



Call to Worship ..... *How Excellent*

Processional Hymn ..... *Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven*

Welcome + Opening Prayer

Song of Praise ..... *Glory To God*

Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Scripture Reading ..... Esther 9:1-10

Song of Response ..... *Waiting Here For You*  
[KIDS EXIT · DROP OFF 3YR THRU K]

Gospel Reading ..... Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon ..... "Where's God in Esther?" ..... Tory Baucum  
*For Such a Time as This: The Politics of Faith, Part X*

Ingathering of Pledges\* + Prayers of the People

Passing of the Peace + Announcements  
[KIDS RETURN · PARENTS PICK UP 3YR THRU 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE]

Offertory ..... *Let The Redeemed*

Doxology + Communion (Prayer A)

Songs of Praise ..... *He Will Hold Me Fast*  
*Cornerstone*  
*This Is Amazing Grace*

Prayer of Thanksgiving + Blessing

Closing Hymn ..... *To God Be The Glory*

Dismissal

Postlude ..... *The Trumpet Shall Sound*  
from Handel's Messiah (arr. C. Tyler)

## Welcome!

We're delighted to have you join us for worship today. If you are a **first-time guest**, please visit our welcome cart just outside the sanctuary to receive a gift and to ask any questions. Or fill out a welcome card located in the pew racks and put it in the offering plate.

## Today

Empty Bags of Blessing Pick-up  
After Morning Services | Brick Walkway

Kids Sunday School  
10:15 am | Pre-K thru High School  
Info outside at the Family Ministries table

Journey to Jerusalem Interest Meeting  
10:30 am | Conference Room

Decho Ensemble Concert  
2:00 pm | Chapel | Info on page 4

\* When and if you are ready, you are invited to bring your stewardship card forward as an act of worship, committing yourself to steward your finances and time in support of God's work in and through this church



## Today is Stewardship Sunday!

by Bob Tate

So, today is Stewardship Sunday, and for some that might mean much; but for others, it might mean: "Huh?" First, the term "stewardship" itself is a bit of an obscure word; perhaps a better way to put it might be "Today is Generosity Sunday!" As the Apostle Paul said: the Lord loves a cheerful giver—and the root word for cheerful is the Greek word "hilaros", which you will probably recognize as the root word for hilarious—so what the Lord really loves are hilarious givers! So what does that mean for you and I? Well, for one thing, it means that this day should not be a dreaded day on your calendar, like Tax Day is to so many. It should be just the opposite, a day you look forward to all year long! What a joy, and frankly a thrill, it is to take a step of faith and give generously to support God's Kingdom on Earth!

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## Blessed to Be a Blessing

by Michael and Hannah King

In today's economy, especially as a young person, tithing can seem scary. But for us, a biblical understanding of tithing as part of stewardship—a calling that impacts every aspect of our lives—has helped us not to be afraid of giving generously. In Genesis 12:2, God said to our spiritual father Abraham, "I will bless you . . . so that you will be a blessing." This first declaration of God to His people characterizes the beauty of stewardship. God is the source of all our blessings—be they financial, relational, intellectual, or otherwise—and He has given them to us that we might steward them in the blessing of others.

As a young couple, it could be easy to focus on what we don't have in comparison to others. But God's Word challenges us instead to be thankful

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## Thanksgiving International Dinner: A 50/50 Deal!

Wed, Nov 16 | 6:30 pm | Undercroft

Truro is celebrating Thanksgiving by inviting representatives from many nations to acknowledge God's goodness to all of us. This is not a dinner "for them" but "with them." Many of our TIPS guests are registering with their families. We want to match them one to one. Some of our guests know Jesus and long for fellowship. Some do not and yet long for friendships in a foreign land. That is why we are inviting all of you to be part of this celebration as well. Come to welcome our neighbors and celebrate with them. Make new friends over the course of a meal. Point them to Jesus through your hospitality. It is simple: smile, chat, ask a couple questions, and listen to their stories. Learn to love the stranger among you like God.

**i** Space is limited. Register to attend and bring a dish at [bit.ly/2eGQfDp](http://bit.ly/2eGQfDp).

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When Cathy and I began our generosity journey as new Christians, it was tough going at first—the most important thing for us was to take that first step of faith and begin to give in a more substantial way than we had done before—and I am not referring to a 10% tithe—I am simply referring to going well beyond what we had done before—and to our surprise it was entirely bearable, and frankly, joyful to give in that manner. Today, giving our pledge to Truro is no less exciting than watching the joy in others faces when they open presents which we bought for them on Christmas morning. For us, Stewardship Sunday is akin to Christmas morning, a time of overwhelming joy, when we celebrate the incarnate birth of our King and Lord and Savior. To that end, when Tory finishes his sermon, he will go from the pulpit to a large basket at the entrance to the altar, and place his personal pledge card; this will launch a joyful time of worship, and as our worship team plays, we will all come up as we are led by the Spirit to put our pledge cards in the basket as well. I would encourage those of you who find themselves wondering "what should we pledge?" to do what Cathy and I did a few years back, and watch how the Lord will use that act of faith to transform your lives in exciting and unexpected ways!

## PRAYER



### Do You Feel Called to Pray for Others?

On the first Sunday of every month, after our 9:00 and 11:15 am services, prayer ministers are available for "prayer at the rail," an opportunity for anyone who would like special prayer. We would like to expand the number of those trained to pray here at Truro. Have you thought about becoming a prayer minister? If so, come and join us for a "How to Pray at the Rail Informational and Training Session" to be held on **Wed, Nov 16 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Undercroft**. Dinner is included.

If you speak another language besides English and would like to learn how to pray for others, we would love to have you register and come to the prayer training.

**i** RSVP to Sue Hardman, [shardman@truroanglican.com](mailto:shardman@truroanglican.com).

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for the particular ways God has blessed us, and to eagerly discern how God is calling us to "be a blessing" in light of that. It reminds us that we don't need to be afraid of the economy—God has promised, "I will bless you." Instead, we get to joyously partner with God in being a blessing to the nations. This is the God who fed five thousand people with five loaves of bread; don't underestimate what He will do through you!

## MISSIONS

### Thanksgiving Bags of Blessing

As has been our tradition for many years, we will again bless our community with "Thanksgiving Bags of Blessing" for those in need. Pick up your empty bag today and return your filled bag next Sun, Nov 20. Serving in this way is a great reminder to be grateful, and to remember that it really is more blessed to give than to receive.

**i** Questions? Contact Coleman Tyler, [ctyler@truroanglican.com](mailto:ctyler@truroanglican.com).

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**Bags of Blessing: Sun, Nov 20.** Helpers to receive the filled Thanksgiving bags. Four main shifts: 8:45 - 9:05 am, 10:00 - 10:15 am, 11:00 - 11:15 am and 12:45 - 1:00 pm. **Contact Coleman Tyler, [ctyler@truroanglican.com](mailto:ctyler@truroanglican.com).**

**Carols by Glowstick: Sun, Dec 11.** Helpers needed during and after event. We also need people to bring cookies. **Contact Alice Hunt, [ahunt@truroanglican.com](mailto:ahunt@truroanglican.com).**

## Save the Date

### NOVEMBER

- 16 Prayer Training Session  
7:00 - 8:30 pm | Undercroft
- 16 TIPS Thanksgiving Dinner  
6:30 pm | Undercroft
- 20 Bring Filled Bags of Blessing  
After Morning Services | Outside
- 20 Young Adults Thanksgiving Potluck  
6:00 pm | Undercroft

### DECEMBER

- 1 *The Lion, The Witch + The Wardrobe*  
thru Dec 4 | fairfaxcitytheatre.org
- 11 Carols by Glowstick  
5:00 and 7:00 pm | Sanctuary
- 24 Christmas Eve Services  
2:30, 4:30, 7:30 + 10:30 pm | Sanctuary
- 25 Christmas Day Service  
11:15 am | Sanctuary

### JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day Pancake Breakfast  
10:00 am

## Sunday Read Ahead

Nov 20: Esther 9:20-32



Join Truro Online!

Visit our online community today.  
For help or more info, contact Karen  
Rummel, [krummel@truroanglican.com](mailto:krummel@truroanglican.com).

## PARISH EVENTS

### Decho Ensemble Performance Today!

At 2:00 pm this afternoon in the Chapel, join our friends the Decho Ensemble, a saxophone duo from New York, as they perform music by Bach, Beethoven, and even music by our choir director, Andrew Cote!

### Carols by Glowstick: Now There are Two!

We've packed the Sanctuary out for Glowsticks three years in a row, so this year we're doing two of them on the same day! On Sun, Dec 11, come at 5:00 pm (a great time for kids) or at 7:00 pm, with Christmas fun in between. Bring everyone you know for Christmas carols and songs, and lots and lots and lots of glowsticks!

## WORSHIP



### Join us for November Youth Choir!

The Truro Youth Choir will be singing in worship again on Sun, Nov 27. Join us for our fun rehearsals and make some new friends! Youth Choir is open to grades 6-12 and meets on Sunday nights at 5:30 pm in the Choir Room.

**i** For more detailed information, email Kirsten Boyd, [kboyd@truroanglican.com](mailto:kboyd@truroanglican.com).

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