



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLLEGE HILL, WICHITA, KS

5:30 PM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3; 8:30 AND 10:45 AM, SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 2022

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE PRELUDE *Shared at the 10:45 service*

Bells may be rung.

The People stand as the ministers enter.

THE PROCESSIONAL *Sung at the 10:45 service*

HYMN 65 *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

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

The hymn will be sung at the 10:45 service.

HYMN 56, vs. 1

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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.

Presider Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 11:1-10

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the

wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the

knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal

to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

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

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



- 1 Give the King your justice, O **God**, *
and your righteousness to the King's **Son**;
- 2 That he may rule your people **righteously** *
and the poor with **justice**;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the **people**, *
and the little hills bring **righteousness**.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the **people**; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the **op-pressor**.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon **endure**, *
from one generation to an-**other**.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown **field**, *
like showers that water the **earth**.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous **flourish**; *
there shall be abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no **more**.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of **Israel**, *
who alone does wondrous **deeds**!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for **ever**! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ROMANS 13:4-15

Reader A reading from the letter to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruc-

tion, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the

A Word about Worship Music

Each worship service at St. James Church has a unique character. The 5:30 p.m. service on Saturday is casual and usually does not include music. The 8:30 a.m. service currently has an organist three times per month. They play on the second, fourth, and fifth Sundays of the month. When there is not an organist at the early service, we capitalize on making room for silence and reflection to enrich our worship. It is rare not to have an organist and music at the 10:45 a.m. service. The late service is the principal worship service of the week and usually includes congregational hymn singing, sung service music (hymns at the front of the Hymnal beginning with the letter 'S'), the choir, the choristers (children's choir), the bell choir, and/or instrumentalists which add to the texture of our prayers. Attend the services which most appeal to you. If you come to the 8:30 a.m. service on Sundays, please let us know if you have an opinion about including Rite I language (see BCP pg. 323) occasionally at that service.

scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the

Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Meditation of Commitment

Christ, eternal Sun of justice, Christ, the rose of wisdom's seed, Come to bless with fire and fragrance hours of yearning, hurt, and need. In the lonely, in the stranger, in the outcast, hid from view: Child who comes to grace the manger, teach our hearts to welcome You.

—Mary Louise Bringle

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

HYMN 81 *Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming* ES IST EIN ROS

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:1-12

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was

locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do

not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for

repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Reader The Gospel of our Savior
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

PAUL LEEKER, WORSHIP LEADER

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.**

Advent

The first season of the church year, the season of Advent lasts for four weeks before Christmas. The name is derived from a Latin word for "coming." The season is a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord's nativity, and for the final coming of Christ "in power and glory." The candles on the Advent wreath are for Hope, Love, Joy, Peace. The readings and liturgies of the season direct us towards Christ's birth and coming again. The season challenges our modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement. The Four Last Things – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell – have been traditional themes for Advent meditation. The characteristic note of Advent is therefore expectation, rather than penitence. The anticipation of Christmas in the midst of secular and cultural influences can make it hard for us to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains 'Maranatha' – 'Our Lord, come' (1 Corinthians 16.22).

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Reader* Pour down, O heavens, from above,
People **and let the skies rain down righteousness.**
- Reader* Turn your fierce anger from us, O Lord, and remember not our sins for ever. Your holy cities have become a desert, Zion a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation; our holy and beautiful house, where our ancestors praised you.
- People* **Pour down, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.**
- Reader* We have sinned and become like one who is unclean; we have all withered like a leaf, and our iniquities like the wind have swept us away. You have hidden your face from us, and abandoned us to our iniquities.
- People* **Pour down, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.**
- Reader* You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know me and believe me. I myself am the Lord, and none but I can deliver; what my hand holds, none can snatch away.
- People* **Pour down, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.**
- Reader* Comfort my people, comfort them; my salvation shall not be delayed. I have swept your offences away like a cloud; fear not, for I will save you. I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your redeemer.
- People* **Pour down, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.**

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 In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of 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 We bear fruit worthy of our repentance when we give our tithes and offerings for the well-being of the poor.

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 *Shared at the 10:45 service*

Please stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

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

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.

First Sunday Giving

First Sunday Giving on the first Sunday of every month, the undesignated offering in the plate goes to support the discretionary fund accounts of our clergy. They use these gifts to assist parishioners in need, to give alms to the poor, and to support charitable causes.

Your Generosity

The gifts you give to St. James are tokens of the open-hearted love of God and this congregation. If you have not made a pledge to give to the church for 2023, please consider your opportunity to do so. There are blank pledge sheets in the back of the church and at the front desk. You may complete one and return it in the offering plate today, or return it by mail to the church office. No gift is too small. The vitality of our community depends on your willing participation. God bless you for your generosity.

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.

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

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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."

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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

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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.

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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.

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

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 *Shared and sung at the 10:45 service*

HYMN 60 *Creator of the Stars of Night* CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

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.**

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 *Sung at the 10:45 service*

HYMN 542 *Christ is the World's True Light* ST. JOAN

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All members of our parish community are asked to pray for everyone on our prayer list. If you have prayers 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.

Benediction

Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes. The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain into a world of love, of justice and of peace. The task is ours to do, to set it really free. O help us to obey and carry out your will.

—Enviado Soy de Dios, tr.
Jorge Maldonado, 1988

THE POSTLUDE

Shared at the 10:45 service

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector
The Ven. Jeff Roper, Archdeacon
Paul Leeker, Worship Leader
Warren Kim, Choir Director
Dean Roush, Organist
The St. James Choir

ADVENT CANDLES:

Peggy & Tom Zerger; Adrienne Edwards & Gary Cheever

ACOLYTES:

Jay Price; Claire Tanner

CHALICE BEARERS:

Adrienne Edwards; Jay Price; Necia Rillema; Robin Wilson

LECTORS:

Dana Stelter; Adrienne Edwards; John Robison; LoWaine Robison; Vicky Petty; Joan Moore; Megan Tyner; Richard Bowman

USHERS:

Kelly Harper; Paul Rillema; Mary Druding

*If you would like to give flowers for the altar to honor or memorialize loved ones, you can reserve a date by signing up on the sheet in the hallway or by calling or sending an email to the parish office, office@stjameswichita.org
Floral arrangements are \$80 and they should be paid for before the date you have chosen on the calendar.*

10:45 am service is streamed online by Wichita Livestream

PARISH PRAYERS

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

In the World Council of

Churches: Pray for Myanmar, Thailand

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Luke's, Shawnee

Our seminarian, Maddy Bishop

Those serving in the military:

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

Those who have recently died:

Pam McCausland; Gloria Jean Davis; Dan Dye; Astrid Ankenbrand

And those who have died in

Decembers past: Mary Albright; Holly Bell; Martha Black; Carl Brink; Charlotte Cochran; Dorcas Cooper; Flo Duncan; Peggy Duncan; Ruth T. Elrick; Pat Evans; Betty Holmer; Helen Hope; Tomora Jennings;

June E. Morell; Gladys Osborne; Tom Reid; Mary Rickman; Betty Robinson; Wanda Sanders; Margaret Sandlin; Elizabeth Sheffield; John Sheffield; Lois Smith; Ev Stephenson; Norris Taylor; Marcia Thudium; Mary Jo Watson; Richard Wingell

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

Brianna P.; Peer M.; 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, DECEMBER 5

5:30 pm - Contemplative Prayer Group
7:00 pm - Graduate EfM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

4:30 pm - Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

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 8

12:00 pm - St. James/St. Stephens Book Club
5:30 pm - Finance Committee

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

10:00 am - Memorial Service for Pam McCausland
10:45 am - Sack Lunch Saturday at St. John's Episcopal Church
5:30 pm - In-Person Worship Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:30 am - In-Person Worship Service
9:30 am - Breakfast & St. Nicholas Bazaar with Santa
10:45 am - In-Person and Online Worship Service
2:00 pm - Advent Lessons & Hymns at St. John's

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas 2022 Schedule

- Sunday December 11:
Breakfast Sunday, Santa,
St. Nicholas Bazaar
- Sunday December 18:
Greening of the Church &
Children's Movie Special
(Date may change)
- Saturday, December 24:
Christmas Eve services at
4:00pm, 7:00pm, and
11:00pm. (No 5:30pm
worship service)
- Sunday, December 25:
Christmas Day Holy
Eucharist at 10:00am (one
service only on
Christmas)
- Saturday, December 31:
No services will be held
on New Year's Eve
- Sunday, January 1:
Service of Holy Eucharist
at 8:30am and 10:45am

In this season of giving please consider giving the gift of life. **Join us this 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.

Sign up at the volunteer desk with friends or family to **light the candles on the Advent Wreath.** No special skills are needed!

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.

December 4th at 9:40 am between services we will have the **Daughters of the King meeting.** Janet Newlin will offer her Christmas presentation. Hope you can join us!

Seasonal Shopping at St. James: Available for purchase at the front desk until Christmas.

- 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.

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.

Santa is coming to Breakfast Sunday on Dec. 11th. Bring your favorite dish and come meet Santa! If you are new to St. James we have special tables just for you, look for the Newcomers sign on the tables.

Greening and Movie coming to St. James. In lieu of the Christmas pageant, we are having a special showing of the movie *The Star*. We will also decorate the church for Christmas during this time. Bring the family or yourself and enjoy this fellowship time. We will have popcorn for the moviegoers and pizza. The date and time are being determined but will happen sometime during the week of Dec. 18th.

Seasons Newsletter Correction! The Wichita Minster's **Advent Lessons & Hymns** will be at **St. John's Episcopal Church** on Dec. 11 at 2pm, not at Good Shepherd. Everyone is invited!

Lots of us have noted again and again the **dedicated service** of our sexton, **Jose Alonso**. 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 with his name on the memo line.

St. James/St. Stephen's Book Club meets at St. Stephen's every Thursday at noon. Contact Mary Sloan.

The GIVING TREE IS HERE!

PLEASE CHOOSE A TAG (OR TWO!)

WRAP YOUR GIFT

OR

SLIP THE GIFT CARD INTO AN ENVELOPE

TAPE THE STRING--WHICH IS ATTACHED TO YOUR GLITTERY OR SHINY NAME TAG-- ONTO THE PACKAGE OR ENVELOPE

(The tags are shaped like bells or trees and they have THE PERSON'S NAME ON THE BACK!)

**BRING YOUR WRAPPED AND TAGGED GIFT
or GIFT CARD (AND ALL FOOD ITEMS)
TO THE CHURCH BY NEXT SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 11**



THE YOUTH GROUP WILL ASSEMBLE THE 20 BASKETS ON Wednesday, December 14

FOR THE BEST PART OF ALL: Please sign up to deliver a basket or two on Sunday, December 18 (after the 10:45 service)

No time to shop?

Donations are greatly appreciated! They provide gift cards for the adults and children whose tags might still be on the tree. Please send checks to St. James Church, with "Giving Tree " or "Christmas Project" on the memo line.

THANK YOU!

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.

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If you are new to St. James, and haven't filled out a **Newcomer 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.

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