



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLLEGE HILL, WICHITA, KS

5:30 PM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10; 8:30 AND 10:45 AM, SUNDAY DECEMBER 11, 2022

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE PRELUDE

Prepare the Royal Highway

ROBERT LIND

Bells may be rung.

The People stand as the ministers enter.

THE PROCESSIONAL

HYMN 72

Hark! The Glad Sound!

RICHMOND

WELCOME

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

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 Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 35:1-10

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and

save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no

traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the

Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

THE RESPONSE *The Song of Mary: Magnificat* **CANTICLE 15**

The canticle may be read in unison, or alternately by whole or half verse.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
 the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his
 Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
 in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
 he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
 and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
 and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
 to Abraham and his children for ever.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON **JAMES 5:7-10**

Reader A reading from the letter of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, patient. Strengthen your hearts, for
until the coming of the Lord. The the coming of the Lord is near.
farmer waits for the precious crop Beloved, do not grumble against
from the earth, being patient with one another, so that you may not
it until it receives the early and the be judged. See, the Judge is
late rains. You also must be standing at the doors! As an

Meditation of Preparation

Joy is still present when life is hard. Christ comes for grieving people with broken homes and broken hearts. Christmas is the promise that God cares for children who hunger for food, the lonely who hunger for love and all who hunger for peace. The Word becomes flesh wherever there is sadness, fear or emptiness. God comes to be with us in our dark valleys, bind our broken hearts and carry us when we're tired and weary.

—Brett Younger

example of suffering and patience, spoke in the name of the Lord.
beloved, take the prophets who

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 640 *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* ABERYSWYTH

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 11:2-11

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

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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

Lord, we pray to you as our hemisphere moves to its darkest days: we look for the slant, misted light of a winter dawn, the light that brings hope to human kind. Lord of the dark,

People

We long for the light: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader

Lord, in moments of darkness for the Church, when we seem to be talking to ourselves instead of looking outwards, and are riven with dissension and difficulty, help us to remember that you have sustained the faith of your people from the beginning, and that, darkness is not dark to you, for in your sight, night is as light as day. Lord of the dark,

People

We long for the light: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader

Lord of creation, human society, and the Sovereign of those in authority, we wait with you to bear hope to earth's

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).

Meditation of Commitment

With joy draw water from the spring; salvation's living well. The Holy One is in your midst; glad praises sing and tell! With love the poor will be received; the proud will turn aside; And faithfulness will be a path, and righteousness the guide!

—Anne McKinstry

Reader

darkest places: where justice is destroyed, let righteousness rule. Where hope is crucified, let faith persist. Where peace is no more, let passion live on. Where truth is denied, let the struggle continue. Where laughter has dried up, let music play on. Lord of the dark,

People

We long for the light: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader

Lord, open our hearts and unblock our ears to those whom we live amongst. May we see your face in each neighbor, and help us to overcome our reserve so that we may offer the hand of friendship in your name, especially when there are many who are alone and long not to be. May your kingdom come on earth, and may it begin with each one of us. Lord of the dark,

People

We long for the light: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader

Lord, we pray for those going through dark times, whether these be physical, material or spiritual. We pray for those who can see no chink of light, no way out of their despair. May your clarity and power protect them and heal them, and give them hope for the future. Lord of the dark,

People

We long for the light: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader

Lord, we pray for those we know and love, for those who are unwell, and those who need comfort and strength. We remember especially (allow silence for personal intercession): _____. We pray you to surround those who mourn, with your never-failing compassion, welcome into eternal life those who have died, and assure us of the freedom and wholeness now experienced by those we love, but see no longer, especially (allow silence for personal intercession): _____. We also pray for children in the faith who are learning the true story and meaning of Christmas this advent. Lord of the dark,

People

We long for the light: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

Leader Mighty God: We rejoice with the blessed virgin Mary at the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Pour out your Spirit on us and fill us with an abundance of faith that we might receive your blessing and your 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 The greatest gift is on the way.

People **May we respond to that gift with our own gifts, offering our lives to the Lord.**

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.

Text Giving

You can now give to St. James using your mobile device!

Text **StJamesWichita** and the amount you want to give to **73256**

Click the link that is sent back to you.

Complete your gift using the online form provided.

[Example Message](#)

To: 73256

Text: StJamesWichita \$75

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

8:30 am

Veni Emmanuel

ARR. JOEL RANEY

10:45 am

Prepare Ye the Way

JAMES E. MOORE, JR.

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.

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 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."

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.

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 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 *Shared at 10:45 service*

Veni Emmanuel ARR. JOEL RANEY

COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN 53 *Once He Came in Blessing* GOTTES SOHN IST KOMMEN

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

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.

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.

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

HYMN 265 *The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came* GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

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.**

THE POSTLUDE *Prelude from 'Prelude and Fugue in C, no. 1'* J.S. BACH

Benediction

All the broken hearts shall rejoice; all those who are heavy laden, whose eyes are tired and do not see, shall be lifted up to meet with the motherly healer. The battered souls and bodies shall be healed; the hungry shall be fed; the imprisoned shall be free; all her earthly children shall regain joy in the reign of the just and loving one coming for you coming for me in this time in this world.

—Sun Ai Park

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector
The Ven. Jeff Roper, Archdeacon
Shannon Johnston, Worship Leader
Christy Manning, Organist
Kennedy Compton, Choristers Director
The Choristers

ADVENT CANDLES:

Susie Stallings, Whipple family

ACOLYTES:

Allie Mutzke, Celia Blair

CHALICE BEARERS:

Sandra Bradley, Deb Bagby, Danny Blair

LECTORS:

Necia Rillema, Dave McDonald, Woody Swain, Judy Goodpasture, Diane
Schawe, Mary Halley

USHERS:

Barbara Orsak, Woody Swain, Johnson Olanya, Jeanne Kroeker

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and in memory of
Lee & Larry Osmond, by their children*

10:45 am service is streamed online by Wichita Livestream

PARISH PRAYERS

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya

In the World Council of

Churches: Pray for Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Calvary, Yates Center

Our seminarian, Maddy Bishop

Those serving in the military:

Will Corkins, Maureen Tanner

Those who have recently died:

Emily Swain Smith; Pam McCausland; Gloria Jean Davis; Dan Dye

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.; Kai; Ron D.; John R.; Marge Rine & family; Janet R.; Wes R.; Phil S., Celia B.; Sylvester; Darwin P.; Sharon & Jerry; Jan. M., Edna & James; 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 12

5:30 pm - Contemplative Prayer Group

7:00 pm - Graduate EfM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

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 15

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

5:00 pm - Vestry

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

5:30 pm - In-Person Worship Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30 am - In-Person Worship Service

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

12:30 pm - Greening & Children's Movie Special

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

In an attempt to **express our gratitude** to our sexton, **Jose Alonso**, for his dedicated service and the many things he does for us, 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, or give using the new online giving form on our website.

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!

The **youth group** is needing more adult volunteers to help this spring semester. We meet 7:00-8:00 pm on Wednesday nights. We need at least **one more adult leader** to help in order to offer this program. Anne has everything planned, just need another adult to keep within Safeguarding God's Children requirements. If interested contact Chelsea in the office or Anne at 816-797-6177 or aws1155@yahoo.com.

Online giving has been updated at St. James! It is now easier than ever to set-up recurring payments or one-time gifts using Realm. You can give by logging into your Realm account and selecting **Giving**, or by going to our website, www.stjameswichita.org, and clicking the **Give Now** button on the top-right of the screen.

This makes it **especially easy** to give to for **special gifts** such as Jose's bonus, the Giving Tree, or Christmas Greens. *Note: If you turned in your 2023 pledge with the authorization form filled out, please do not enter your recurring payment for 2023 yourself! Staff will be entering the 2023 information this month, and if we received an authorization form from you, we will be entering it. If you enter your recurring payment too, you will be double-charged. Questions? Contact Krystal at office@stjameswichita.org*

Sign-up to help in the office

Dec. 27-30 while Krystal is on vacation. The office is that Monday due to Christmas, and office hours are reduced to 10am-2pm the rest of the week. If you can sit at the volunteer desk answering phones and the door, it would really help the rest of the staff. A sign up is on the volunteer desk, or you can email the office.

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.

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

Christmas 2022 Schedule

- Sunday December 11: Breakfast Sunday, Santa, St. Nicholas Bazaar
- Sunday December 18: Greening of the Church & Children's Movie Special from 12:30-2pm
- Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve services at 4:00pm, 7:00pm, and 11:00pm. The 11:00pm service will have incense. (No 5:30pm worship service on Christmas Eve)
- 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

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?