

Saint Martin's Day

November 16, 2025

4:00 PM



**St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Des Plaines, Illinois**

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Welcome to all who worship with us today.
We are blessed by your presence.

*In the interest of creating a peaceful and prayerful space for worship,
please refrain from conversation within the sanctuary
10 minutes before and after the service.*

*Please silence your cell phone during the service
as a sign of respect for God and the worshipping community.*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Almighty Father, strong to save* **(H579)**

The people remain standing for the Acclamation.

Celebrant Blessed be the One who creates all things.
People **The Holy One's love is new every [day].**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.
People **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Creator be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord God of hosts, you clothed your servant Martin the soldier with the spirit of sacrifice, and set him as a bishop in your Church to be a defender of the catholic faith: Give us grace to follow in his holy steps, that at the last we may be found clothed with righteousness in the dwellings of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS (*All sit*)

First Reading: Isaiah 58:6-12

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,

the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry

and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

The reading concludes

Lay Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 15

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading Galatians 6:1-2

A reading from the Paul's letter to the Galatians

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who

have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

The reading concludes

Lay Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE HYMN *Bless'd feasts of bless'd martyrs* **(H238)**

2 verses before gospel, 1 after

THE HOLY GOSPEL - Luke 18:18-30

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

A certain ruler asked Jesus, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother.'" He replied, "I have kept all these since my youth." When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" He replied, "What is impossible for mortals is possible for God."

Then Peter said, "Look, we have left our homes and followed you." And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

After the Gospel, the Celebrant says
Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED *(Please stand as able.)*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

at the end of each petition...

Leader ...let us pray to the Creator.

People **Creator, renew us.**

The last petition as the prayers conclude is:

Leader In the communion of all creatures, Creation,
St. Martin and all the saints, let us commend
ourselves, one another, and all our life, to Christ
our God.

People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and
God's creation.

[silence]

All **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

All Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

(The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

Announcements

PRESENTATION HYMN *The Story of St. Martin* ~ M. Pazdioch
(see page 18)

DOXOLOGY (*sung – H380 v. 3*)

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C – expansive language dialogic

Celebrant May God 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 God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

<i>Celebrant</i>	At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
<i>People</i>	By your will they were created and have their being.
<i>Celebrant</i>	From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
<i>People</i>	Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.
<i>People</i>	By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.
<i>Celebrant</i>	And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

This system contains the first line of the hymn. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody consists of half notes and whole notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

This system continues the melody. It features a long note in the treble staff with a slur underneath, indicating a sustained sound. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

This system continues the melody. It features a long note in the treble staff with a slur underneath, indicating a sustained sound. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

This system concludes the hymn. It features a long note in the treble staff with a slur underneath, indicating a sustained sound. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(The people stand or kneel)

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

People Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

People Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

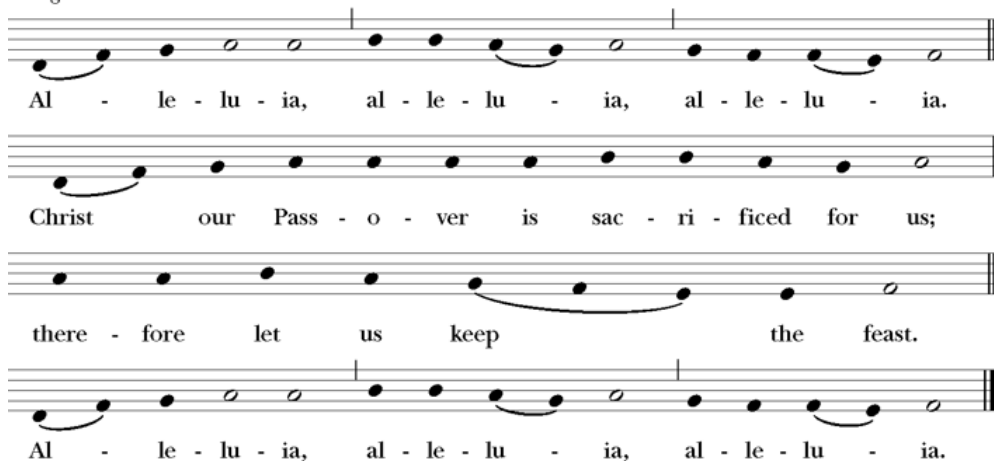
The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion of the Faithful

Celebrant Creator God, you fed us from the beginning.
People Happy are all, called to the Supper of Creation.

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etting is not used in Lent.



INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

Instructions for distribution will be given at the announcements; please follow the Usher's prompts. Please hold your hands out to receive the bread. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest.

All are welcome!

COMMUNION HYMN *My Shepherd will supply my need (H664)*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

(stand or kneel)

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Faithful God

**in the wonder of your wisdom and love
you fed your people in the wilderness
with the bread of angels,
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.
We thank you for feeding us with this bread.**

**May it strengthen us
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may embody your desire
and be renewed for your service
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Birthday/Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray,
on your servant N. as they begin another year. Grant that they
may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in
your goodness all the days of their life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING *(stand or kneel)*

Celebrant ...and the blessing of God...
***People* Amen.**

FINAL HYMN *Joyful, joyful we adore thee* **(H376)**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless our God and all Creation.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
***People* Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

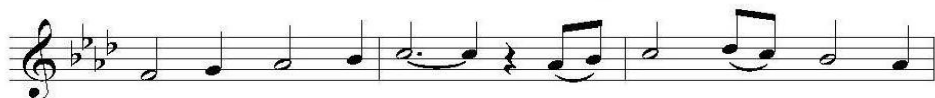
The Story of St. Martin

Tunes: MORNING SONG (adapted) Wyeth AZMON Carl. G Gläser

Text and arrangement by: Martin Pazdioch



1. Now Mar - tin, born so__ long a - go A
 2. On one, cold night, a - mong the hoards, A
 4. Then Je - sus came to__ good Mar - tin And



- (1.) sol-dier's path did trod. He learned to__ fight with
 (2.) beg - gar came in view. So Mar - tin took his
 (4.) told him, "Truth-ful - ly,__ What you have done for



- (1.) sword and bow, But he did not__ know
 (2.) fight - ing sword And cut his robe__ in
 (4.) that poor man You've al - so done__ for



- (1.) God. *(To beginning for Verse 2)* 3. Then half his cloak he gave free - ly,
 (2.) two. 5. From that night on, he knew the Lord;
 (4.) me." 6. His lov - ing act we keep a - live;



- (3.) And warm the poor man grew. And in that act of
 (5.) He ne - ver was the same. He threw a - way his
 (6.) He is a saint to - day! And he re - minds us

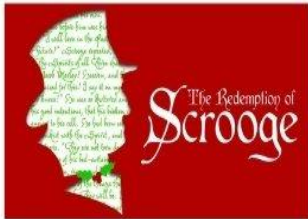


- (3.) char - i - ty Did__ Mar-tin be - come new. *(To beginning for Verse 4)*
 (5.) bow and sword To__ ev - er praise God's name. *(To middle for Verse 6)*
 (6.) we should strive To__ fol-low in his way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder from the Senior Warden:

Please stay after worship today for a short meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to take the formal vote on the closing of St. Martin's Church. Those who are contributors and/or regular attendees for 2025 will be able to vote on this important matter, so I encourage everyone to attend.



6:30 pm

**Video & Discussion
over brown bag supper**

Advent

Wednesdays

12/3, 12/10, 12/17



8:00 pm

**Service
in sanctuary**



Bring Calendars + More to Trinity Lutheran

One of our longtime Bible study members, Marilyn Hugh, works with Logan Correctional Center for women and a halfway house in Chicago. Marilyn is always looking for calendars, magazines, blank note cards, and note pads to send to these facilities. If you receive these items in the mail from places you donate to or just have some around the house, please bring them to Trinity and they will be put to good use. **A note from Helayne: Last chance for me to take these items!!**

I will be going to Trinity next week. If you have things I can take, bring them to church this Sunday, Nov. 16. Just a note: it is wise if you are dropping off magazines to black out or tear off the mailing address and name.

SPEAK Des Plaines has been working to host DP Food Round Table Discussions with local organizations who address food insecurity.

This flyer and our website are helpful resources you can use and/or share for folks who are facing this issue.

Visit <https://speakdesplaines.org/local-food-resources/>

Local Food Support

Des Plaines Community Food Pantries and Meal Sites

Self Help Closet and Pantry of Des Plaines

769 Holiday Lane, Des Plaines, IL
847-375-1443
selfhelppantry.org
Pantry hours Tuesdays 12:30pm - 3:00pm,
Saturdays 9:30am - 12:00pm
Eligibility: Des Plaines residents

Maine Township Food Pantry

1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, IL
847-297-2510
mainetown.com/departments/food_pantry
Pantry hours Tuesdays and Fridays 10:00am -
1:00pm, Wednesdays 2:30pm - 4:30pm
Eligibility: Maine Township residents

Elk Grove Township Food Pantry

600 Landmeier Road, Elk Grove Village, IL
847-437-0300
elkgrovetownship.com/social-services
Pantry hours Tuesdays 9:30am - 7:00pm;
Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 9:30am -
3:30pm
Eligibility: Elk Grove Township residents

Northwest Compass Pantry

1300 W. Northwest Hwy. Mount Prospect, IL
847-392-2344
northwestcompass.org
Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm
Eligibility: Suburban Cook County residents

Salvation Army Des Plaines Food Pantry

609 W Dempster Street, Des Plaines, IL
847-981-9111
Pantry hours Thursdays 9:30am - 11:30am and
1:00pm - 2:45pm
Eligibility: Area residents

Sunday Suppers, First United Methodist Church

410 Grant Place, Park Ridge, IL
847-825-3144
sundaysupperspr.org
Every Sunday 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Eligibility: Open to All

Immanuel Lutheran Church Pantry

855 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL
847-824-3652
immanueldp.org
Pantry hours Thursdays 9:00am - 1:00pm,
Connecting Point Cafe snacks and coffee
Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00am - 3:00pm
Eligibility: Open to all

St. Stephen's Food Pantry + Dinners

1280 Prospect Avenue, Des Plaines, IL
847-824-2026
Pantry Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm
Dinner 4:00-5:00 2nd Sunday of each month
Eligibility: Open to all

Monday Meals, Messiah Lutheran Church

1605 Vernon Avenue Park Ridge, IL
847-823-6984
messiahparkridge.org/mondaymeals.html
Hot lunch Mondays from 11:00am - 12:30pm
Eligibility: Open to all

Fives Loaves and Two Fish, Trinity Lutheran Church

675 E. Algonquin Road, Des Plaines, IL
847-827-6656
trinitydesplaines.org
Hot meal to-go second Saturday of each
month 11:00am - 12:30 pm
Eligibility: Open to all

Bessie's Table, First Church

668 Graceland Avenue, Des Plaines, IL
847-827-5561
fumcdp.org/bessies-table
Hot dinner every Monday at 5:30-6:15pm
Dine in or to-go
Eligibility: Open to all



The locations, hours of operation, and eligibility for the resources listed here are subject to change without advance notice. Please call ahead to verify the days and hours of operation and how to qualify for assistance.

speakdesplaines.org/local-food-resources



Christ Church UCC
First Church Des Plaines
St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Trinity Lutheran Church

Together Invite you to a



Community Thanksgiving Worship Service & Pie Social

Date: Sunday, November 23, 2025

Time: 6:00pm

Location: First Church Des Plaines

668 Graceland Avenue

Des Plaines, IL 60016



First Church Des Plaines
Your Neighborhood United Methodist Church
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4th Annual Community Holiday Sing-Along

December 5, 2025 at 7pm

1492 Henry Ave, Des Plaines, IL

ADMISSION IS FREE.

***Admission ticket is a donated item from the list below for the Community Backpack Project — or simply bring yourself! Everyone is welcome.**

Pound of Pasta - Single Serve Cereal - Soup Can - Pudding Cups - Fruit Cups

ENJOY REFRESHMENTS AND TREATS AFTERWARD.

Guest Performers

Karen Wilberg, *St. Martin's Music Director & Organist*

Rev. Dr. William G. Grice III, *acoustic guitar - NoteAbles*



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Mark your Calendar

November 16 ~ 5:30 ~ Congregational meeting & vote

November 18 ~ Hybrid Diocesan Convention (Zoom)

November 22 ~ Hybrid Diocesan Convention (In Person)

November 23 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Evening Prayer

6:00 pm ~ Community Thanksgiving Service @ First Church

November 25 ~ 6:30 pm ~ Vestry

November 30 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Advent 1 ~ Holy Eucharist

December 3 ~ Advent Series

**6:30 pm ~ Scrooge (Lesson 1) | 8:30 pm Holden Evening
Prayer**

***December 5 ~ 7:00 pm ~ Holiday Sing-Along @ Christ
Church, UCC***

**December 7 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Advent 2 ~ Holy Eucharist &
Healing Corners**

December 10 ~ Advent Series

**6:30 pm ~ Scrooge (Lesson 2) | 8:30 pm Holden Evening
Prayer**

**December 14 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Advent 3 ~ Holy Eucharist &
Paws-in-the-Pews**

December 16 ~ 6:30 pm ~ Vestry

December 17 ~ Advent Series

**6:30 pm ~ Scrooge (Lesson 3) | 8:30 pm Holden Evening
Prayer**

December 19 ~ 7:00 pm ~ Blue Christmas

December 21 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Advent 4 ~ Holy Eucharist

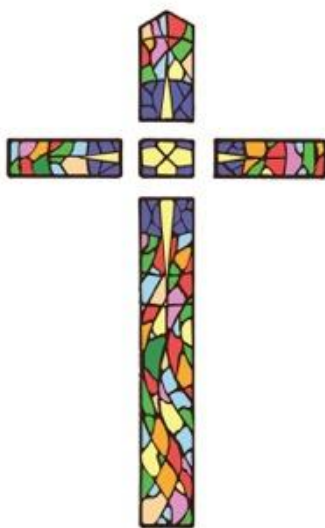
6:00 pm ~ Scrooge (Final Lesson)

December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

5:30 pm ~ Carols | 6:00 pm ~ Festival Eucharist

December 25 ~ TBD ~ Christmas Day ~ Festival Eucharist

December 28 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Evening Prayer



St. Martin's Episcopal Church

All are welcome
and fed with the love of God
pets too!

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