

NATIVITY OF THE LORD



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

A CHRISTMAS WELCOME FROM THE CLERGY & STAFF OF ST. ELIZABETH'S

We are delighted that you are worshiping with
us during this joyful Christmastide.

If you are a guest or visitor and do not belong to a congregation, you
are always welcome at St. Elizabeth's during this and every season. If
you'd like to learn more about this congregation, please take one of the
Welcome Cards from the pews, or visit stesridgewood.org/i-m-new for
more information.

If you've been away for a while, welcome home!
We're delighted you're back with us and hope you will reconnect in
whatever way feels comfortable for your household.

**All are welcome at St. Elizabeth's Church
and we are glad you are here!**

A blessed and Merry Christmas to you and all you love.

Families with Young Children Welcome!

Quiet activity "pew bags" and Children's Worship materials are available
outside the Narthex. Changing tables are in all restrooms.

Baptism

Upcoming baptism dates are
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.

Parish Office Closed

December 25 - January 3, 2026
Please contact The Rev. Andy Olivo
at (423) 242-5313 for pastoral
emergencies.

*We hope you hear God speak to you in this service, but it likely won't
happen on your cell phone. Please take a moment to silence your phones
before our worship begins. Thank you!*

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

Sunday Service 10:00 am
Church School and Children's Chapel 9:30 am

Family Worship Service 3rd Sunday of the Month 10:00 am

Weekday Holy Eucharist 12:00 pm on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Contemplative Holy Eucharist 5:00 pm on 2nd & 4th Sundays

Morning Prayer will not be meeting December 24 - January 2.
Morning Prayer will resume on Monday, January 5 on Zoom only,
Monday through Friday.

Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password: Morning
Questions? Contact Jim Alimena at jim.alimena@gmail.com

Needlecrafters
Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm and Thursday mornings at 10am

Children's Choir Rehearsals
Thursdays
K-5th 5:30pm - 6:30pm
6th - 12th 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Before Lunch Book Talk
Tuesday, January 6 at 12noon
(Garden Room or via Zoom)
Join us to discuss *Hercule Poirot's Christmas* by Agatha Christie
moderated by Gretchen Bell.

More information on St. Elizabeth's ministries can be found at
<https://www.stesridgewood.org/fellowship>

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *For unto us a child is born, from Messiah* *George Frideric Handel*
Arranged by Nicolas Sceaux *(1685-1759)*

WELCOME FROM THE RECTOR

OPENING HYMN 83 “O come all ye faithful” *Verses 1, 2, 3, 6*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION *BCP 355*

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

HYMN 96 “Angels we have heard on high”

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *BCP 212*

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son
Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may
with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 52:7-10*

How beautiful upon the mountains
 are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
 who announces salvation,
 who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
 together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
 the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
 you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
 he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
 before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
 the salvation of our God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 107 “Good Christian friends, rejoice” *Verses 1-2*

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HYMN 107 “Good Christian friends, rejoice”

Verse 3

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Andy Olivo

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 392

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE

BCP 360

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.*

OFFERTORY HYMN 99 “Go tell it on the mountain”

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 B

BCP 367

PROPER PREFACE FOR INCARNATION

BCP 378

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

SANCTUS (*spoken*)

BCP 362

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

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.

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 115 "What child is this"

HYMN 79 "O little town of Bethlehem"

HYMN 84 "Love came down at Christmas"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

BCP 366

HYMN 100 "Joy to the world!"

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

GUEST MUSICIAN

Kenneth Kramer, organ & piano

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Catherine Carter

Lector: Catherine Carter

Eucharistic Minister: Catherine Carter

Usher: Tom Palmer

Altar Guild: Caroline Angelica, Sue Reid

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY:

Debra Anderson and family, in loving memory of Debra's brother, David, and her parents Henry and Ruth.

The Bakshi family, in loving memory of Marcia's parents, N. Payne and Ina Gale.

The Bakshi family, in loving memory of Anil's father, Raghunath Bakski.

Denise and David Barrand, in loving memory of departed family members.

The Battaglia family, in loving thanksgiving for Al Battaglia, Doris and Joe Boland, and all other departed members of the Battaglia and Boland families.

Robert and Gretchen Bell in loving memory of their departed family members.

Lisa, Steven and Lauren Beslity, in loving memory of Beverly Williams Kaplan and Lawrence J. Pallante.

Chuck, Linda, Chad, Courtney and Mallory Blessed, in loving memory of Charles and Margaret Blessed.

Linda, Chuck, Chad, Courtney and Mallory Blessed in loving memory of Linda's brother, Robert Dykema Oehlschlager.

Linda, Chuck, Chad, Courtney and Mallory Blessed in loving of Chuck's sister, Katherine B. Klapp and her husband, Steven B. Klapp.

Wendy Broadbent and family in loving memory of Arthur Broadbent.

June Burns Bové, Adele, Catherine, Meilin and John in loving memory of John L. Bové.

June Burns Bové, in loving memory of Althea Hoffman Burns and Roy W. Burns, Hortense Hoffman Beech, Alfred L. Hoffman, Edward Beech, Frank and Brigida Randazzo Bové, Charles Bové, Barbara M. Burnes, and Joan Humphrey Bové.

June Burns Bové in loving memory of dear friends, Helen Kapodistrias, Norma Williams Ledbetter and Irene Habernickel.

June Burns Bové in loving memory of Joseph Berkwit.

Jacqueline Colgan Bradley, in loving memory of Howard P. Colgan Jr.

The Cardew family in loving memory of Cathy's parents, Barbara and Thomas Vickery.

Cathy Cardew in loving memory of her grandparents, William and Bertha Vickery and Irma Brower.

Randy, Kathleen, Dillon and Peyton Carroll, in loving memory of all departed members of the Carroll and Dillon families.

Catherine Carter and family in loving memory of Paul and Elizabeth Carter.

The Celiberti family, in loving memory of Jennifer's father, John A. Munson III, her step father Walter C.A. Schrader, her grandparents, Katharine A. Wilhelm and Homer F. Wilhelm, John A. Munson Jr and Jesse Watson Munson, Brian's grandparents, Peter and Margaret Celiberti, Joe and Lillian DuBatto.

The Cook children and their families, in loving memory of Bob and Shirley Cook.

Joan Cooke, in loving memory of her husband, Curts and her parents, Ann and Dan Brancato.

Bob and Mary Lou Coviello and family, in loving memory of Mary and Horace Goss and Doris and Philip Coviello.

Ann Cranston Blackiston and John Cranston, in loving memory of a dear husband and father, Rodney Cranston.

Ann Dickinson, in loving memory of her godson, Charlie Blumenstein.

Ann Dickinson, in loving memory of her grandparents, F. S. and Grace Dickinson, her father, Dick, her mother, Betty, and her brother, Terry.

Ann Dickinson, in loving memory of Richard Purington, Paul Grant and Winifred Purington, and Dow Purington.

The Dowling family, in loving memory of Brian Dowling, James and Eileen Dowling, Bennett and Betty Buckles, Shawn Dowling, Brendan Pilling, John Edwards, and Rachel Calabrese.

Ann Dowling and the staff of St. Elizabeth's Church, in loving memory of Rubén Rosario.

The Falck family in loving memory of Sally's parents, Charles and Jane Pruett.

Bruce and Diane Firkins, in loving memory of Lorraine and Joseph de Cillis, Bruce and Helen Firkins, Karen Weidner, Douglas Harris and Ashley Teague.

Valerie Florstedt, in loving memory of Gunther F. Florstedt.

Timothy Graham & Catherine Chriss and family in loving memory of their parents, The Rev. John and Barbara Graham and Nick and Peggy Chriss.

Irgrid Hannwacker and family, in loving memory of her mother Alwine Beelendorf Jensen.

The Harper family, in loving memory of Doris and David Harper.

Mike and Kathy Harpster, in loving memory of departed family and friends.

Kris Hermance and family in loving memory of their beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Ronald Edmund Hermance, Jr.

Kris Hermance and family in loving memory of Jayne Gilbride Bauer.

Kris Hermance and family in loving memory of departed members of the Brown and Hermance families.

Sherry Kock, in loving memory of her husband, Bob Kock.

The Kormanik children and their families, in loving memory of Barbara Kormanik a loving Mother and Grandmother.

Richard, Anita and Alexis Kusy, in loving thanksgiving for Richard's parents, Martin and Mary Kusy, for Anita's parents, Stefan and Mary Rusinak, and for Alexis' Godmother, Aunt Jennie Petrochko.

The Kyse family, in loving memory of John and Christine Richards, Ruth and Harry Kyse, Lillie Parker, Jessica Richards, Lynne and Chick Bovino, Jack Richards, Nina Brown and Marty Kyse.

Steve and Elaine Divelbliss Libenson, Daniel, Lindsey and Claire in loving memory of Elaine's father and beloved grandfather, Terry Divelbliss.

Shelley and George Mackey, in loving memory of departed members of the Mackey and Barrows families and friends.

Paul, Missy, Peter, Susie, Gretchen and John Mayer in loving memory of George C. Mayer, Jr. and Petrina W Mayer and their son George C. Mayer III (Chip).

The MacLaren family, in loving memory of Alison's father, John Barnett and Richard's father, Tom MacLaren.

The McKay family, in loving memory of Frances T. McKay.

Pilar and Ralph Meola, in loving memory of Pilar's brother, Victor Figueroa and Ralph's grandmother, Jean Fanelli.

Susan and Lauren Munhall, in loving memory of Jim Munhall.

The Murphy family, in loving memory of Donald A. Windsor and Rhea K. Windsor.

Alice and Tom Palmer, in loving memory of Alice's parents, Frank and Becky Kraus.

Alice and Tom Palmer in loving memory of Tom's parents, Virginia Lee and Joseph Palmer.

Sue Reid, and Catharine and Adrienne, in loving memory of a dear husband and father, Barry Reid.

The Reinauer family, in loving memory of Patricia Scheelje Reinauer and B. Franklin Reinauer II.

Patrick, Molly, Thomas, John and Katie O'Shea, and Jack and Timothy Werner in loving memory of the life and love of their grandfather Richard F. Saunders.

Adrienne Schmitt and family, in loving memory of Adrienne's father, Norman Bogar.

Lynne Scielzo, the Harpster and Amoroso families, in loving memory of Jim Scielzo.

The Seiter family, in loving memory of Ryan Christopher Seiter and Samuel Lee Bessenger and Sandy Bessenger, Ralph and Margaret Seiter, and Frank Bessenger.

Sandy Sullivan and family in loving memory of grandparents, Pauline and Rod McGrail, Clarence and Betty Hopper, and Caroline Parsells.

In joyful thanksgiving, for my kind, generous, talented, and humble colleague, Anthony Alberti, and all the years he has served our choir and parish with his consummate artistry and beautiful voice. Given by Anastasia Ellanna Swope.

Mary Szurly, in loving memory of the life and love of her husband, Tony, and her parents, Mollie and Donald Galletly.

The Tamis and Kelleher families, in loving memory of Gwen and Steve Kelleher, parents of Jennifer Tamis.

Gigo, Don, Sarina, Abigail and Olivia Taylor in loving memory of Gigo's father, William Lee.

Don, Gigo, Sarina, Abigail and Olivia Taylor in loving memory of Don's father, John William Taylor.

Don, Gigo, Sarina, Abigail and Olivia Taylor in loving memory of Mertie Marie and Paul Schlaudroff.

Denise, John, Brad, Stephen, and Thomas Vollkommer in loving memory of Denise's parents, Edward and Carole Farley.

John, Denise, Brad, Stephen, and Thomas Vollkommer in loving memory of John's parents, Mary and Richard Vollkommer.

John and Diane Walker in loving memory of departed family and friends.

Pamela Weiler and Bill Colling in loving memory of their friend, Robert Springett.

Pamela Weiler and Bill Colling in loving memory of their friend, James O'Bosky.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

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

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Sandy Sullivan '26, Mike Dickson '28

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Steve Gorey

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Denise Barrand

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Catherine Carter

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Catherine Carter '26

Bruce Firkins '26

Sheryl Jordan '26

Emma Reichert-Pasterick '26

Denise Barrand '27

Catherine Cardew '27

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Steve Anderson '28

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