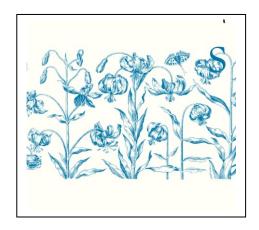
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**Blue Christmas** December 21st, 2023 7:00 PM Welcome

to

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church,

an open and affirming congregation in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

#### You are welcome here . . .

- if you are married or single, for we will partner with you;
- if you are a parent or a child of one, for we are all family together;
- if you know what you believe or have no idea what you believe, for we are one in our longing for deeper knowledge of God;
- if you are from this place or a stranger from far away, for we were all once strangers ourselves;
- if you are straight or a member of the LGBTQ+, black or white, rich or poor.

No matter who you are, we welcome you, praying that you will find here what you seek. In fact, we pray that you will find here the love that is Christ's law – love that bears all things, believes

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all things, hopes all things, endures all things – knowing that God's love is bigger than anything we can ask or imagine.

#### **Mission Statement**

We seek unity with God and one another in Christ through solemn and joyful worship; vital and supportive community; formative Christian Education; and the sharing, through outreach, of our diverse gifts.

#### ABOUT THIS SERVICE

St. Christopher's Blue Christmas Service happens on the longest night of the year and is intended as a space for those experiences and feelings that might not feel most at-home in a "traditional" Christmas worship service.

This space is meant for you who mourn. It is for you who are far from home. It is for you who live with illness, addiction, or estrangement. It is for you who are lonely, or struggling financially, or are in conflict with another, or are reeling from the state of the nation or the world.

Whatever you bring tonight, I hope you may know that you are welcome here.

If you are used to church or if the Christian faith is a regular part of your life, I hope this space can serve your connectedness to God. I hope you can rest in that Presence, especially if you carry something heavy.

If you haven't set foot in a church or in a worship service in years or ever, I hope what we share together tonight can make you feel held. That the hurts or violence of the church's history, since its inception, does not diminish the Christmas story that is intended to make room for your story; your brokenness and goodness. I hope that if you feel shaken or broken, or afraid or sad, or angry that you are welcomed in this place just as that barn, when there was no room in the Inn, welcomed a mother and father giving birth to a child in an uncertain and frightening world.

Thank you for sharing yourself tonight,

George

Rector and Priest at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

## A Blue Christmas Rite II: Choral Eucharist

Everything you need for this service is included in this leaflet.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Welcome from St. Christopher's

Rev. George Arceneaux

The people remain seated.

#### "Bright Horses"

Written By Nick Cave Performed By Christa Creps

The bright horses have broken free from the fields
They are horses of love, their manes full of fire
They are parting the cities, those bright burning horses
And everyone is hiding, and no one makes a sound
And I'm by your side and I'm holding your hand
Bright horses of wonder springing from your burning hand

And everyone has a heart and it's calling for something We're all so sick and tired of seeing things as they are Horses are just horses and their manes aren't full of fire The fields are just fields, and there ain't no Lord And everyone is hidden, and everyone is cruel And there's no shortage of tyrants, and no shortage of fools And the little white shape dancing at the end of the hall Is just a wish that time can't dissolve at all

Oh, oh, oh
Oh, oh, well, this world is plain to see
It don't mean we can't believe in something, and anyway
My baby's coming back now on the next train
I can hear the whistle blowing, I can hear the mighty roar
I can hear the horses prancing in the pastures of the Lord
Oh the train is coming, and I'm standing here to see
And it's bringing my baby right back to me
Well there are some things too hard to explain
But my baby's coming home now, on the 5:30 train

#### The Gathering

#### In unison

God, from your heavenly throne you chose to enter this world as we are; chose life as we live and death which we have known and will know. Be with us as we walk the dark of this night. Assist us and those we love as we stand before You, who with Jesus Christ your Son and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

#### If It Be Your Will

Written by Leonard Cohen
Performed by Mike Hely

If it be your will
That I speak no more
And my voice be still
As it was before

I will speak no more
I shall abide until
I am spoken for
If it be your will

If it be your will
That a voice be true
From this broken hill
I will sing to you

From this broken hill
All your praises they shall ring
If it be your will
To let me sing

From this broken hill
All your praises they shall ring
If it he your will
To let me sing

If it be your will
If there is a choice
Let the rivers fill

Let the hills rejoice
Let your mercy spill
On all these burning hearts in hell
If it be your will
To make us well

And to draw us near And bind us tight All your children here In their rags of light

In our rags of light All dressed to kill And end this night If it be your will If it be your will

#### Lighting of Advent Wreath

The people stand as able through the reading of the Gospel

#### Presider

In the spirit of the season, and as we light the last candle of the advent wreath to signify the birth of Christ at Christmas, let us ask God for what we need as we participate in the Christmas season. As we and others cope with loss, loneliness, pain, and sadness. In response to the words, "Loving God, Hear our prayer," you are invited to respond with "And in love, answer."

#### Leader

God of understanding, we come to you as Christmas dawns. Yet as the nights have grown longer, so has darkness wrapped itself around our hearts. On this longest night, we offer of ourselves, that we be seen. Loving God, hear our prayer,

#### People

And in love, answer.

#### Leader

God of compassion, in the dark of loss we lose our way. Those we love are no longer beside us. Our purpose is shaken, our future unknown, and our strength exhausted. When we find ourselves adrift, alone, and lost, help us find our way and help us to help others find theirs. Loving God, hear our prayer,

People

And in love, answer.

Leader God of the multitudes, the joys and jubilations of Christmas at times are cacophonous. We are left no room for the darkness that clings to us. This darkest night, we echo the words of your servant Isaiah and beg you show

darkest night, we echo the words of your servant Isaiah and beg you show us the treasures of our darkness and the secrets hidden from us in our

hurts. Loving God, hear our prayer,

People

And in your love, answer.

#### I Shall Be Released

Written by Bob Dylan Performed by Christa Creps

They say everything can be replaced They say every distance is not near So I remember every face Of every man who put me here

I see my light come shining From the west down to the east Any day now, any day now I shall he released

They say every man needs protection They say that every man must fall Yet I swear I see my reflection Somewhere so high above this wall

I see my light come shining From the west down to the east Any day now, any day now I shall be released

Now, yonder stands a man in this lonely crowd A man who swears he's not to blame All day long I hear him shouting so loud Just crying out that he was framed I see my light come shining From the west down to the east Any day now, any day now I shall be released

#### **Gospel Scripture**

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

The Story of the First Christmas

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.\*

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

\* You may notice members of the congregation make a small cross on their forehead, mouth, and chest. This is to hope that God in our thoughts, words, and hearts.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured

all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### Reflection

The Rev. George Arceneaux IV

#### Candle Lighting and Healing Prayer

At this time, you're invited to stand and light a candle in honor of whatever you carry into this space. Afterward, you're invited to receive healing prayer in the side chapel; a space to name anything you need, to have it held, and to have it seen.

#### **Hungry Heart**

Written By Bruce Springsteen

Got a wife and kids in Baltimore, Jack
I went out for a ride and I never went back
Like a river that don't know where it's flowing
I took a wrong turn and I just kept going

Everyhody's got a hungry heart
Everyhody's got a hungry heart
Lay down your money and you play your part
Everyhody's got a h-h-hungry heart

#### Oh

I met her in a Kingstown bar We fell in love, I knew it had to end We took what we had and we ripped it apart Now here I am down in Kingstown again

Everyhody's got a hungry heart
Everyhody's got a hungry heart
Lay down your money and you play your part
Everyhody's got a h-h-hungry heart

Everybody needs a place to rest Everybody wants to have a home Don't make no difference what nobody says

#### Ain't nobody like to be alone

Everybody's got a hungry heart
Everybody's got a hungry heart
Lay down your money and you play your part
Everybody's got a h-h-hungry heart

#### Lean On Me

Written by Bill Withers Sung by Christa Creps

Sometimes in our lives
We all have pain
We all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow

Lean on me
When you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on...
For it won't be long
Till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill
Those of your needs that you won't let show

You just call on me brother when you need a hand We all need somebody to lean on I just might have a problem that you'll understand We all need somebody to lean on

Lean on me
When you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on...
For it won't be long
Till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

You just call on me brother When you need a hand We all need somebody to lean on

I just might have a problem that you'll understand We all need somebody to lean on If there is a load you have to bear That you can't carry I'm right up the road I'll share your load

If you just call me Call me If you need a friend

#### Rainy Night In Soho

Written by Shane MacGowan Sung by Christa Creps

I've been loving you a long time
Down all the years, down all the days
And I've cried for all your troubles
Smiled at your funny little ways

We watched our friends grow up together And we saw them as they fell Some of them fell into Heaven Some of them fell into Hell

I took shelter from a shower And I stepped into your arms On a rainy night in Soho The wind was whistling all its charms

I sang you all my sorrows
You told me all your joys
Whatever happened to that old song?
To all those little girls and boys

Sometimes I'd wake up in the morning The ginger lady by my bed Covered in a cloak of silence I'd hear you talking in my head

I'm not singing for the future
I'm not dreaming of the past
I'm not talking of the first times
I never think about the last

Now the song is nearly over
We may never find out what it means
Still there's a light I hold before me
You're the measure of my dreams
The measure of my dreams

#### Collect after Candle Lighting

Presider We uplift all ourselves, all we bear and grieve and hope.

All We beseech thee, God of the light and the dark, to be our helper and

protector.

Save the afflicted among us; have mercy on the lowly;

raise up the fallen; appear to the needy; heal the wounded;

restore the wanderers;

feed the hungry; ransom prisoners;

raise up the sick; comfort the faint-hearted.

All this for love's sake.

Amen.

#### The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All greet one another in peace.

#### Welcome and Announcements

If you would like to make the community aware of an upcoming event, please contact the office administrator at office@stchristophersoakpark.org

#### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

All are welcome to share in Communion. If you seek a deeper life with Christ and sharing of that strength and life in the world, we invite you to God's Table. While Baptism is the ancient rite of inclusion in the Church, we believe God is working in us all to draw us closer in love.

#### The Offertory

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The People sit as the offering is collected.

The People stand as able as the gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought forward.

#### Heaven Help Us All

Written by Stevie Wonder Sung by Christa Creps

Heaven help the child who never had a home Heaven help the girl who walks the street alone Heaven help the roses if the bombs begin to fall Heaven help us all

Heaven help the black man if he struggles one more day Heaven help the white man if he turns his back away Heaven help the man who kicks the man who has to crawl Heaven help us all

Heaven help us all, heaven help us all, help us all Heaven help us, Lord, hear our call when we call Oh, yeah!

Heaven help the boy who won't reach twenty-one Heaven help the man who gave that boy a gun Heaven help the people with their backs against the wall Lord, Heaven help us all

Heaven help us all, heaven help us all Heaven help us all, oh Lord, help us all Heaven help us, Lord, hear our call when we call Oh, help us all

Now I lay me down before I go to sleep
In a troubled world, I pray the Lord to keep
Keep hatred from the mighty
And the mighty from the small
Heaven help us all

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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.

#### Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

#### Celebrant 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Christopher and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

#### AMEN.

Celebrant People And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our 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 Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant 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 Communion of the Faithful

Our communion bread is **gluten-free**. All are welcome to share Communion, no matter how young. If you do not wish to receive Communion you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest.

True Love Will Find You In The End

Written by Daniel Johnston
Sung by Dave

True love will find you in the end
You'll find out just who was your friend
Don't be sad, I know you will
But don't give up until
True love will find you in the end

This is a promise with a catch
Only if you're looking can it find you
'Cause true love is searching too
But how can it recognize you

If you don't step out into the light, the light Don't be sad I know you will Don't give up until

True love will find you in the end

#### Prayer after Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant invites the people to prayer, saying,

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### **Priestly Blessing**

Celebrant Life is short. We don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who

walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And

may the blessing of God be upon you, now and always.

People AMEN.

#### Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love, alleluia, alleluia People Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Please stay and join us for food and fellowship in Parish Hall. All are welcome! You may stay for the closing song or head where you need to.

**Closing Song** 

I Am The Light of This World Staple Singers

#### **Serving Today:**

Altar Guild: Joan Radovich
Prayers of the People: Paul Clark
Acolyte: Kurt Amolsch
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Pearson

Ushers: Paul Clark, Bill Pearson

Lockup: Bill Pearson
Healing Ministers: Mary Kay Tobin

Presider/Preacher: The Rev. George Arceneaux IV

Members of the Band: Wilbert Crosby - Guitar Gary Schepers - Bass Richard Sobak - Organ Jason Creps - Drums Howard Sandifer - Keyboard Howie Anderson - Blues Harp

The Real MVP: Christa Creps

#### **Upcoming Services:**

December 21<sup>st</sup>, A Blue Christmas Service – The Longest Night of the Year The Rev. George Arceneaux IV, presiding and preaching.

07:00 PM A Blue Christmas Service

#### December 24<sup>th</sup>, Fourth Sunday of Advent: Christmas Eve The Rev. George Arceneaux IV, presiding and preaching

10:00AM Rite II Eucharist

4:00 PM Rite II Kid-friendly Service 10:30PM Rite II Choral Midnight Mass

#### December 25th, Christmas Day

The Rev. George Arceneaux IV, presiding and preaching

10:00 AM Spoken Rite II Eucharist

#### Announcements

#### **NEED TO KNOW**

Services this Sunday | 10 AM, 4:00 PM, 10:30 PM Heads up: Epiphany Pageant and Baptism on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10AM

#### Reflections

I'm holding a lot of different feelings, and hopes, and thoughts this final week of Advent. But doing so feels right in the midst of this story wherein there is so much. We could consider Mary, or Joseph, or the Wise People, or the Shepherds, or the Sheep, or the Innkeeper and the Inn, or even the Governor Quirinius or the manger. The Christmas Story is abundant. But for now, I'll pull just that facet of welcome to my plate this morning.

That manger welcomed everyone. It provided a home for Mary and Joseph and Jesus just as it played host to so many different and downright random guests. From the heavenly host to the humble shepherds, that small barn was a safe place for something strange and holy.

I hope you find such spaces this advent, and that St. Christopher's might be one for you.

#### What's Happening

We're in the midst of our Christmas celebrations this week with a sprinkle of Advent IV, because the calendar is odd this year. But in summation, here's a list of what you need to know:

One Advent 4 Morning Service on Sunday at 10AM (No 8AM, 9:30, or 11AM)

Christmas Eve Rite II Kid-Friendly Service on Sunday at 4PM

Christmas Eve Rite II Midnight Mass on Sunday at 10:30PM

Christmas Day Rite II Spoken Service on Monday at 10AM out of the Book of Common Prayer

And of course, last but not least,

#### THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THE WEEK AFTER CHRISTMAS.

That's it in a nut shell. I'm so grateful that we're into this first Christmas I get with all of you. I hope you're having a wonderful time this week and that you take space for both fun and quiet.

Merry Christmas.

Yours in Christ and with love,

George †

#### **FORMATION**

#### ST. C'S KIDS:

This Sunday, kids are invited especially to attend the Kid-Friendly Christmas Eve service at 4PM. It'll be rite II, that is, a lot like what our 11am looks like, but with a few tweaks. Kids will be invited to help with the opening prayer, lead our prayers of the people, lead our Lord's Prayer the wiggly way, and help Rev. George up at the Eucharist table as we bless the sacrament before kids join their parents to receive communion.

We'll be back on the 31st to keep working on the impending Epiphany pageant.

If you would like to know more, contact Rev. George at rector@stchristophersoakpark.org

#### COOL KIDS' CLUB (ST. C.'S TEENS):

Teens and youth are invited to join Chloe White at 11am on the Sunday dates listed below down in the St. C.'s Youth Room for the Cool Kids' Club (George's name for this until they come up with something better). Fellowship, learning, hilarity, and meaning are on the menu.

The group will be invited to arrive in the sanctuary as we join together for Eucharist.

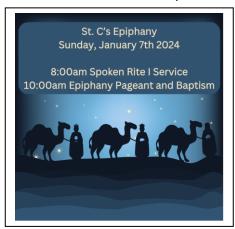
#### Sunday December 31st

If you would like to know more, contact Rev. George at rector@stchristophersoakpark.org

#### PARISH LIFE

You're invited on Sunday, January 7th at 10AM to celebrate the Epiphany Pageant! The pageant is a long standing tradition at St. Christopher's and celebrates the Christmas Story through the talents of the children and families of this wonderful community.

To learn more and sign up to participate, please visit: stchristophersoakpark.org/epiphany



## OUR BELOVED BOAR RETURNS TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH: Boars Head at Twelfth Night and the Merry Madrigals – Tickets on sale now!

On Saturday, January 6, we welcome back this beloved holiday tradition to Grace Church. The Madrigal Choir will entertain you with a new script (adapted by Tony Dobrowolski,) based on St. George and the Dragon. This "scaled back" performance will include table seating with dessert, coffee, and wassail, or performance-only pew seating. A livestream option is also available.

Can't make it on 1/6? Attend our ticketed dress rehearsal (performance only) on Friday, January 5! Both performances start at 7:30 PM.

Tickets for dessert table seating (\$25) and livestream (\$10) available at <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/boarshead2024">tinyurl.com/boarshead2024</a> (plus applicable fees) or through Carla Bukalski after church THIS WEEK ONLY (cash or check to "Grace Church" with the memo "Boar's Head").

Tickets for pew seating (\$15) and Friday's ticketed dress rehearsal (\$10) will be available at the door only.

Note: This event is no longer BYOB, wine will be available for table guests (2 drinks maximum per guest subject to Grace's Alcohol Policy.)

We are so excited to bring this fabulous tradition and fundraiser back to Grace! In order for the event to be successful, we will need a fyrd of volunteers; please check out the <a href="SignpUGenius">SignpUGenius</a> in the Messenger, or contact Carla at <a href="carla@bukalksi.org">carla@bukalksi.org</a> if you can help - thanks for supporting Madrigals! For more information, contact Director of Music, Madeleine Woodworth at <a href="madeleine@graceoakpark.org">madeleine@graceoakpark.org</a>.

#### SERVICE LEARNING

#### Migrant Update:

Over the past week, the St Christopher's clothes closet has restocked the Carleton's microcloset, delivered formula and cleaning supplies, and provided clothing to about a dozen individuals.

The closet is closed between 12/21 and 12/26 and will reopen 12/27.

To learn more about our volunteer and donation needs, please visit the St Christopher's website: <a href="https://www.stchristophersoakpark.org/migrant-ministry/">https://www.stchristophersoakpark.org/migrant-ministry/</a>

#### OAK PARK HOMELESSNESS COALITION:

If you or someone you know is experiencing homelessness, contact the following or scan the QR:

Suburban Call Center (877) 426-6515 or outreachteam@housingforward.org



#### **GOODS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS:**

Every Sunday, bring toiletries you buy, gather from hotel stays, or wherever and bring them to church! Head to the parish hall before or after Sunday's service and drop them off in the pirate chest (yaargh!) you'll find there!

We'll get the good out periodically to those who are in need through the work done by Housing Forward at St.Catherine's/St.Lucy's.

#### SAVE THE DATE

**Christmas Eve Services** 

Christmas Day Service Epiphany Pageant Rehearsal Epiphany Pageant December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am, 4pm, 10:30pm December 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10am January 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10am January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10am

#### THE MESSENGER:

If you missed the most current issue of The Messenger, scan the QR code to access it. You can also see previous issues.



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