



# THE JANUARY 2023 TRUMPETER

*St. Christopher's Episcopal Church*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAYS

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service (In-Person)  
10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service  
(In-Person & Livestreamed via Facebook Live)

### THURSDAYS

5:30 pm - Evening Prayer on Facebook Live  
6 pm - Bible Study on Facebook Live & Zoom

### SATURDAYS

6 pm - Holy Eucharist Service (In-Person)

## OUTREACH



It was all in God's plan – St. Christopher's Coat Closet debut year was a rousing success! Who could have foreseen that EVERY member of our congregation would participate in this endeavor? Some donated coats, scarves, and gloves and many gave monetary donations and attended the kick off dinner in April 2022. Thirty one members of our church family volunteered to work a two hour shift on a Saturday morning. All offered encouraging words and many had suggestions that proved to be very helpful. Members of other congregations donated homemade goods and a rolling garment rack. All of this combined to make this endeavor truly a community project.

Our free Coat Closet is poised to serve our community for many years to come. If you know of anyone who could use a coat please direct them to St Christopher's during office hours as Angela has graciously offered to help our guests choose their winter gear.

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## UPCOMING LESSONS

### January 8

#### First Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17  
Psalm 29

### January 15

#### Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42  
Psalm 40:1-12

### January 22

#### Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23  
Psalm 27:1, 5-13

### January 26

#### First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11  
Psalm 32

**Find the readings every week at  
[lectionarypage.net](http://lectionarypage.net)**

### Clothing Items Outreach

We are still collecting NEW or like new T-shirts, socks and underwear to give to St. Andrew's for their outreach. Baskets to place donations can be found in the gathering space near the hallway to go to the Fellowship Hall.



## notes from the... *Music Room*



Greetings Music Lovers of St. Christopher's!

Happy 2023! We have a wonderful year ahead and I plan to make the most of the talent we have in our church (one of our greatest resources!) Folks will notice that the bulletin going forward will not include music selections. Please, despite our no longer having this convenience provided us, just grab the blue hymnal, and be ready to sing your hearts out! The interesting part of our getting to use the hymnals for now, is you will be able to learn many interesting details about the hymns we will be singing---just to remind us, myself included, a 'hymn' is, the whole point of it is, A SONG OF PRAISE.

Now, back to deciphering the information on the page in our hymnals---i.e., the name of the composer, the person responsible for the particular text we will be singing, the person credited with the music---everything is provided us on each page. For example...did you happen to know that at the bottom of a given page, where it might read:

Music: Durham, melody and Brass Thomas Ravenscroft (1592-1635) , the information it is providing us actually is saying the following:

Composer: Thomas Ravenscroft

Thomas Ravenscroft United Kingdom 1592-1635. Born at Sussex, England, he allegedly sang in the choir at St Paul's Cathedral. He attended music lectures at Gresham College. He was educated at Cambridge College, graduating in 1607. From 1618-1622 he was music master at Christ's Hospital. Many of his works were aimed at pleasing a middle class lay public. He collected folk music: "Pammelia" (1609), "Deuteromelia" [includes the song "Three blind mice"] (1609), "Melismata" (1611). He also published a metrical Psalter (the whole book of Psalms) in 1621. He composed 11 anthems, three motets, and four fantasies. He also wrote two treatises on music theory.

Something else you may notice on a page are numbers, waaaaay down at the bottom right of a given page in the hymnal. You might think to yourself, 'what the heck does that mean'? Well, if you happen to wonder this, I can provide you an answer! Yay! These numbers indicate the syllables in a phrase---Hymn meters. The meter indicates the number of syllables for the lines in each stanza of a hymn. This provides a means of marrying the hymn's text with an appropriate hymn tune for singing. In practice many hymns conform to one of a relatively small number of meters (syllable count and stress patterns). The meter is often denoted by a row of figures besides the name of the tune, such as "87.87.87", which would inform the reader that each verse has six lines, and that the first line has eight syllables, the second has seven, the third line eight, etc. The meter can also be described by initials; L.M. indicates long meter, which is 88.88 (four lines, each eight syllables long); S.M. is short meter (66.86); C.M. is common metre (86.86), while D.L.M., D.S.M. and D.C.M. (the "D" stands for double) are similar to their respective single meters except that they have eight lines in a verse instead of four. Also, if the number of syllables in one verse differ from another verse in the same hymn (e.g., the hymn "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"), the meter is called Irregular.

Inquiring minds want to know!!!

Also, if it says something like, Chelsea Square, or Detroit, or Geneva, these particular 'tunes' were known as such (often credited to having been composed in this area/region/town) and then called out, for the melody to then be used with a text intended for the hymn. The practice of naming hymn tunes developed to help identify a particular tune. The name was chosen by the compiler of the tune book or hymnal or by the composer. The majority of names have a connection with the composer and many are place names, such as Aberystwyth or Down Ampney.

Okay, gentle readers, this is just a little bit of information which I thought might be of interest as we begin our foray into our hymnals!

In Christ, I am yours,

*Nada Radakovich*  
Director of Music



# THE PRIEST'S DESK

Greetings in the New Year!

I pray that this year will be a holy year for you and your loved ones. The New Year often brings with it new commitments to take better care of ourselves. We promise to eat better, to exercise more. These are good and holy ambitions. But maybe we also need to make a commitment to God. Commit to being able to pray more. To listen to God more. To love and forgive more. To follow Jesus in everything you say and everything you do. Commit to be more involved in the life of the parish.

We all have gifts. Let your light shine brightly, that others may see God working through you!

*Jerry+*

## SATURDAY EVENING SERVICES

Our official greeter, Coco has some exciting news to share! St. Christopher's has begun our new Saturday Evening Services. Saturday services will be held at 6 pm. This new service is in addition to our 8 am and 10:15 am service on Sunday. The layout of the service will be much like our 8 am service on Sundays. We understand that many families have busy schedules, especially those with children. St. Christopher's wants to provide an additional opportunity for you to come in person and gather with a faith community. Please consider inviting a friend or neighbor to join us. All are welcome!



## MEN'S GROUP



**Men:** We have formed a new Men's Club that will meet once a month for breakfast on a Saturday morning to share fellowship. The next men's breakfast will be on **Saturday, January 14th at 9 a.m.** Hill Road Grille, 2160 W. Hill Road, Flint, MI 48507 Reservations are highly recommended.

Please email or call Jerry to make your reservation.

# SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

It's hard to believe we are at the beginning of another calendar year and the Christmas season is now behind us.

I will be finishing my time on the Vestry and as your Senior Warden. I have truly enjoyed serving the church and the members of St. Christopher's. Prior to serving on the Vestry, I served as the chair of the Search Committee which ultimately brought us our wonderful rector Father Jerry Lasley. None of us ever expected that we would be living through a once in a lifetime Pandemic that would ravish so many communities. Even during those times that we couldn't physically be together, I always knew that I had my church family to lean and be there for me and my husband. Over the past three years, we have so many changes in our church from the way we worship to learning to live in a new normal since the Pandemic. I plan to continue to serve as the Lead Technology person for our Live Streaming of our weekly church services. Thank you to our new volunteers who have graciously stepped forward and learned how to do live streaming. I would also like to wish the new and continuing Vestry members all the best as they continue to serve our church.

We are also now recording our weekly Sunday services and posting them to our YouTube Channel, that way people can go back and watch services. You can subscribe to our YouTube Channel by clicking [here](#).



The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, January 11th at Noon. We will be meeting at Sophia's in Grand Blanc. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334 no later than January 4, 2023 as we need to give a head count to the restaurant. Please note that going forward the Ladies' Luncheons will be held the second Wednesday of the month so mark your calendars!



Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in December:

Shirley Showler, Jane Yorks and The Vestry.

There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please consider signing up to host! You only have to make coffee/tea and perhaps provide a small snack or treat item if desired.



## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of St. Christopher's will take place Sunday, January 29th following the 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Service.

## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JANUARY 2023

	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
<b><u>January 8</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Dave & Melissa Butler	Dale & Sharon Rice	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Frank Burger	Paul & Jerri Bassett		Cindy Donner	Flo Gjerstad	Bernie & Louise McAra
<b><u>January 15</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Debbie Moses	Dave & Melissa Butler		-----	-----	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Flo Gjerstad Steve Huber (L)	Flo Gjerstad Dare Stark		Shirley Showler	Available	Available
<b><u>January 22</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Jane Brewer	Don & Nancy Wells	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Linda Rathburn	Jan Taylor Bill Anderson		Sharon Rice	Available	Available
<b><u>January 29</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Kay VanNatta	Jane Brewer & Lou Alarie	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Joyce Thewalt	Paul & Jerri Bassett		Mary Van Duyne	Available	Available
<b><u>February 5</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Jane Brewer	Don & Nancy Wells	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Ken Duck	Jan Taylor Dare Stark		Jane Brewer	Available	Available

## THANK YOU

I would like to say thank you for the love and generosity you have shown me over the past two years and especially at Christmas time. St. Christopher's is an amazing place with amazing people. I pray that God blesses you and your loved ones in the New Year!

~Jerry