



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLLEGE HILL, WICHITA, KS

5:30 PM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26; 8:30 AND 10:45 AM, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2022

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

All directions about standing and kneeling are for those who are able.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE PRELUDE

Bells may be rung.

The People stand as the ministers enter.

THE PROCESSIONAL

HYMN 75

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

ASCENSION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Designated family or individuals come forward to light candles on the advent wreath.

HYMN 56, vs. 1

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

WELCOME & OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One. (*Baruch 5:5*)

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

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

Info for worship

We invite you to follow the service and take part in a way that feels right to you.

BCP - Book of Common Prayer, or Prayer Book, (red book);

Hymnal (blue book); Hymn numbers beginning with 'S' are found in the front of the Hymnal.

Episcopal Worship

Worship according to the BCP, the Book of Common Prayer, is central to the Episcopal Church's identity and its main source of unity. We have a sacramental understanding of worship. The prayer book specifies that the Eucharist or Holy Communion is "the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day." The service has two parts. The first is centered on Bible readings, and preaching. The second is centered on the Eucharist.

Concluding the Readings

Lectors who read the first and second readings have the option of concluding the lesson by saying "the Word of the Lord," or "Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people." In either case, the people respond by saying, "Thanks be to God," as traditionally has been said at the close of lessons from scripture for centuries.

KYRIE *Spoken at 5:30 & 8:30. Sung at 10:45.*

HYMN S91 *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

WILLAN

All **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 2:1-5

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord *or*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE *Spoken at 5:30 & 8:30. Sung at 10:45.* **PSALM 122**

When spoken, the psalm may be read in unison, or alternately by whole or half verse.



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- 1 I was glad when they said **to me**, *
"Let us go to the house of the **Lord**."
- 2 Now our feet are **standing** *
within your gates, O Jer-**usalem**.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a **city** *
that is at unity with **itself**;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the **Lord**, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the **Lord**.
- 5 For there are the thrones of **judgment**, *
the thrones of the house of **David**.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jer-**usalem**: *
"May they prosper who **love you**.
- 7 Peace be within your **walls** *
and quietness within your **towers**.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' **sake**, *
I pray for your pro-**sperity**.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our **God**, *
I will seek to do you **good**."

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ROMANS 13:11-14

Reader A reading from the letter to the Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live

honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord *or*
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People **Thanks be to God.**

Our Language

At St. James we use approved Episcopal Church language that expands our expression of God. We make a fundamental theological choice to include as many people as possible in the image of God when we do this. We understand that language is powerful. People who have come to church in the past and have been excluded by language may have experienced rejection, precisely where acceptance at the deepest level is sought. Led by the gospel to be people of healing and love, we offer invitation to join and reconcile. Open the *Book of Common Prayer*, found in every pew, and you'll see that our use of the masculine pronoun for God is now more limited than it once was, and we choose to offer a variety of images of God. In addition to 'almighty' and 'powerful,' we also refer to God as 'loving' and 'redeeming.' As frequently as we call Jesus 'Lord,' Jesus is also called 'Savior.' Most of these changes are very natural and if you notice one, it is meant to feel like an opportunity to welcome the whole world to the table with God.

Meditation of Preparation

Each year we light the candle of hope and do our best to put ourselves in the place of the magi, patiently studying the stars in hope that one night they might see the star of God's coming; or in the place of Simeon or Anna who went to the temple every morning, hoping that they would be there when the Messiah came.

—Richard Groves

Meditation of Commitment

When I take a tally of the people who surrounded Jesus in the days leading up to and following his birth, a great many of them seem to fit these descriptions: Mary the humble peasant girl, Joseph the patient carpenter, the coarse shepherds—and those two elderly saints of the Temple community, Anna and Simeon. Because of their faithfulness, we anticipate the coming of true, complete joy and peace—light in the midst of darkness. Advent is upon us, and it's time for us to take on the roles of these pageant personalities. As people of the light, we have an obligation to shine. As sacred salt, we need to be useful to Christ.

—Mark McClintock, from "Salt, Light & Advent"

THE GOSPEL HYMN *Sung at the 10:45 service*

HYMN 68 *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* LLANGLOFFAN

Please stand as you are able and turn to face the Gospel with reverence for the Word.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 24:36-44

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one

will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Reader The Gospel of our Savior

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. DAWN FRANKFURT, RECTOR

At the conclusion of the sermon, a moment of silent reflection is observed.

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

All

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Reader

Sisters and brothers, as we joyfully await the full manifestation of God's reign in Christ, let us pray for the needs of the church and the world.

Reader

O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High and reach from beginning to end, mightily and sweetly ordering all things. Behold and bless your church, remembering especially Cathleen, our bishop, and the diocese of Kansas; our parish, St. James Church; Dawn, our priest; and Jeff, our deacon. Be present in ordering the life of this and every congregation.

People

Come and teach us the way of prudence.

Reader

O Adonai, God of the Covenant, ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning

Nicene Creed

The version of the Nicene Creed we use was prepared by the ecumenical English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC). Formed in 1985, the Consultation consisted of representatives of the major English-speaking churches throughout the world, including the Episcopal and Anglican churches. Our current version of the Creed follows the Greek original precisely by saying "was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary," thus emphasizing that Mary was an active, rather than a passive, participant in the Incarnation (Luke 1:38). It also follows the Greek and Latin (and the English of Rite One) by using "who" rather than "he" in the section about the Holy Spirit. The words "and the Son," are not a part of the original Greek text. They were added to some Latin translations. The Episcopal Church, at General Convention of 1988, placed itself on record as favoring their omission, a decision later approved by Lambeth Conference.

Reader bush and on Mount Sinai gave your law. Forgive us when we stray from your guidance and will.

People **Come and redeem us for our life together.**

Reader **O Root of Jesse**, you are the standard bearer to humankind; before you rulers silence their speech, and nations bow in worship: We pray for your peace and justice throughout the world; be present to all whose lives are subject to violence, oppression, disaster, and economic strife. Guide the leaders of this and every land into the paths of peace and goodwill.

People **Come save us and do not delay.**

Reader **O Key of David**, and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can shut, you shut and no one can open: Guide us in opening the doors of opportunity for the unemployed, for the homeless, for prisoners, for all who are oppressed; and lead us in closing the doors that lead to poverty, bigotry, injustice, and indifference.

People **Come and bring the captives out of the prison house.**

Reader **O Ruler of Nations** and their Desire, you are the cornerstone that makes us one: We lift up all who are suffering and in need, especially _____ (*please add your petitions, silently or aloud*). Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous. Help us minister to them in your love.

People **Come and save us whom you have fashioned out of clay.**

Reader **O Dayspring**, radiance of the Light Eternal and Sun of Righteousness: Shine your light on those who have died; remember especially those we now name, especially _____ (*please add your petitions, silently or aloud*), and bring comfort to all who mourn.

People **Come and enlighten all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.**

Reader **O Emmanuel**, God with us, Expected One and Savior, We give thanks for all the blessings of this life. Make each of us ready to receive you into our hearts, to serve you in all

Presider whom we meet, and to greet you in the fullness of your glory in the day of your appearing.

People **Come and save us, O Lord our God.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel or stand as you are able. A moment of silence is observed.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Presider stands and says:

Presider 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.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in Christ while respecting the personal space of our neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

Reader Come with gratitude and joy to the table of God.

People **Bring the works of your hands and the gifts of your lives as an offering of praise.**

THE OFFERTORY

Please remain seated as the people's offering of bread and wine is brought forward and while the alms basins are passed in the pews.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

10:45 service

The Heavens Proclaim

Hopson & Marcello

Please stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

HYMN 59, vs. 1-2

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

MERTON

- 1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day."
- 2 Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS *Spoken at 5:30 & 8:30 service. Sung at 10:45 service.*

HYMN S114

WILLAN

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people may stand or kneel.

Giving to St. James

St. James is in the course of receiving pledges as part of our annual stewardship campaign for the coming year. Blank pledge forms can be found at the back of the church and at the front desk. You may place them in the offering plate.

Presider

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider

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

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to

About Communion

All People seeking to know Jesus Christ and the love of God more deeply are invited to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church.

Please inform an usher if you need to receive Communion at your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Wine (not grape juice) is served from the chalice. If for any reason you prefer not to receive the bread and wine, simply cross your arms over your chest as you come forward that you might receive a blessing instead.

Seeking Prayer?

If you would like confidential prayers offered for you today, please meet a member of our Daughters of the King prayer team in the Tower Room immediately after receiving Holy Communion. The Tower Room is located through the doors on the organ side of the altar.

Presider your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All **We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Presider God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. James and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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.**

AGNUS DEI *Spoken at 5:30 & 8:30 service. Sung at 10:45 service.*

HYMN S158 *O Lamb of God* WILLAN

All O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

The congregation is seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands over your chest.

COMMUNION MUSIC

COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN 61 *Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us* WACHET AUF

At the conclusion of Communion, a moment of silence is observed.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Please stand as you are able.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

All members of our parish **community** are asked to pray for everyone on our prayer list. If you have pray-ers you would like added to the prayer list, please call or email the office. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. If your prayers have been answered, we would love to rejoice with you. Contact the office at office@stjameswichita.org or 316-683-5686 to let us know that we can remove your prayer request.

The parish prayer list is available each week in the eTower email and in the service bulletin or insert. You are invited to take your bulletin with you so you can continue to pray for those on our list through the week.

Communion is complete in the bread or the wine

If you forgo either the bread or the wine of Holy Communion, you still receive the full sacrament and the grace of God by consuming the bread or the wine.

THE BLESSING FOR ADVENT

Presider May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of God's blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May the One whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at Christ's second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 73 *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* ST. STEPHEN

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector

The Ven. Jeff Roper, Archdeacon

Warren Kim, Choir Director

Christy Manning, Organist

The St. James Choir

ACOLYTES:

Allie Mutzke

CHALICE BEARERS:

Sandra Bradley; Adrienne Edwards; Rick Milhon

LECTORS:

Dana Stelter; Margi Young; Mary Halley; Chase Moore; Elizabeth

Wenger; Rob Compton; Andréa Banke

USHERS:

Jessica Moore; Gene Bledsoe; Johnson Olanya

10:45 am service is streamed online by Wichita Livestream

PARISH PRAYERS

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai

In the World Council of Churches:

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Andrew's, Derby

Our seminarian, Maddy Bishop

Those serving in the military:

J. David Anderson-Lusk, Will
Corkins, Maureen Tanner

Those who have recently died:

Gloria Jean Davis; Dan Dye;
Astrid Ankenbrand

**And those who have died in
Novembers past:** Roberta

Adams; George Armantrout;
Hugh Auchterlonie; Helen M.
Canzoneri; Christine Clawson;
Charles Daily; Dallas Elliott;
Shannon Faure; Arlene Grey;
Marilyn Groves; Bob Hall; Rod
Hansen; Lea Jordan; Frances P.
Linde; Myrl Martin; Wayne Mason;

Martie McClure; Jayne Milburn;

Marilyn Milligan; Lee Osmond;

Tom Tatlock; James Thomas;

Jeanette Thornton; Dave

Utermark; Mary Louise Webster;

Richard Williams

**Those in trouble, sorrow, need,
sickness or any other adversity:**

Drew H. Josh; Monica; Rhys; Kai;

Tammy; Ken; Ron D.; John R.;

Marge Rine & family; Janet R.;

Wes R.; Phil S., Celia B.; Sylvester;

Darwin P.; Sharon & Jerry; Jan.

M., Edna & James; Andy S.; Pat;

Peggy S.; Gary; Deb H.; Bill and

Jeri; Jayne P.; Barbara H.; Suzy R.;

Helen B., Bill and Carolyn, Dave

W.; Carole; Bob and Sue; Pam M.;

Dal; Gus; Joan J.; Martha L.; Betty;

Marcia & Lowell; Sage; Joseph B.;

Jerry M.; Joy J.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

5:30 pm - Contemplative Prayer Group

7:00 pm - Graduate EfM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

4:00 pm - Outreach Committee

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:00 pm - Choristers Rehearsal

6:30 pm - Education for Ministry
(EfM)

7:00 pm - Middle & High School
Youth Group

7:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

12:00 pm - St. James/St. Stephens
Book Club

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:30 pm - In-Person Worship Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Red Cross Blood Drive

8:30 am - In-Person Worship Service

9:30 am - Children's Sunday School

9:45 am - Adult Forum

10:45 am - Children's Chapel

10:45 am - In-Person and Online
Worship Service

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In this season of giving please consider giving the gift of life. **Join us next Sunday, Dec. 4 for the final St. James blood drive of 2022.** If you are unavailable or unable to give blood please consider asking someone to give on your behalf. Every donation potentially saves up to three lives.

We need **volunteers** to light the candles on the **Advent** wreath during each of the weekend worship services. No special skills are needed! This can be a fun way for families with children to be involved in the service, but **anyone that wants to light the candles is welcome to sign up** for a service. The sign-up sheet is at the volunteer desk near the front doors.

December 4 is the last **Adult Forum** for 2022. Adult Forum will begin again in 2023 on **January 15**, with Fr. Andy Houlberg leading. He will lead Adult Forum once a month, walking us through the curriculum *Bridges Out of Poverty*. Father Andy is the CEO of Breakthrough/ESS.

The **St. James Outreach Committee** will meet after Thanksgiving on **Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 4:00 p.m.** in the lounge. Our speaker, **Joan Moore**, will explain the important work done by **Hunter Health**. Also, a photographer from **St. Francis Ministries** will come to take a group picture for their website. We love visitors, so join us if you can.

Children's Sunday school & Children's Chapel is Sunday, Dec 4th starting at 9:30 am. We will talk about the mystery of Advent and the coming birth of Christ. Kids aged preschool - 5th grade are welcome! Questions? Contact Chelsea, formation@stjameswichita.org

Lots of us have noted again and again the dedicated service of our sexton, Jose Alonso. In spite of the ups and downs we experience in life, Jose has been with us for years. He stuck in there through the pandemic only working part-time. He cleans, gets our facility ready for every event, and maybe most importantly of all, provides security for all of us. He is truly irreplaceable. In an attempt to express our gratitude, we invite you to contribute to an end-of-year bonus for him. You can write a check to St. James and put his name down on the memo line.

This Thanksgiving and all year round, **the Outreach Committee is extremely grateful for the generosity of the St. James congregation.** We would never be successful without your ongoing, faithful support. Ours is a compassionate congregation seeking and finding ways to serve the community. Thank you St. James! Happy Thanksgiving to all!

St. James/St. Stephen's Book Club meets in-person at St. Stephen's, every Thursday at noon and new reading fans are always welcome. Contact Mary Sloan.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pocket Change Ministry: The **Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL)** will be the next recipient of our Pocket Change gift check of \$500. KCSL plans to use our gift to assist with their **Kinship Navigator** program which provides groceries, cleaning supplies, and WalMart gift cards for clients in need. (Note that the Walmart gift cards cannot be used for alcohol, tobacco, or fire arms.) Our gift will reach deserving clients selected by knowledgeable social workers.

The **Nursery** is open each Sunday from 8:15 am - 12:00 pm and special events for newborns to five years of age. We are looking for volunteers to assist Lauren.

Seasonal Shopping at St. James: Available for purchase at the front desk until Christmas, great to give as Christmas gifts!

- Liturgical calendars- \$5
- St. James History Book - \$20
- Boxed notes of the Te Deum window - \$10
- Prints of Bill Goffrier paintings of the church - price varies depending on size.

If you are new to St. James, and haven't filled out a **Newcomers Card**, we would love to know more about you! Once we have a card from you, we will get a name badge ready for you for the following Sunday. The Newcomer cards are on the table in the main entrance to the church (red doors, parking lot side).

Upcoming SERVICES & EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:30 am and 10:45 am

Service of Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Breakfast Sunday,
St. Nicholas Bazaar, Santa

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30 am and 10:45 am

Service of Holy Eucharist

12:30 pm Greening the Church &
Children's Movie Special (lunch provided)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm: congregational signing, music, blessing of the crèche,
childcare in the nursery, and festive Holy Eucharist.

7:00 pm: choral and congregational singing, music, and festive Holy Eucharist.

11:00 pm: with music and incense; without congregational singing.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 am Service of Holy Eucharist
(One service only)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

No services will be held on
New Years Eve

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

8:30am and 10:45am
Service of Holy Eucharist

****We will have our 5:30pm**
Saturday services, except on
Christmas Eve & New Years Eve

WELCOME

**WHOEVER YOU ARE AND WHEREVER YOU FIND YOURSELF
ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.**

You will hear these words every week at St. James as we invite you to join us for the Word and Sacraments that are God's gifts to all. It does not matter who you are, what you look like, what you have done in the past, or who you love. God's grace is not petty; it is not earned. It is radical and universal. We at St. James seek to mirror God's healing love by making this community a safe place for skeptics, doubters, seekers, those who have been wounded by the church, those who have never darkened its doors, those who have wandered, as well as new believers and those who have never left. As a diverse community we have discovered in God a oneness greater than our differences. We have come to know that our variety reflects the divine comprehensiveness of God. Engaging God is a lifelong process. Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we believe God invites you to keep traveling. In some subtle or profound way, the Spirit of God drew you here. Our hearts are open to God and to you.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Rev. Dawn M. Frankfurt, Rector

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Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs

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The Rev. Joseph Bayles, The Rev. Sam Criss, Associated Priests

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If you're visiting, we welcome you and invite you to fill out a newcomer card. You can place it in the offering plate or give it to a clergy member on your way out. We'll have a name tag for your next visit.

Have you remembered the work of St. James in your planned giving?