

Christmas Eve CRÈCHE Service, December 24, 2018

Duty Warden: *Rachel Chinniah*

Greeters: *Suiru Tunteng & Victor Marshall*

Unless otherwise indicated, please see the PROJECTION SCREEN.

Prelude

Opening Hymn: CP #138: **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**



Christmas Greeting

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Collect of the Day for Christmas Eve

Blessing of the Crèche

Hymn: CP #137: **What Child is This?**

The Proclamation of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 *read by George Thomas*

Hymn: CP #139: **The First Nowell (v. 1—4 ONLY)**

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Homily: *The Ven. Ralph Leavitt*

Prayers of the People

Confession

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Hymn: CP #126: **Away in a Manger**

Doxology (Old 100th)

Final Prayers

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: CP #154: **Joy to the World**

Postlude

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this afternoon.

*Please sign our **guest book** in the Narthex if you are a visitor or newcomer.*

THANK YOU:

- To the members of the Altar Guild & all their volunteers for the care they took in decorating the church so beautifully for Christmas.
- To Music Director Matthew Lane, for the special Christmas music he prepared for our services.



SYMBOLS of the CHRISTMAS Season



Advent

ADVENT WREATH: the **round shape** of the Advent Wreath reminds us of the unbroken love of God. The **green branches** speak of new life. The **candles** remind us of the light that came into the world with Jesus.

ANGEL: the word *angel* comes from a Greek word meaning *messenger*. Angels appeared to Mary & Joseph, bringing news that Mary would give birth to Jesus. Angels also appeared to the shepherds in the fields, announcing Jesus' birth.



BELLS: for centuries, bells in church steeples have announced special occasions & good news. Christmas bells remind us of the good news of Jesus' birth.

CANDY CANES: remind us of the staffs used by shepherds, who were the first to hear the good news & visit baby Jesus.



CHRISTMAS BALLS: balls have a round shape that remind us that God's love has no end. They also remind us of the globe/world into which Jesus came as Emmanuel.

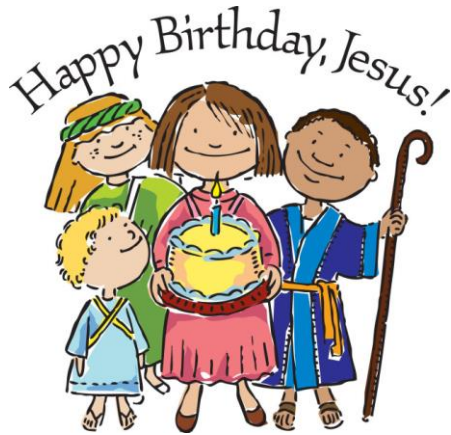


CHRISTMAS TREES: are evergreen, symbolizing everlasting life—the good news that Jesus' death & resurrection proclaimed for all humanity.

CRÈCHE: was first introduced by St. Francis of Assisi, around 1200 CE. St. Francis felt the people in his small village in Italy had lost sight of the real meaning of Christmas.



STOCKINGS: the traditional story is that Nicholas, a 4th century Bishop in Turkey, secretly tossed some gold coins into the window of a needy family, which landed in stockings hung to dry in front of the fireplace. So, we hang stockings today in the hope that the spirit of St. Nicholas will visit our homes also.



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED
December 21, 2018—January 7, 2019 (inclusive)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dec. 24** CHRISTMAS EVE Sung Eucharist, 10:00 p.m.
(Carols, 9:30 p.m.)
- Dec. 25** CHRISTMAS DAY Sung Eucharist, 11:00 a.m.
- Dec. 30** Christmas 1: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Officiant: *Mr. Ernest Callender*, Dioc. Lay Reader
- Jan. 6, 2019** Epiphany: 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Celebrant: *The Ven. Ralph Leavitt*
West Island Food Bank Collection
- Jan. 13** Baptism of the Lord: 8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist
10:30 a.m.: BAPTISM & Sung Eucharist
Celebrant: *The Ven. Ralph Leavitt*




MARK your CALENDARS:

- Feb. 2** BEAT the WINTER BLUES, (Hall) 7:00 p.m.
Dust off your love beads, put on your platforms and boogie on over for a groovy time – it's the 60's and 70's all over again!
- Feb. 16** Annual VESTRY Meeting, 9:30 a.m. (Hall)

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4:00 p.m.

Interim Priest: the Ven. Ralph Leavitt
Office Hours: Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – noon (*no appointment necessary*)
Music Director: Matthew Lane, BMus, MMus, DMus
Rector's Warden: Madeleine Fortin Simpson
Deputy Rector's Warden: Rachel Chinniah
People's Warden: Steve Callender
Deputy People's Warden: Joseph Lukose
Sunday School Superintendent: Debbie Shane
Treasurer: Theresa Dennis
Office Coordinator: Kimberly Shane, BA
Church Office Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9 a.m. – noon & 1–4 p.m.