



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLLEGE HILL, WICHITA, KS

5:30 PM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 8:30 AND 10:45 AM, SUNDAY DECEMBER 18, 2022

THE FOURTH 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.*

O Come, O Come Emanuel

ARR. L SMITH

Bells may be rung.

The People stand as the ministers enter.

THE PROCESSIONAL *Sung at the 10:45 service.*

HYMN 57

Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

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

Hymn is spoken at 5:30 & 8:30. Sung at 10:45.

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.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 7:10-16

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the

young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Reader The Word of the Lord *or*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE*Qui regis Israel***PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18***Spoken at 5:30 & 8:30. Sung at 10:45**The psalm may be read in unison, or alternately by whole or half verse.*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a **flock**; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the **cherubim**.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma-**nasseh**, *
stir up your strength and come to **help us**.
- 3 Restore us, O God of **hosts**; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **saved**.
- 4 O Lord God of **hosts**, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your **people**?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of **tears**; *
you have given them bowls of tears to **drink**.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our **neighbors**, *
and our enemies laugh us to **scorn**.
- 7 Restore us, O God of **hosts**; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **saved**.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right **hand**, *
the son of man you have made so strong for your-**self**.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from **you**; *
give us life, that we may call upon your **Name**.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of **hosts**; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **saved**.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**ROMANS 1:1-7***Reader* A reading from the letter to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David

according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring

Meditation of Preparation

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

—From the Advent liturgy in
the New Zealand Prayer
Book

about the obedience of faith
among all the Gentiles for the sake
of his name, including yourselves
who are called to belong to Jesus
Christ, To all God's beloved in

Rome, who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

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 444 *Blessed be the God of Israel* THORNBURY
Please stand as you are able and turn to face the Gospel with reverence for the Word.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 1:18-25

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

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

Now the birth of Jesus the
Messiah took place in this way.
When his mother Mary had been
engaged to Joseph, but before they
lived together, she was found to be
with child from the Holy Spirit.
Her husband Joseph, being a
righteous man and unwilling to
expose her to public disgrace,
planned to dismiss her quietly. But
just when he had resolved to do
this, an angel of the Lord
appeared to him in a dream and
said, "Joseph, son of David, do
not be afraid to take Mary as your
wife, for the child conceived in her

is from the Holy Spirit. She will
bear a son, and you are to name
him Jesus, for he will save his
people from their sins." All this
took place to fulfill what had been
spoken by the Lord through the
prophet: "Look, the virgin shall
conceive and bear a son, and they
shall name him Emmanuel," which
means, "God is with us." When
Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as
the angel of the Lord commanded
him; he took her as his wife, but
had no marital relations with her
until she had borne a son; and he
named him Jesus.

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

THE SERMON

THE VEN. JEFF ROPER, ARCHDEACON

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

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

—Timothy Dudley-Smith

Presider 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.**

CONFESSON 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**

All **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

Presider This is a table of love, not of fear, but you don't have to be fearless to come here. This is a table of joy, not of sadness, but you don't have to be joyful to come here. This is a table of peace, not of anger, but you don't have to feel at peace to come here. This is a table of hope, not of despair, but you don't have to be hopeful to come here. All are welcome at this table. You are welcome at this table. God is with us at this table.

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.

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Shared at the 10:45 service.*

Still, Still, Still

KEITH & BERGMAN

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 PRESENTATION

Presider All things come of you, O God.

All **And of your own have we given you.**

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 power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes 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."

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

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 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 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take 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 *Sung at 10:45 service*

HYMN 66 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* STUTTGART

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.**

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 either the bread or the wine.

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

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 10:45 service*

PG. 13

People Look East

BESANCON CAROL

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 *Shared at 10:45 service*

People Look East

ARR. K LANGOLIS

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector

The Ven. Jeff Roper, Archdeacon

Warren Kim, Choir Director

Marcia Hansen, Organist

The St. James Choir

ADVENT CANDLES:

Jay Price; the Whipple family

ACOLYTES:

Deb Bagby; Jason Fletcher

CHALICE BEARERS:

Dana Stelter; Deb Bagby; Jay Price; Michael Kephart

LECTORS:

Dave McDonald; Kelly Harper; John Robison; Robin Henry; Paul Leeker; Megan Tyner

USHERS:

LoWaine Robison; Racine Zackula; Deb Hager; Mary Druding

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Caroline Rowley, by Bruce Rowley

PEOPLE LOOK EAST



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
 2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
 4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
 5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



PARISH PRAYERS

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea

In the World Council of

Churches: Pray for China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Thomas the Apostle, Overland Park

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; 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 19

5:30 pm - Contemplative Prayer Group

7:00 pm - Graduate EfM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

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 22

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

5:30 pm - Endowment Funds Board

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service

7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service

11:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 am - Christmas Holy Eucharist

Office hours between Christmas and New Year's: Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Greening and Children's Movie

is **this Sunday, Dec. 18** at 12:30 pm. We will decorate the church for Christmas, and have a special showing of the movie *The Star* during this time. Bring the family or yourself and enjoy this fellowship time. We will have popcorn for the moviegoers and pizza.

There is still time contribute to an end-of-year bonus for our sexton, Jose Alonso. Jose does so many things for St. James. He is truly irreplaceable. An end of year bonus is one way we can **express our gratitude**. You can write a check to St. James with his name on the memo line, or give online by selecting the **Special Gift** fund.

Sign-up to help in the office

Dec. 27-30 while Krystal is on vacation. The office is closed 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.

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 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*

Looking for an easy way to access Realm? If you aren't using the **Realm Connect** app, you can now find a log-in button on the home page of the St. James website, www.stjameswichita.org. Click **Realm Login** at the top-right of the homepage, next to the **Give Now** button.

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 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. The 11pm service will have incense. (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

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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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Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs

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Jose Alonso, Sexton

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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?