



December 6, 2024

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we will observe the **Second Sunday of Advent**, lighting the candle for peace in the Advent wreath. After church, we will gather at **11:30 in the Parish Hall to write Christmas cards and enclose gift cards for our neighbors at Sand Point Community Housing**.

Donations of \$50 gift cards from Fred Meyer or funds to purchase them are most welcome. Contact **Jack Irby** for more information.



You might notice a photographer, Stephanie Bulhuis, taking pictures on Sunday morning. As we refresh our website, we want to include updated images of our community. Thank you for being part of this important ministry of hospitality!

Community Updates

Stewardship: We are 90% of the way to our goal! If you have not yet made your financial commitment, you can mail this **pledge form** to the church or simply send an email to [John Plimpton](mailto:John.Plimpton@ststephens.org), Treasurer. **Please make your pledge by December 10 so your name can be included in the list of pledging members on December 15.**

Organist Howard Wolvington to Retire: Our fantastic organist, Howard Wolvington has decided to re-retire and move to Nevada, where he has a home and a hangar ready for this next chapter. Howard's last service with us will be Christmas Eve, and we will **celebrate his ministry among us at coffee hour on Sunday, December 22**. Planning is already underway for an interim organist to join us beginning December 29; more information to come soon.

Christ Church to Join Us in Worship: Our neighboring Episcopal Church, **Christ Church in the U District**, expects to begin a six-month renovation of its worship space in January 2025. Our Vestry and Priest-in-Charge have extended an invitation to them to join us in worship while construction is underway, and they plan to do that several Sundays a month. We will include Christ Church's rector, The Rev. Shelly Fayette, and liturgical ministers in serving at the Eucharist as well. Stay tuned for more detail on when and how this will unfold. Please contact **Rev. Jennifer** with questions.

Advent Party and Carol Sing

Join your community on **Sunday, December 15 from 11:30-12:30 in the Parish Hall** to sing carols and enjoy a soup lunch. The third Sunday of Advent is also known



as "Gaudete Sunday," a day of sharing joy over the coming of Christmas. **Submit the names of your favorite carols here** so our Director of Music Marshall Lombard can include them in the line-up. Please contact **Jennifer Gary** if you would like to help with hospitality.

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 pm Carol Sing and Choral Music

Come sing some favorite Christmas carols and enjoy beautiful music offered by the St. Stephen's Choir

4:30 pm. Celebration of the Nativity and Holy Eucharist

Hear the Christmas Story and share in Holy Communion with your faith community

There is no service at St. Stephen's on Christmas Day. Saint Mark's Cathedral offers a Festal Eucharist with Carols at 10 am. More information **here**.



peace to you,

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Sermons @ St.
Stephen's

Community Engagement

Bring Christmas to a Seafarer!

Every year, the Seattle Seafarers Center (Mission to Seafarers) provides over 1,000 ditty bags stuffed with basic personal necessities to merchant seafarers. These bags are one way we give thanks for these essential and often hidden workers, and help seafarers celebrate the holidays while they are far from home. Help make a seafarer's Christmas by providing them with a ditty bag to say thank you!

You can participate by making drawstring bags or knit hats, or purchase basic supplies (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste) and drop those off at the Center. Financial gifts for supplies are deeply appreciated, too! Visit SSC's website **here** or **email the Center**.

Coming Up at St. Stephen's

Sundays 10:00am Holy Eucharist (Nave/Church) and Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)

Sundays 3:00pm Youth Group Food Program (Narthex)

Wednesdays 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall)

December 1 11:30 Advent Spirituality (Parish Hall)

December 3 5:30 pm Parish Event at Zoo Lights (Woodland Park Zoo)

December 8 11:30 am Card-Writing and Gifts for Sand Point Comm. Housing (Parish Hall)

December 15 11:30 Carol Sing and Advent Party (Parish Hall)

December 24 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Carol Sing (Nave)

December 24 4:30 pm Celebration of the Nativity and Holy Eucharist (Nave)

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