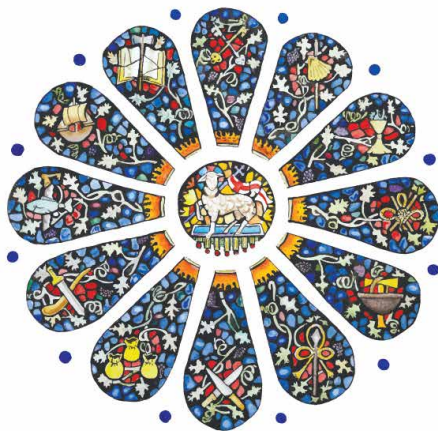


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 6

Sunday

- 9:30 am Church School & Children's Chapel
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite One (Church)
- 11:15 am Bell Tower Tour (Bell Tower)
- 11:15 am Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
- 11:30 am Numbering Our Days: The Church Year (Garden Room)
- 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 11:45 am Children's Choir Advent Concert Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5:30 pm Family Fall Fire Pit (Courtyard)

Monday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Tuesday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Chapel & Zoom*)

Wednesday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Chapel & Zoom*)
- 12:00 pm Weekday Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm Sung Compline (Parish Hall)
- 7:30 pm Evening Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)

Thursday

- 10:00 am Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)
- 5:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

Friday

- 9:00 am Advent Quiet Day (Chapel)

Saturday

- 10:00 am Advent Concert Rehearsal (Church)

Morning Prayer is said Mon-Fri at 8:30 am on Zoom.

Tues, Wed, & Thurs services will be in the Chapel and on Zoom.

Monday and Friday services will be on Zoom only.

Questions? Contact Jim Alimena at jim.alimena@gmail.com

**Morning Prayer Zoom - Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password: Morning*

WELCOME

Families with Young Children Welcome!

Quiet activity "pew bags" and Children's Worship materials are available outside the Narthex. A staffed nursery for infants-3 years is open upstairs (2nd floor). Changing tables are in all restrooms.

Baptism

Upcoming baptism dates are January 11, February 15, April 12, and May 24. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please contact Rev. Andy or Rev. Melina for more information.

Parish Office Hours

Regular office hours are 9am - 4pm Monday - Friday. Either Stephanie or Grace will be in the office during those times.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY Bell Tower Tour

Sunday, November 30
following 10am worship

Numbering Our Days:

The Church Year

The seasons of the church year—Advent, Lent, and more—model how Christians can gain “a heart of wisdom” in a yearly cycle. The church calendar is collective, ancient wisdom that helps us to follow

Jesus and align our life to His. Join parishioner Ben Miller (M.A. Theology) in a four-week class that will show how the year’s seasons, feasts, and fasts are connected. Sundays, Nov. 9–30, 11:30 am - 11/30 After Pentecost; The “Red Letter Days”

Sunday, November 30, 5:30-6:30pm

(New Time) Family Fall Fire Pit in the Parish Courtyard - **PIZZA & S'mores** for children of all ages. Hosted by the Fellowship (our renamed Men’s Group)

Angel Tree in Parish Hall

Gift tags to support
West Bergen Mental Healthcare
Return gifts by December 14

Christmas Memorials

Our Christmas memorials provide all the poinsettias, greens, and bows used to decorate the church for the festive season of Christmas. Anyone wishing to have a Christmas memorial for the first time or to change an existing one should contact Mary Szurly at 201-337-3167 by Sunday, December 14th. If you have had a memorial in previous years and there is no change, there is no need to contact Mary. The cost per memorial is \$35.00. Checks should be made payable to St. Elizabeth’s Church with “Christmas memorial” written in the memo area.

Advent Sung Compline

Wed. Dec 3 & 10 and Tues, Dec 16 at
6:30pm; Officiant: Ellanna Swope

The Sins & Virtues in American Public Life

Thursday evening from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Dr. Jeremy Sabella

113 Cottage Place, Ridgewood

Advent Quiet Day: Finding Strength in the Stories of Scripture

The Rev. Canon Margo Peckham Clark will be leading us in an Advent Quiet Day again this year on Friday, December 5 from 9:30am-12noon.

Coffee and light breakfast will be available starting at 9am in the 2nd floor conference room and we will gather for optional lunch afterwards at noon.

Please bring a journal and an open heart! RSVP to sheryl.a.jordan@gmail.com so we can plan, and let us know if you’ll be joining for lunch.

Advent Concert

Sunday, December 7 at 4pm

Music of the Season & Caroling with
Orchestra

The Senior and Children’s Choirs
(Church)

Christmas Tree Lighting & Caroling

Wednesday, December 10 at 5pm
(Front Lawn)

Midweek Recharge: Embracing our Spirituality During the Holidays

Thursday, December 11

12 noon - 2pm

Holley Center Holiday Party with Faith Works

Sunday, December 14 at 3pm
(Parish Hall)

Christmas Pageant

Dress Rehearsal Saturday, December 20 at
8:45am

Pageant on Sunday, December 21 at 10am

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Pour le piano*

II- Sarabande

Claude Debussy

(1862-1918)

The Prelude is the first act of worship and sets the tone for all that follows in the service.

You're invited to pause from the busyness of life and connect with God during this sacred time.

WELCOME FROM THE RECTOR

OPENING HYMN 57 "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending"

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

MAGNIFICAT, Hymnal S-185

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 159

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122

1 I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

**2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

**4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.**

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

**6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.**

7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

**8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.**

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 66 “Come, thou long expected Jesus”

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

HYMN 66 "Come, thou long expected Jesus"

Verses 3-4

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Melina Dezhbod

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 326

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 328

THE CONFESSION

BCP 331

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP 332

THE PEACE

BCP 332

THE HOLY COMMUNION



An offering is taken at this time. You may place your offering in the plate as it is passed or use the QR code to donate securely online.

THE OFFERTORY *There is no rose*

Text: Anonymous Medieval Carol

*Gerald Near
(b. 1942)*

*There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu;
Alleluia.*

*For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space;
Res miranda. (Thing worthy of wonder).*

*By that rose we may well see
That he is God in persons three,
Pariforma. (Equal in form).*

*The angels sungen the shepherds too:
Gloria in excelsis deo: (Glory to God in the highest)
Gaudeamus. (Let us praise).*

*Leave we all this worldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth;
Transeamus. (Let us go across).*

DOXOLOGY, HYMN 380, stanza 3

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

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I

BCP 333

PROPER PREFACE FOR ADVENT

BCP 345

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death,
and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again
in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear
rejoice to behold his appearing.

SANCTUS, Hymnal S-114

*The Congregation may remain standing or kneel
after the singing of the Sanctus.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 336

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 337

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own
righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much
as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose
property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the
flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore
dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI, Hymnal S-158

Sung while the Clergy prepare the communion vessels.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the consecrated bread and wine at St. Elizabeth's. Those who are not baptized, or those who do not wish to receive communion, are invited to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free hosts (bread) are available upon request. When directed by the Ushers, the Congregation is invited to receive the Eucharist at the altar rail or at the station on the floor. After you receive communion, return to your pew via the side aisles. If you need communion brought to you, please let the Ushers know.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

HYMN 60 "Creator of the stars of night"

HYMN 61 "Sleepers wake! A voice astounds us"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

THE BLESSING

BCP 339

HYMN 72 "Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes"

THE DISMISSAL

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Chorales for the Organ, Op. 28*

*Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)*

XIV- Give praise to Christ Jesus

XXXI- Lord God, now open wide Thy heaven

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Sandy Sullivan

Torch Bearers: Lucas MacLaren, Elise Russo

Lectors: Annabelle MacLaren, Karla Tombaugh

Eucharistic Ministers: David Barrand, Sandy Sullivan

Ushers: Bob Bell and Tim Graham

Altar Guild: Caroline Angelica, Debra Anderson, Gigo Lee-Taylor, Sue Reid

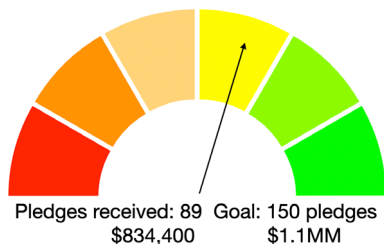
Coffee Hour: Terry Battaglia

Nursery Attendant: Gabriella Ragazzo

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

LEGACY OF FAITH: Generations of Giving

2026 Pledge Meter

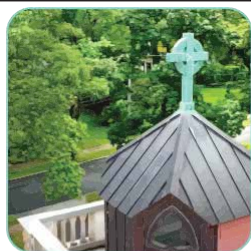


Dear Friends,

A stewardship pledge is an opportunity to thank God for all the blessings received in our lives. In order to sustain the ministries of St. Elizabeth's and our active and growing community, we need your financial support.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response to this call. Together, we are building something that matters.

Yours in faith,
Sandy Sullivan and Mike Dickson
Wardens



Prepare^{the}Way

Caring For Our Sacred Space



ST. ELIZABETH'S
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you to those who have submitted their capital campaign pledge cards. Your generous commitment is much appreciated and puts us on the path to achieving our goal of 100 percent participation. If you did not receive a pledge card, please contact the church office or pledge online using the QR code provided here.



Did you get your tea towel? Featuring our special Rose Window, this charming campaign memento is designed to bring a touch of St. Elizabeth's to every household.

Contact us for more information: Please reach out to Rector Andy Olivo if you would like a personal visit to discuss the campaign, or contact co-chairs Gigo & Don Taylor at PrepareTheWay@stesridgewood.org.

Please note: The Prepare the Way capital campaign is distinct from the annual stewardship appeal that supports our ongoing ministries and operating budget.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of The Rev. Charles S. and Lynette Armstrong by their daughter Ann Armstrong.

Contact the church office if you are interested in honoring a loved one with altar flowers.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Alex Casazza	Frankye Crump	Rochelle Kilzy
Alice	Frederick Bruno	Ruth
Bill Brancato	George & Shelley	Sarah
Bob	Mackey	Sophie
Carlos Pinto Family	Gunnip Family	Sr. Maureen Mitten
Catherine	Jack Geraghty	Thomas Maloney
Catherine O'Connell	Jamie Whaley	Vincent Desimone
Christian	Jane Winer	
Christina Olkowski	John Berryman	
Claire	Juan	
Colton	Julie & Jim Robertson	
Connie	June Bové	
Corky Carlisle	Justine & Tom Boylan	
David Barrand	Kim Heitzenrater	
Denny	Linda	
Diane & Frank	Lois Chapman	
Barletta	Lora Salt	
Diane Pring	Marty Melamed	
Donna	Mary	
Dorothea Hickey	Matthew Garcia	
Dot Meyer	Nancy Teichman	
Edna	Pat	
Effie	Pauline Fiore & Family	
Elizabeth Sofia	Peter Flannery	
Family of Mary Ann	Robert	
DeGraw	Robyn Pring	

We remember also those who have died,
especially Carlos Pinto, Sr., Mary Ann DeGraw,
Sybil Nadel, and Bill Cook

Prayer List Renewal

The prayer list has been refreshed for Advent. To add a name—whether for intercessions or thanksgivings—please contact the Parish Office.

ST. ELIZABETH'S STAFF & VESTRY

Rector

The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo

Assistant Rector

The Rev. Melina Dezhbod

Associate Priests

The Rev. Susan Schink

The Rev. Dr. Richard Sloan

Organist & Choirmaster

Garah Landes

Associate Choirmaster

Jennifer Hommez

Associate for Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

Beth Van Emburgh

Director of Finance & Administration

Grace Arscott

Parish Life Coordinator

Stephanie Doyle

Sexton

Fredy Reyes

Soloists

Anthony Alberti, Jeffrey Castellano,

Alicia Luick, Anastasia Swope

Wardens

Sandy Sullivan '26, Mike Dickson '28

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Steve Gorey

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Denise Barrand

Clerk

Catherine Carter

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Catherine Carter '26

Bruce Firkins '26

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Emma Reichert-Pasterick '26

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