

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 3, 2021



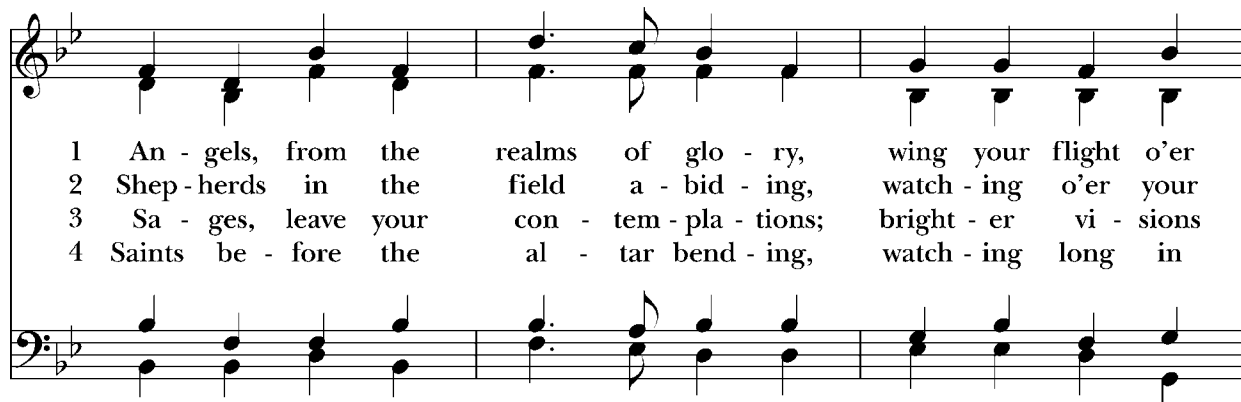
St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

WELCOME

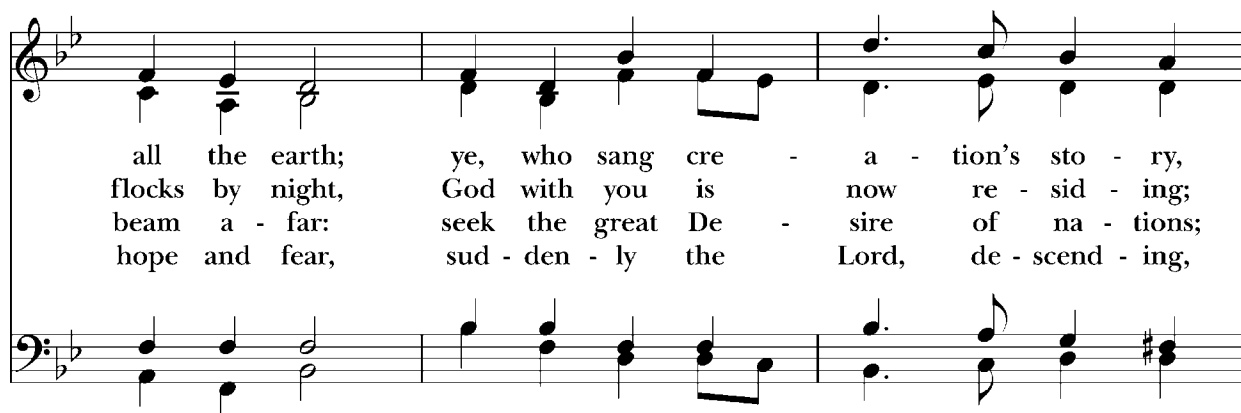
St. Cyprian's is a welcoming, inclusive, vibrant community of faith, where every person is invited to engage in our worship, mission, and ministry. This booklet contains all you will need for this morning's worship. Information about upcoming events, activities, and ministries are found on the Announcement page. If you are a visitor to our live-streaming service, we would be honored if you would leave your name and email address to keep you informed of news of our church and ministries. WELCOME!

PRELUDE


OPENING HYMN "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"



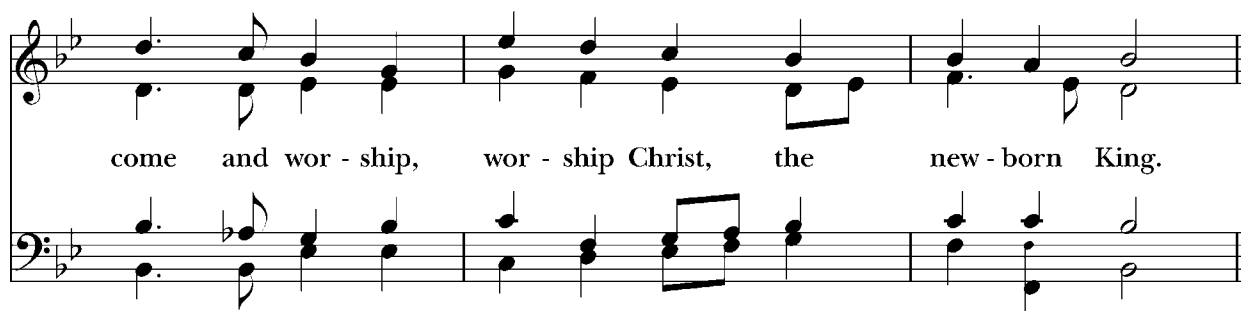
1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in



all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,



Refrain
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
ye have seen his na - tal star:
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:



come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the LORD: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.' ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' ¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty," says the LORD.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Amen. Amen.**

PSALM 84

¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

²The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *

**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.**

³Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

⁴Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁵Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁶They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

⁷LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

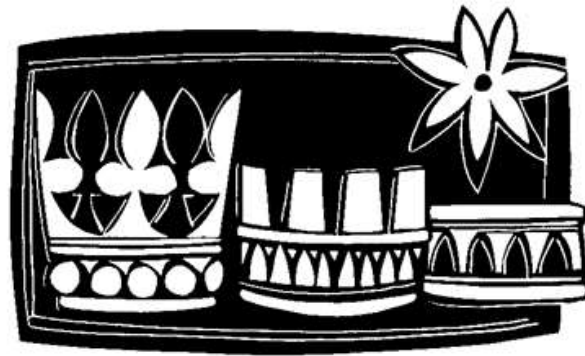
⁸Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

⁹For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹⁰For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

¹¹No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

¹²O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!



THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3a-6, 15-19a

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ^{19a}and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Amen. Amen.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN "When Jesus Left His Father's Throne"



1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;
2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;
3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;



like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth.
their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.



Like him may we be found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace;
Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,
Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!



like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.
thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.
Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.



THE GOSPEL:

Matthew 2:1-12

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the

Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' " ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Priest: The Gospel of our Lord.
People: **Amen. Amen.**

THE SERMON

Pastor Deena Galantowicz

A DECLARATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the one God who has created the land and sea and heavens
and all that is in them;**

**who established a world that is good;
who gives to us the task of watchful and responsible care over it;
who is certainty and truth.**

**We believe in the one God who in Jesus Christ assumed our humanity
and knew our life as child, youth, and adult;**

**who dined with sinners and lived with the homeless;
who confronted popular opinion and power;
who remained obedient in temptation and suffering;
whose triumph was a servant's death and resurrection.**

**We believe in the one God who comes to us as comforter and advocate;
who does not leave us as orphans;
who brings peace and calms the troubled heart;
who bestows gifts for serving, healing, showing compassion, and doing miracles;
who alone is the power and the wisdom of our proclamation.**

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People: ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People: ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and John our Bishop; for Fr. Ted and Pastor Deena, the clergy serving St. Cyprian's; and for all ordained and lay ministers;
People: ***For all who serve God in the Church.***

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
The people may add their own petitions aloud, or in the silence of their hearts

Leader: Hear us, Lord;
People: ***For your mercy is great.***

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
The people may add their own thanksgivings aloud, or in the silence of their hearts

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;
People: ***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
The people may add their own prayers aloud, or in the silence of their hearts

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People: ***Who put their trust in you.***

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
People: ***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



OFFERTORY HYMN

"The First Nowell"

1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor
2 They look-ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the
3 And by the light of that same star three wise men
4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth - le -

shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing
east be-yond them far; and to the earth it gave
came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their
hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop

their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher-ev - er it went.
and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

Refrain

Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

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born is the King of Is - ra - el.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with blessed Cyprian and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

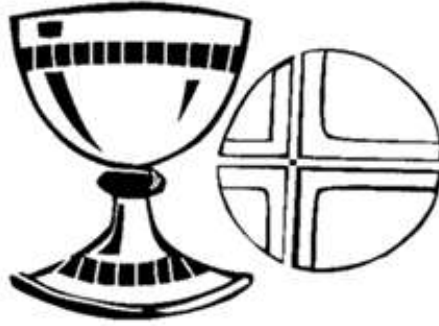
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Priest: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God. Feed on them in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

May the humility of the shepherds,
the joy of the angels,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be God's gift to you the Christmas time and always.

May God's blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
and the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always.
Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

"That Boy-Child of Mary"

That boy-child of Ma-ry was born in a sta-ble, a man-ger his

Fine

- cra-dle in Beth-le-hem. —
1. What shall we call Him,
 2. His name is Je-sus,
 3. How can He save us,
 4. Gift of the Fa-ther,
 5. One with the Fa-ther,
 6. Glad-ly we praise Him,

D.C.

1. Child of the man-ger? What name is giv-en in Beth-le-hem? —
2. God ev-er with us, God giv-en for us in Beth-le-hem? —
3. How can He help us, Born here a-mong us in Beth-le-hem? —
4. To hu-man moth-er, Makes Him our broth-er in Beth-le-hem? —
5. He is our Sav-ior, Heav-en-sent help-er in Beth-le-hem? —
6. Love and a-dore Him, Give our-selves to Him in Beth-le-hem? —

DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

About Our Worship Booklet

The worship in this booklet follows the form of **Holy Eucharist: Rite II** in the **Book of Common Prayer**. The **Declaration of Faith** is from the **Moravian Book of Worship**. The **Eucharistic Prayer** is **Prayer 2** from **Enriching Our Worship**. The readings from Holy Scripture are from **Lectionary Year B** using the **New Revised Standard Version** of the Bible.

Prayer List

We pray for those known to the people of St. Cyprian's who are ill or who have asked for our prayers: Bobbi Miller, The Brisbois family, Sam McIlrath, Bill Wall, Karen & Bruce Cudworth, Margie Costas, Adelaide and Anastasia, Matt Shirer, Benedetta & Family, Elise Osako, Geordy Maish, Pat Laurencelle, Charlie Schwab, Elizabeth McGuinness, Tom Lutton, Annette Cappella, Jon Wiles, Jim Colee, Jim Lofquist, Kevin Cash and Beth.

We pray also for Christella Perralt, Steven Piroch, Kim, Linda Parker, Nancy, Jeanette Webster, Skip Hutton, Marnie, Jeff, Johnathon Edwards, Dennis O'Neill, George Libonate, Patti Morrissey, Amanda & Jim Pasnik, Janet Sowers, Bonnie Wahiba, Violet Drayton, Shirley Jones, Foster Swann, Peter Ripley, Garrison Williams, Jonathan Bruce, Debbie Gagnon, Irma Brooks, Julie Forker, Kelli Ann Dishmon, Jim Bullock, Kris Phillips, Nancy Skadden, Ted D., Allison Paisley, Carrie C., Susie & Jeff, Catherine Martin, Liza Aston, Nury, Bill & Mary Jo Dudley.

About the Prayer List – If you would like to add someone to our Prayer List please use the form you'll find on the table near the door. And, please let us know when to take someone's name off our Prayer List.

Announcements

The Church is Open Daily for Prayer 9-4:30

Please be Mindful of Social Distancing

Dining With Dignity

Our next Dining With Dignity is scheduled for this Tuesday, January 5

Please watch the announcements in the Voice as we make our plans during this Covid-19 coronavirus crisis.

Ecumenical Food Pantry

The Ecumenical Food Pantry is now open five days a week during this Covid-19 coronavirus crisis, and the need for food is extremely high. If you want to bring food contributions for the Ecumenical Food Pantry, the church is open for prayer daily from 9am until 4:30pm, and the food basket is just inside the door. If you would like to make a monetary contribution (each \$1 buys 5lbs. of food), please mail the check to the church and put Food Pantry in the memo line.

Zoom Meetings

Book Study – MONDAY AT 11AM

Civility: Manners, Morals, and the Etiquette of Democracy
by Stephen L. Carter – Led by Sandra Parks

Virtual Coffee Hour – WEDNESDAY AT 10AM

Centering Prayer – WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30PM

Reading Between The Lines – THURSDAY AT 10AM

Cyprian Women by Zoom – SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 10:30AM