

the Lord's words through his prophet Jeremiah: "I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future... You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:11, 13). As we close the pages of the old year and look back on all the Lord's protection and providence we can face the New Year with faith and courage as we walk with Him. Thank you, Lord, for all your kindness and mercy. 1 Kings 17:17-24; Psalm 21; Revelation 1:9-20; John 7:53—8:11.

Saturday, December 31, 2011

John 8:12-19 Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." (v.12) Jesus' advice for the New Year: follow me so you won't be stumbling in darkness. Sometimes as we look ahead to another year we feel concern about what is before us. Will we have health, a secure job or comfortable retirement, a peaceful family? It is true we do not know the future, but we know who holds the future. As we face the New Year the words of the last stanza of the hymn "O Master, let me walk with Thee" come to mind: In hope that sends a shining ray, Far down the future's broadening way, In peace that only Thou cans't give, With Thee O Master, let me live. Thank you, Jesus, that you are the light for our path as we enter the New Year. 1 Kings 3:5-14; Psalms 46, 48; 2 Corinthians 5:16—6:2.

Today's Birthdays

Jackie Rorrer; Donna Wicker

Today's Calendar New Years Eve

Calendar for Sunday, January 1, 2011

New Years Day

8:00 am Rite I Eucharist
9:15 am Family Eucharist
11:00 am Rite II Eucharist

OVERSEAS

Petty Officer Patrick Dawson; Brandon James; Cpl. Zachary Navarre; Ann Marie Teets, Flight Nurse; Sgt. David G. Walick, Jr.

PRAYER LIST

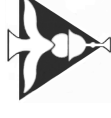
Please remember in your daily prayers the following people who are sick or recuperating:

New names this week are listed in bold

Betsy; C.J.; Carla; Calvin; Cija; Faye; Glenn; Gloria; J.C.; Jean; Jim; Jul; Julie; Lara; Lars; Laurie; Lionel; Liza; Lois; Marge; Mary Kay; Paul; Rachel; Ruth; Sarah; Spaf; Starla; Susan; Ida A.; John A; Peggy Allison; Carl Anderson; Tyler Anderson; Carlene B; Joshua Barrett; Anne Blosser; Paige Bowman; Tom Bricken; River Bronson and family; Youi Brooks; Wendy Broughton; Jean Bryant; Sarah Buckley; Luke Burrrier, Marge Burris; Maizel Cartock; Judy Chaplin; Nancy Chewing; Charles Clark; Mae Clark; Elizabeth Cook; Gail Cook; Katelyn Cowan; Sam Dawson; Charlie Dickinson; Jay Doggett; Cheryl E.; Susan Elich; Rich Farr; Fran Folden; Racquel G.; Rose Gallup; Jan Gay; Scott Gilmore; Gay Goad; Wendy Gorrell; Wanda Groves; Alan Handford; Muriel Handford; Richard Handford; John Harkins; Chris Hinzman; Ross Horton; **Kirkland Humphreys**; Sarah Jaktielski; Colleen Kanna; Shirley Kane; Russell Kidd; Louise King; Jim Koch; Patty Marion; Kathy Mirra; John Minnick; Carolyn Myracle; Tom N.; Kristie O.; Bob Orr; Marsha Paller; Charles Palmer; Lois Patterson, Diane Philipp; Lori R.; **Caroline Reed**; Larry S.; Remmi S., **Joan Rice**; Rose & Gene Schmid; Jo Skoudis; Joe Smith; Christina Sokolowski; Virginia Solt; Jack & Dorothy Strafer; Rick Stall; Shirley Summer; Dave and Florence Symonds; L. Wesley Tallett; **Bill Thompson**; Meghan Van Brunt; Rosemary Van Brunt; Sheila Vickers-Smith; Gerhard Vienna; Terri Lynn Voss; Dwayne W.; **Ron Walker**; Jacob Ward; Terry Wood; Jim Williams.

Please let Ben, the Parish Administrator, know if you or a loved one need to be added to the prayer list and also call when that person has recovered so he can remove them from the list. You can email him at bbradshaw@trinity-fredericksburg.org or (540) 373-2996 x6.

In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer* we pray for the Diocese of York, England.



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Devotional readings for each day

*Parish birthdays; anniversaries; calendar; and
prayer list*

Sunday, December 25, 2011

Psalm 2 *Submit to God's royal son... (v.12 NLT)* Merry Christmas, everyone! Our hearts and voices sing:

Joy to the world, the Lord has come,

Let earth receive her King.

Let every heart prepare Him room

And heaven and nature sing!

On this joyful Christmas Day our hearts again receive the newborn King! All through Advent we have been getting ready for his birth—preparing our hearts and lives like the parents of an expected baby preparing the nursery so that all will be ready to receive the newborn. And we pray that Jesus will be born again in our hearts. Despite the busy-ness of Christmas parties, programs, shopping, and cooking, our hearts have chosen the one thing needed. We rejoice with Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, the angels, and the wise men following the star. We love singing the carols and seeing the lights and decorations. We remind our children and grandchildren that we give each other gifts because God gave us His best gift—His royal Son. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. Micah 4:1-5, 5:2-4; Psalm 85; 1 John 4:7-16; John 3:31-36.

Today's Birthdays

David Groover; Pete Thomas Jr.

Today's Anniversaries

Rod and Juanita Linares

Calendar for Sunday, December 25, 2011

Christmas Day

10:00 am Holy Eucharist of the Incarnation

Monday, December 26, 2011

Psalm 28 *The LORD is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart.* (v.7a) Today is St. Stephen day on the church calendar. Stephen was one of the seven men chosen to serve the believers in the early church while the apostles devoted their time to preaching, prayer, and teaching the Word. Acts 6 tells us that Stephen was full of God's grace and power and performed amazing miracles among the people. Some men from the synagogue tried to debate Stephen but none could stand against his wisdom and the Spirit of God in him. So they persuaded some other men to lie about Stephen, saying that he had blasphemed Moses and even God. Scripture tell us that as he was being accused his face became as bright as an angel's. Stephen gave a brilliant defense, declaring God's plan of salvation. But the religious leaders were infuriated. They dragged Stephen out of the city and stoned him to death. Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at God's right hand. Stephen died asking the Lord to forgive his killers. Lord, help me to stand up for You as Stephen did. 2 Chronicles 24:17-22; Psalm 30; Acts 6:1-7; Matthew 23:34-39.

Today's Birthdays

Amelia Jacoff; Lorraine Richardson

Today's Calendar

Office Closed

6:00-7:15 pm Yoga (Loft)

Tuesday, December 27, 2011

John 13:20-35 *"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."* (vv.34-35) This is not a suggestion; it is a commandment! Our Lord tells us to prove to the world that we are His disciples by our love for brothers and sisters in Christ. How well are we doing? 20%, 50%, 80%? When we allow the Holy Spirit to live and work in our hearts we receive help in loving even the unlovable (by the world's standards). It was said of early Christians, "See how they love one another!" Can that be said of our church? Or is there gossip and criticism buzzing about? Let us carry on the message of peace on earth and goodwill to all that we are feeling during this Christmas

season into the new year. It is the best way to live! Dear Jesus, help me love others as you love me. Proverbs 8:22-30; Psalms 97, 98; 1 John 5:1-12.

Today's Birthdays

Kaden Greene; Adam Jacoff; Kate Johnson;
Carmen Wicker

Today's Anniversaries

David and Julie Ann Washington

Today's Calendar

9:00 am-Noon Parish Nurse (Rm. 14)

2:00 pm-4:00 pm Parish Nurse (Rm. 14)

7:00 pm Worship and Liturgy

Wednesday, December 28, 2011

Matthew 18:1-14 *Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven."* (v.3) Jesus says that anyone who becomes as humble as a little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. He warns that anyone who causes a little one who trusts in Him to lose faith, it would be better for that person to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. He also advises us not to despise a single little one because in heaven their angels are always in the presence of the Heavenly Father. So we see how precious children are to our Savior. What a blessing all our Sunday School and Bible School teachers are to our children and grandchildren. The director of Christian education at our church calls these teaching men and women "shepherds." Indeed they are helping parents and grandparents lead our children into a growing faith and walk with Jesus. On the church calendar today is Holy Innocents Day—when we remember how evil, jealous King Herod killed all the boy babies up to age two in Bethlehem when he heard there was a newborn king there. These little boys were the first martyrs for our faith—may they rest in peace. Help us be humble as little children, dear Lord. Isaiah 49:13-23; Psalms 2, 26; Revelation 21:1-7.

Today's Birthdays

Susie Adkins ; Paige Kerby; Kathy Rundman

Today's Calendar

9:30 am WRAP

Noon-Eucharist w/Laying on of Hands

Thursday, December 29, 2011

Revelation 1:1-8 *"I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One."* (v.8) As we near the end of the year it is a good time to review how God has worked in our lives this past year. Look at your prayer list and see how many prayers our Lord has answered. Reflect on how He has walked with you through difficult times and rejoiced with you in good times. Thank Him for His many blessings. Remember this as you enter the New Year: He is now, He always was, and He will come again! John says Jesus will come with the clouds of heaven and everyone will see him—even those who pierced him. John tells us to give him everlasting glory for he rules forever and ever. He shed his blood so that we might be free from sin's stain, then he rose from the dead and made us his kingdom-people. What glad tidings as we enter the New Year! Dear Lord, help us remember that You are always with us. 2 Samuel 23:13-17b; Psalm 18:1-20; John 7:37-52.

Today's Birthdays

Whitney Coulon III

Today's Anniversaries

Ed and Elizabeth Stewart

Today's Calendar

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Friday, December 30, 2011

Psalm 20 *May he grant your heart's desires and make all your plans succeed.* (v.4) This verse is my prayer for each of you readers of Good News Daily as we enter the New Year on Sunday. We have had our successes and our failures this past year. We thank our Lord for all the blessings and for walking with us through the dark valleys. We take comfort in