

*Oh! Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
His steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 107:1)*



*A  
Savior  
is born!*



**HOLY CROSS  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**

**For More Information:**

Parish Office at 850-477-8596.

*Merry Christmas!*

Some Current Offerings:  
**BRING A FRIEND!**

**Wednesdays Nights**

Join us each Wednesday night for:

**DINNER & CLASSES – 5:30pm**

**BIBLE STUDY w/Fr. Rob:** (5:30- 7:00pm)

Life-long scholar or life-long scallywag, you'll feel comfortable gleaning something from the Bible with this group.

**YOUTH GROUP:** (5:30- 7:00pm) All 6th - 12th Grade youth are welcome.

**SEA STARS:** (5:30- 7:00pm) We are a fun kids club focused on Sight, Empathy and Action (SEA) We are committed to being the arms of Christ's love through collaboration and creativity.

**NURSERY:** 6:00 – 7:00pm

**Weekly for Teenagers! Youth Ministries**

We have a dynamic youth group here at Holy Cross! Our youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) meet weekly on Wednesday nights! They also have regular special events each month throughout the year. For more information, Warren Jerrems at [wkjerrems@gmail.com](mailto:wkjerrems@gmail.com) or 850-586-1030.

**SPORTS: Sundays**

**Volleyball & Ultimate Frisbee + Board games.** Enjoy sports, building friendships, and good family style fun! Join us on Sundays at 3:30pm EVERY WEEK.

**For Children & Families**

You'll find that we like to have our kids around as we fellowship. The act of parenting is an act of worship— and you enrich our collective worship by being here.

Be sure to check out The Nook (hallway beside the narthex) set up by our Family Life Minister D'Anna Entrekin. It has seasonal resources for families to take as well as information about how and why we worship together.

**Sunday Classes**

*Join Anytime*

**BREAKFAST – 9:00 - 9:30am**

**CLASSES – 9:35am**

**CONTEMPORARY EXPLORATION** - Join us as we explore biblical & theological themes using prepared talks, videos, and discussion. (Curtis Entrekin & Chris Dake)

**NUGGETS OF FAITH** – This January, join Tom Bossa for classes on themes such as Christian Symbolism and the Creeds.

**WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY** – "The Names of God" by Ann Spangler with Melodie.

**YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Teenagers)

**CHILDREN** - Liturgical Calendar time & Saint studies.

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** (During 10:30am Service) - Building foundational knowledge for living daily with Christ and our Church Family.

**NURSERY**- Open from 9:30am -11:45am

**Music Ministry**

**Handbells** (5:00pm Thursday)

**Choir Practice** (6:30pm Thursday) – Singers and ringers of all skill-levels welcome!

**GriefShare**

GriefShare is a grief support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. We meet weekly on Saturdays at 10:00am in the Parish Hall, and you can join at any time. **Resumes this winter.** For more info, 850-477-8596.

**Support Group for Caretakers WeCare**

WeCare is a support group for you or someone you know who is caring for a loved one, or whose life has been affected by dementia. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at 11:00am. You can join at any time.

**Saturday Mornings**

**GriefShare:** (See office for dates) See "GriefShare" box for details.

**WeCare:** (See office for dates) See "GriefShare" box for details.

**Brotherhood of St. Andrew:** (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 7:30am) – Meets for breakfast & bible study. All men are invited!

**Daughters of the King:** (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 9:00am) – Women's group of prayer and service.

**Episcopal Church Women (ECW):** (Meets monthly) - Women's group of service and fellowship.

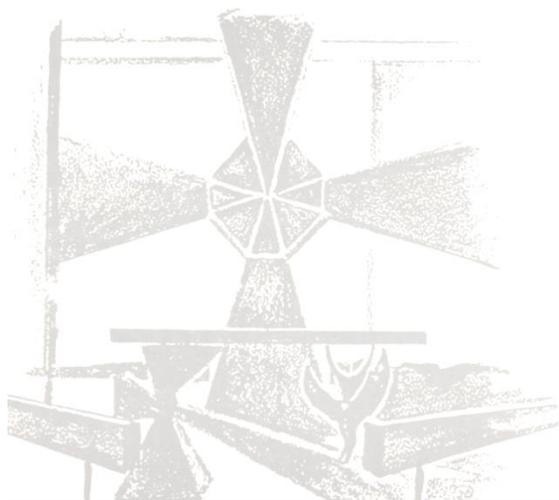
**Our Library:** A great resource for Christian Literature – OPEN: Sat. 9am-12:30pm; Sun. 9:15am - 12:15pm & Wed. 9:15am – 6:00pm

**Serve Those in Need Hagar's Basket**

Hagar's Basket is a Holy Cross Ministry that teams up with four local schools to provide basic toiletry items, shoes, backpacks, and socks for those students in need. We also support our Holy Cross Food Pantry monthly.

**Serve Those in Need Weekly Food Pantry**

Our volunteer-operated food pantry is open every Wednesday from 9:00am – 10:00am. On the first Sunday of each month Holy Cross Parishioners donate food items as well as monetary donations. Last year, Holy Cross provided groceries for over 8,000 people.



# HOLY CROSS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Pensacola, Florida

850-477-8596

Christmas Eve Services

10:00am & 10:00pm

December 24, 2022

## The Service of the Word

**Opening Voluntary:** (10:00am) *Isabelle Peterson and Andrew Gregg*

(10:00pm) *Stephanie Backes (clarinet), Zach Dake (trumpet),  
Rachel Bettis (flute), Caroline Bruns (viola),  
and Andrew Gregg (piano)*

### Welcome

**Opening Hymn 83:** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come, and behold him,  
Born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God, glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! To us a child is born.  
*People* **Come let us adore him. Alleluia!**

### The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**Song of Praise 100: “Joy to the World”**

*Joy to the world, the Lord has come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy*

*He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love*

**The Collect of the Day** – prayed by the Celebrant

**The Old Testament:** *Isaiah 9:1-6*

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 96** (read responsively by whole verse)

1 Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

**2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name;  
*proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.***

3 Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.

**4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;  
*he is more to be feared than all gods.***

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

**6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!  
*Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!***

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

**8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name;  
*bring offerings and come into his courts.***

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

**10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King!  
*he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.*"**

**Sequence Hymn:** "Away in a Manger"

*Away in a manger; no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay.  
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

## **The Gospel Reading: *John 1:1-14***

*Reader*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*      **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*Reader*      The Holy Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**Sermon:** *The Rev. Rob Dixon*

### **Prayers of the People** (Kneeling as you are able)

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

Praise God for all of the blessings of this life. Praise Him especially for this time of Christmas, in which we celebrate the love He showed the world in becoming a lowly baby in a manger. Pray that we may always know His love. *Silence*

Let us now pray for our additional needs and those of others. *Silence*

## The Peace

*Celebrant  
People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**



## The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 367 in the BCP;  
however; you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

You are always invited to receive communion at Holy Cross. To receive a blessing in lieu of communion simply come to forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you are physically unable to come forward for communion, please notify the ushers at the door and someone will happily bring communion to you.  
Gluten Free available.

**Offertory 79:** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (10:00am)

*Stephanie Backes (clarinet)* (10:00pm)

*O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary;  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep,  
The angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem!  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel*

## **The Doxology 380:** (v. 3)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving** (p. 367 BCP)

*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 him thanks and praise.**

## **Sanctus: S-129** (in front section of blue hymnal)

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
*Celebrant and People*    **We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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.**

**CANDLE INSTRUCTIONS:** When leaving the altar after communion, please pick up a candle! We will light your candle as we sing *Silent Night*.

**Communion Hymn 115: “What Child Is This?”**

*What child is this who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping  
This, this is Christ the king  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring him laud  
The babe, the son of Mary*

*Why lies he in such mean estate. Where ox and ass are feeding  
The end of fear for all who hear  
The silent Word is speaking  
This, this is Christ the king  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring him laud  
The babe, the son of Mary*

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh  
Come peasant king to love him;  
The king of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone him  
This, this is Christ the king  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring him praise  
The babe, the son of Mary*

**Communion Hymn 87: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

*Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King!*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come,  
Off-spring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with us to dwell;  
Jesus our Emmanuel!*

*Hark! The herald angels sing  
 Glory to the newborn King!  
 Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
 Born to raise us from the earth,  
 Born to give us second birth.  
 Risen healing in his wings,  
 Light and life to all he brings,  
 Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
 Hark! The herald angels sing  
 Glory to the newborn King!*

**Communion Hymn: “Jesus the Light of the World” (Hark the Herald Angels Sing)**

Hark the Her - old An - gels sing! Je - sus the  
 Joy - ful all you nat - ions rise  
 Christ by high - est heav'n a - dored  
 Hail the heav'n born Prince of peace

light of the world. Glo - ry to the new born King  
 Join the tri - umph of the skies  
 Christ the ev - er last - ing Lord  
 Hail the son of right - eous - ness

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Je - sus the light of the world! We'll walk in the light  
 beau-ti - ful light. Come where the dew drops of mer - cy are  
 bright O shine all a - round us by day or by night. Je - sus the  
 light of the world!

### **Post Communion Prayer** (p. 365 BCP)

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 111: “Silent Night”** (light your candle from the torch coming around)

*Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love’s pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

### **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Ministers for Today's Services

**Altar Guild:** Siegrid McAskill, Greer Mims, Mary Shontz, Linda Bish, & Marguerite Byrd

**Flower Guild:** Olga Stone, Barbara Edwards, & Ed Austin

### 10:00am

Clergy: The Rev. Rob Dixon, Rector & The Rev. Chris. Coats

First Server: Ed Austin

Readers: Hunter Walker, Angela Hinkle

### 5:00pm

Clergy: The Rev. Rob Dixon, Rector, & The Rev. Chris. Coats

First Server: Ed Austin

Pageant Narrators: D' Anna Entrekin, & Landree Williams

Pageant Characters: Prophets (Ileya Collins and Stella Rose Dixon), Gabriel (M.J. White), Mary (Grace Andrew), Joseph (Michael Hitchcock), Donkey (Noah Entrekin), Angel of the Lord (Sierra Dixon), Shepherds (Axel Thomas, Jett Williams), Sheep (Ezekiel Entrekin), Angel (Israel Entrekin), Angel holding Star of Bethlehem (Elah Chau). Extra roles played by any additional children who attend tonight.

### 10:00pm

Clergy: The Rev. Rob Dixon, Rector, & The Rev. Chris. Coats

First Server: Ed Austin

Readers: Steve Lukow, Joy VanCaster

## The Holy Cross Chancel Choir

### Soprano

Brandi Love Spain  
Joy VanCaster  
Stephanie Hibschan  
Margaret Mayes

### Alto

Tina Marshall  
Olga Stone  
Dana Wimmers  
Eden Ridgeway

### Tenor

Steven Bell  
Steve Roberts

### Bass

Craig Iversen

## Holy Cross Musicians

Isabelle Peterson  
Music Minister

Andrew Gregg  
Piano

Stephanie Backes  
Clarinet

Zach Dake  
Trumpet

Caroline Bruns  
Viola

Rachel Bettis  
Flute

## The Dedications of our Poinsettias in Worship

In memory of Mary Harrison, donated by Art Harrison

In memory of Elizabeth & Ambrose Daly & Frances & Henry Landrum,  
donated by Britt & Nell Landrum

In memory of Ronald Robbins, donated by Cindy Robbins

In honor of our children and grandchild, donated by Craig and Rachel Iverson

In loving memory of Mildred & Bernard Tilman, & their parents, donated by Donna Gassman  
& Sherry Tilman

In memory of Robert J. Gaines and Lorraine A. Gaines, donated by Elaine Gaines

In honor of Jeanne Scharnitzky, donated by Elaine Scharnitzky

In honor of Marie Marshall, donated by granddaughter Elizabeth Marshall

In memory Gilbert & Wilma Montgomery, donated by their granddaughter Emily Montgomery

In memory of Kurt & Liz Bonifay; Norman & Pauline Tarkus, donated by Ernie & Sarah Tarkus

In honor of our grandchildren, donated by E.R. & Audrey Westbrook

In honor of our children, Amy & Chris, Jr., donated by Fr. Chris & Barbara Coats

In memory of Marcia Press, donated by Gene Press

In memory of Will Mims, and in honor of my children, grandchildren, & great grandchildren,  
donated by Greer Mims

In memory of Harold & Mary C. Kent, Mary Kent Scullion, & Robert Gaines, donated by Herman  
& Helen Stuebing

In thanksgiving for our children, Sarah K. Walker, John & Sarah E. Walker & grandson, Barrett,  
donated by Hunter & Pam Walker

In memory of Derek Maltby

In loving memory of Jamie Peterson, donated by Isabelle Peterson and Eden Ridgeway

In loving memory of Cecil Lanier; and in thanksgiving for my family, donated by Jackie Lanier

In memory of Kitty & Bill Hodgson and Barbara Scire, donated by Jean Gibson

In memory of Bill & Viola Holzworth, donated by Jerry & Suzanne Holzworth

In honor of The Rev. & Mrs. David Moor, donated by Lois Heffernan

In loving memory of Louis Bason, donated by Lynette Bason

In memory of fallen heroes, donated by Patrick & Linda Tillery

Donation from Paula Hitchcock

In memory of William O., and Janet R. Stone, donated by Ralph & Sally Roberts

In memory of Helen Blowers, donated by Ron & Joyce Burke

Donation by Russ and Bud

For Christmas joy and blessings for my family, donated by Siegrid McAskill

In memory of Bill Gordon & Wally Lukow, donated by Steve & Camille Lukow

In memory of Elmer & Laura Laird, donated by their daughter, Susan Karl

In honor of Nancy Gibbons, donated by Sylvia Clark

In memory of Eric Landis, donated by Tam Lee

In honor of Chris Garavaglia, donated by The Rev. Roger & Liz Hungerford

In memory of Thomas & Carolyn Mowlds; Gerald & Karen Glowacki; & Richard & Barbara Zdani,  
donated by Tyler & Mateja Mowlds

In honor of Don Jerrems, Jacqueline, Jordan, & Piper Cook, donated by Warren Jerrems

Plus, a few Anonymous Gifts



*Christmas Day Service*  
*Sunday, December 25, 2022 at 9:00am*

Wherever you are in your faith journey,  
you are welcome here.

The people and clergy of Holy Cross wish you and your loved ones a most  
blessed and joyous Christmas. May the Lord guard your travels, give you  
rest with family and friends, and fill you with His love.

May peace always be your's. *Amen*