



# eTower



A weekly email publication for the community  
of St. James Church in College Hill

## Message of the Moment



### **Meditation of Preparation**

God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your  
Son Jesus Christ at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared  
for himself ...

—*From the Advent liturgy in the New Zealand Prayer Book*

### **Meditation of Commitment**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God's might! Powers and  
dominions lay their glory by. Proud hearts and stubborn wills are  
put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

—*Timothy Dudley-Smith*

Yours in Christ,  
Mother Dawn+

## First Things First

Please consider helping to deliver Giving Tree baskets.  
Volunteers will meet at noon Sunday, Dec. 19, in the Guild Hall.

The Greening of the Church will take place at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21. If you would like to contribute to Christmas greens, please fill out the form in the bulletin. To be listed in the Christmas bulletins, return the form no later than Dec. 20.

We may need ushers for the Christmas Eve services. If you can help, please call or email the church at 683-5686 or [office@stjameswichita.org](mailto:office@stjameswichita.org) and let us know which service you're available.

Our 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/c/StJamesWichita>. The video will be available to watch at your convenience on our YouTube channel and our website.

## Readings This Week



Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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**Lessons appointed for the Fourth Sunday of Advent:**

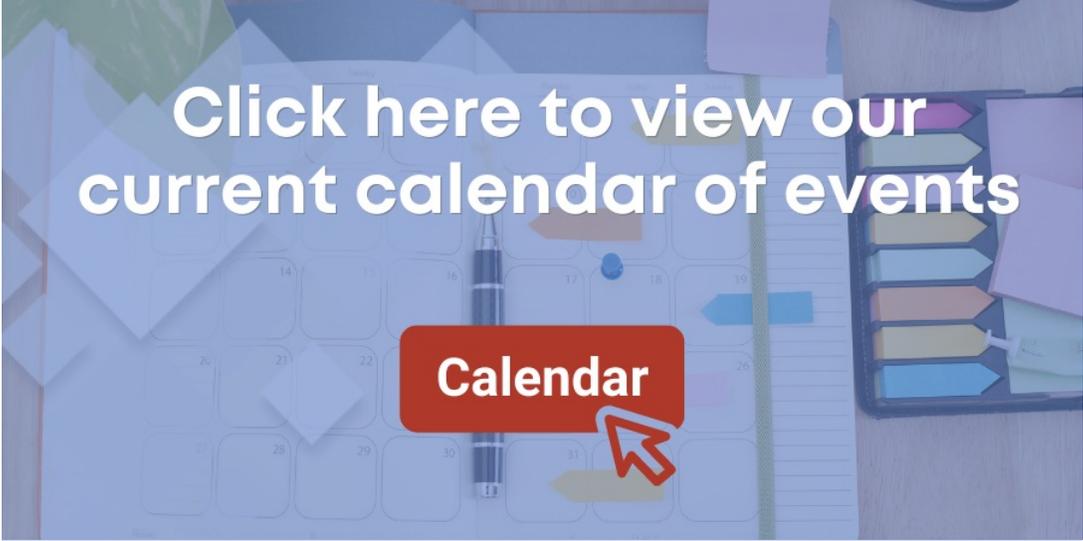
[Micah 5:2-5a](#)

[Hebrews 10:5-10](#)

[Luke 1:39-55](#)

[Canticle 15 — Luke 1:46-55](#)

## Calendar



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current calendar of events

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## Parish News and Updates

**Thank you to everyone who donated, shopped, bought, and added to the fun at the St. Nicholas bazaar!** Special thanks go to Jim Petty, who persuaded Santa Claus to fly in early from the North Pole to visit us. (And thanks to the Harrison family and breakfast crew for serving up Breakfast Sunday every month.)

**Adult Forum** will meet at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, in the Guild Hall. The topic is “Going Off the Lectionary Grid.” For your calendar: **Phil Speary’s 2021 Year in Review** will be at 9:45 a.m. Jan. 16.

There will be a short meeting for all **Altar Guild members** on Sunday, Dec. 19, following the conclusion of the 8:30 and 10:45 services. Please plan to attend the most convenient meeting. The same info will be covered at both meetings.

**The Heart of America Men's Chorus** will perform "CineMagic — Christmas from the Big Screen" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19 at St. James. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and \$5 for children under 12. Call 316-708-4837 for tickets.

**Festive services of Holy Eucharist on Christmas Eve** will be at 4 p.m. (with nursery available), 7 p.m. with live-streaming and 11 p.m. with incense. **Christmas Day Service** will be at 10 a.m. There will be no 5:30 p.m. service. Services on **Sunday, Dec. 26**, will be at 10 a.m. Masks are required at all services.

To have your **contributions to St. James** count for tax year 2021, please have them in by noon on Monday, Dec. 27.

If you would like to contribute toward a gift for **Curate Dillon Green’s ordination**, please write a check to the church with “Dillon’s

ordination” in the memo line. His ordination is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Grace Episcopal Church in Topeka. Masks are required.

**Our annual meeting** will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. Services that day will be at 9:30 a.m.

## Children and Youth

The next Children's Sunday school and Children's Chapel will be Jan. 2 starting at 9:30 a.m. upstairs in the children's area. We are learning about John the Baptist. Ages preschool to fifth grade are welcome to join. You can read more about our children's programs at: <https://stjameswichita.org/learn/children/>. For questions or comments, please contact Chelsea at [formation@stjameswichita.org](mailto:formation@stjameswichita.org) or 683-5686.

We are in need of **nursery volunteers**. Please consider joining this fruitful ministry. [Please click here to email Chelsea.](#)

## Outreach



**With thanks for the generosity of the St. James parish**, the Outreach Committee presents a choral reading video of verses from Psalm 16. The readers are Suzanne Laycock, Mary Klocke, and Diana Morton. To see all of the videos, [click here](#) to go to our Psalms during Advent 2021 playlist on our YouTube channel.

**The Outreach Committee** will not meet in December, but we thank you for supporting our Christmas project so generously!

## Wichita Minster News

**YAW (Young Adults Wichita)** is a ministry of the Wichita Minster led by Deacon Dillon Green. It includes members from St. James, St. John's, Good Shepherd and St. Stephen's. We meet weekly, currently at 6 p.m. Mondays (time/dates subject to change). If you know anyone interested in participating, please connect them with Dillon at 256-762-5110 or [by email](#).

The minster has a new page on our website. [Click here for more minster news.](#)

## Prayer

### Parish Prayers for the Week of Dec. 19

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for our Full Communion Partner, the Philippine Independent Church.

**In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the people of Benin, Côte d'Ivoire and Togo.

**In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for Grace, Winfield.

**Pray for those serving in the military:** Will Corkins, J. David Anderson-Lusk and Maureen Tanner.

**Pray for those who have died:** Ann Lusk (mother of Luree Lusk), Gretchen Waite, George Armantrout, Brad Woods, Hugh Auchterlonie, Holly Bell, Dorcas Cooper, Ruth Elrick, Tomora Jennings, Betty Robinson, Claude (Norris) Taylor and Mary Jo Watson.

**Pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity:** Denise, Pat, Marilyn, Sue, Buck, Pam, Danny, Brad G., David, Darwin, Jim T., Sage, Gary, Ian, Mary (niece of Kate Miller), Helen, Laura, Jean, Marge, Dal, Jayne, Betty, Gus, Bob, Joe, Jerry, Larry, Mary, George, Carly, Tom, Cindy, Cathy, Kam, all people with COVID-19, and all health care workers.

**Our Parish Prayer List:** All members of our parish community are asked to pray for each person on our prayer list. To share your prayers of thanksgiving (births, weddings, new jobs, anniversaries, etc.), to notify us that someone you love is serving in the military, to share that you or someone you love is suffering, or to tell us of a death, please call 316-683-5686 or email [office@stjameswichita.org](mailto:office@stjameswichita.org).

**If your prayers have been answered,  
we would love to rejoice with you.  
Please let us know so your name may be removed  
from our list of people most urgently in need. Thank you.**

## Let Us Pray

Prayers of the Season

In this season of cheer and good will, please remember in your prayers, acts and giving the poor, and especially the people of our congregation who are in grief, pain or difficulty while others celebrate. May the annual festival of the birth of our Savior bring healing and hope to the world.

May the forgiving spirit of Him  
to whom we dedicate this season  
prevail again on earth.

May hunger disappear and terrorists  
cease their senseless acts.

May people live in freedom,  
worshiping as they see fit, loving others.

May the sanctity of the home be ever preserved.

May peace, everlasting peace, reign supreme.

—*From Soundings*

During Advent, opportunities for works of charity abound, calling out for Christians from every side: a sack of food for a needy family, money dropped in a Salvation Army kettle, a donation to an Indian school, a toy for 'Toys-for-Tots,' etc. Unfortunately, these works of charity so easily can assuage the Christian conscience, while doing nothing to bring about a solution to the root causes of the problem.

Works of justice, on the other hand, follow the road less traveled of Advent's hope to pursue solutions for difficult problems. Hope comes through works of justice rather than simply performing works of charity.

*Fr. Brian Cavanaugh, TOR, Gift of Wonder*

## Helpful Links

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wherever you find yourself  
on your journey of faith,  
you are welcome here.**



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