



Becoming a beloved community of God where all belong.

Second Sunday of Advent **December 8, 2024**

ST. NICHOLAS' SUNDAY

Opening Hymn: H-59 | *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

Gospel Hymn: H-54 | *Savior of the nations, come!*

Communion Hymn: LEVAS-11 | *Prepare ye the way of the Lord (handout)*

Closing Hymn: *In the steps of St. Nicholas (handout)* – written by Adele Lynch, former Director of Music at St. Nicholas

The Collect/ Prayer of the Day

Grant, Almighty God, that your church may be so inspired by the example of your servant Nicholas of Myra, that it may never cease to work for the welfare of children, the safety of sailors, the relief of the poor, and the help of those tossed by tempests of doubt or grief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Readings: <https://www.lectionarypage.net/LesserFF/Dec/Nicholas.html>

Psalm 145:8-13 – Prayed responsively by **half verse**

- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St Nicholas' Christmas Party – Please plan to come to St. Nicholas' Christmas Party on Sunday, December 15 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. We will have a potluck supper, a raffle auction and holiday singing. We hope everyone will be able to attend. Please sign up at church or on the SignUp Genius link.

Walk in Love: 2025 Stewardship Campaign – Please submit your 2025 Giving Estimates as soon as possible, either electronically on our website or in the offering plate to help the Vestry plan for 2025. St. Nicholas' Annual Budget is \$225,000 with 80% of the funding from Giving Estimates and parishioner giving. Currently we have received 15 Giving Estimates totaling \$48,480.

Collecting Gently Used Toys by December 19 – for refugee children who have recently resettled in the area. Please bring toys to St. Nicholas.

Calling all men who sing – Carolyn would love for you to contact her about singing with the choir for Christmas. Please see her after worship or email her at carolyndeibel@gmail.com.

St. Nicholas' Christmas Eve Services – 4:00 PM Family Service and 7:30 PM Festive Eucharist with carols beginning at 7:00 PM.

A Service of Lessons and Carols – 10:00 AM on Sunday, December 29.



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