



# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## COLLEGE HILL, WICHITA, KS

10:00 AM, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

### THE FEAST OF CHRISTMAS DAY

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

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST

#### THE PRELUDE

*In dulci jubilo*

J.S. BACH

*Bells may be rung.*

*The People stand as the ministers enter.*

#### THE PROCESSIONAL

#### HYMN 79

*O little town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

#### WELCOME & OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* The heavens and the earth are rejoicing.

*People* **Let all creation sing to God.**

*Presider* Let the seas roar and the trees of the forest sing.

*People* **Let all creation sing to God.**

*Presider* For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

*People* **Let us sing to God a new song. Let all creation sing to God.**

#### THE GLORIA

#### HYMN S277

*Gloria in excelsis*

HURD

*All* **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### 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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider* Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Savior Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 62:6-12

*Reader* A reading from Prophet Isaiah.

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who

gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

*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 97**

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

- 1 The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; \*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O Lord.
- 9 For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON****TITUS 3:4-7**

*Reader* A reading from the letter to Titus.

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy

Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Spirituality of Incarnation**

Episcopalians root their theology in the doctrine of the Incarnation, that God came among us as one of us. As people of the Incarnation, the idea that we can exclude God from creation, or that there are places where God is 'not allowed,' is nonsensical, and borders on heresy. God is everywhere. We are in God. We may ignore God's presence, but there is no way we can keep God out. God is with us whether we deserve or not; whether we respond or not. God is present in rollicking carolers and God is present to those who suffer and grieve. This is the Incarnation. God is with us: Emmanuel.

**THE GOSPEL HYMN**

**HYMN 101**

*Away in a manger*

CRADLE SONG

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**LUKE 2:1-20**

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you

good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*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

*Leader* Through you, light of all people, all things came into being. Everything you touched came alive.

*Leader* We pray today for your creation: for roaring seas, for singing hills, and clapping floods.

*People* **You became flesh and made a home among us.**

*Leader* We pray for the world and those who live in it: small birds and blue whales, fungi and bacteria, palm trees and pine trees, bees and pollen.

*People* **You became flesh and made a home among us.**

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](mailto: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.

*Leader* We pray today especially for (allow *silence for personal intercession*): \_\_\_\_\_. We pray for your people: young kids, businesspeople, artists, scientists, wanderers, and doubters.

*People* **You became flesh and made a home among us.**

*Leader* We pray for those who laugh like you laughed, who suffer like you suffered, who love like you loved, and we trust that you understand their giggles, their tears, and their sighs.

*People* **You became flesh and made a home among us.**

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*Presider* God of glory, your goodness and loving-kindness have come to dwell among us, and salvation has knocked on our door. We can't wait to tell the world about this child, this joy we can't contain, this hope that came alive. Open our mouths and stretch out our arms, so we may sing your praises and embrace the child in a manger. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **THE PEACE**

*Leader* On this day, gratitude overflows from our hopeful hearts, for the yoke of our burden, the bar across our shoulders, the rod of our oppressor have been shattered - through peace, through justice, through righteousness, through a child.

*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* Set the table of grace, bring additional chairs, and make a bountiful meal - for angels and shepherds, entire oceans and forests, and everything that lives in the air are coming to celebrate the arrival of the Prince of Peace.

*People* **Let us bring our gifts to God, joining the joyful song of creation.**

## 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 *Ave Maria*

*Please stand as the offering is brought to the altar.*

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

### HYMN 112, v. 4 *In the bleak midwinter* CRANHAM

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what can I give him - give my heart.

## THE PRESENTATION

*Presider* All things come of you, O God.  
*All* **And of your own have we given you.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*Presider* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**  
*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of

## 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

*Presider* the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim to the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS

*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* Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Presider* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.



*Presider* Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for 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.**

## THE FRACTION

*Presider* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## 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

*Silent Night*

TOM ROED

## HYMN 109

*The first Nowell*

THE FIRST NOWELL

*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* **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*Presider* May Almighty God, who sent Jesus to be incarnate in human nature, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of holiness. **Amen.**

*Presider* May God, who sent angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

*Presider* May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you peace and favor. **Amen.**

*Presider* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## THE CLOSING HYMN

**HYMN 100**

*Joy to the world!*

ANTIOCH

## 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

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector  
Paul Leeker, Lay Worship Leader  
Christy Manning, Organist  
Richard Bowman, Soloist

**LECTORS:**

Richard Bowman, Barbara Orsak, Paul Leeker

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**THE CHRISTMAS GREENS & POINSETTIAS ADORNING THE CHURCH  
ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND...**

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- In loving memory of Marjorie Skinner Scott, Art Hager, and Sallie Hager by Paula Skinner and Deb Hager..
- In thanksgiving for our family, and in loving memory of our departed loved ones by Terry and Janet Newlin.
- In thanksgiving for all the blessings in our lives and our St. James family by Tom and Diane Gossen.
- In loving memory of Bill Taylor by Marilyn Taylor..
- In thanksgiving for the Siefkes and Moore families by Joan, Gracie, Eve, and Noelle Moore.
- In thanksgiving for the gift of my husband, Kurt, by Dana Stelter.
- In loving memory of Caroline Rowley by her loving family; Bruce, William, and Madeline.
- In loving memory of Aunt Misty - thank you for our Special Bear XOXO by the Weber family.
- In loving memory of Jim and Betty Bowman, Paul Edwards, and Francis and Peggy Schmidt by Richard and Peg Bowman.
- In loving memory of our deceased loved ones by Mary and Delmar Klocke.
- In thanksgiving for Fred Swafford, and in loving memory of Jayne Milburn and Pamela D. Kingsbury by Stephen Gleissner..
- In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren, and in loving memory of our son, Ryan, and our dear mothers, Nelda Ellington and Patricia Reep, by Amy and Danny Reep.
- In loving memory of my wife, Nelda, and grandson, Ryan Reep, and in thanksgiving for my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren by Howard Ellington.
- In loving memory of Cheryl Porter by Barbara Orsak.
- In loving memory of Charles and Evelyn Tanner by Gerry and Terry House.
- In loving memory of Dick Williams by Diana Williams.
- In loving memory of Roy, Mary and David Selenius by Dottie Evans.
- In thanksgiving for our families and in loving memory of Leonard Druding and his parents, Martha and Henry, Russell McKennan, Katherine and Russell McKennan (Sr.) by Mary Druding and Jeanne Kroeker..

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**THE CHRISTMAS GREENS & POINSETTIAS ADORNING THE CHURCH  
ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND...**

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- In thanksgiving for my mom, my children, my dear friends, our health, and our prosperity, and in loving memory of my dad, Bruce, and my grandparents, Joseph and Lucille, and the many others who loved me and worshipped God by Diane Schawe.
- In thanksgiving for renewed health by Marcia and Lowell Wilder.
- In thanksgiving for family and friends and good health, and in loving memory of our parents, Don and Mary Curry and Glen and Tessie Zerger by Peg and Tom Zerger..
- In loving memory of Patricia Bayles by Fr. Joseph Bayles.
- In thanksgiving for my grandchildren: Aidan, Riley, Jordan, and Quinn Hartman by Susie Stallings.
- In loving memory of Colleen “Coke” Didier by Jennifer King.
- In thanksgiving for our loving family, St. James clergy, staff, and the many caring church families by Robin and Jane Spurrier..
- In loving memory of Richard Coleman Clausen and Astrid Ankenbrand by Ken and Tammy Breeden.
- In loving memory of my parents, Floyd and Eva Fairleigh by Lisa Fairleigh.
- In loving memory of my father, Clifford Beard, by Joan Bledsoe.
- In honor of Dawn Frankfurt’s ministry by her parents, Kris and Bill Frankfurt.

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## PARISH PRAYERS

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**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Anglican Church of  
Melanesia

**In the World Council of**

**Churches:** Pray for Japan, North  
Korea, South Korea

**In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Stephen's, Wichita

**Our seminarian,** Maddy Bishop

**Those serving in the military:**

Will Corkins, Maureen Tanner

**Those who have recently died:**

Ron Harrison; 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:**

Roberta P.; John O. and family;  
Darwin P. and family; Delmar;  
Diana M.; Kelly H.; Brianna P.;  
Peer M.; Drew H.; Kai; Ron D.;  
John R.; Marge Rine & family;  
Janet R.; Wes R.; Phil S., Celia B.;  
Sylvester; 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.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**

*Office Closed*

5:30 pm - Contemplative Prayer Group

7:00 pm - Graduate EfM

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

10:00 am - Welcome Committee

6:00 pm - Choristers Rehearsal

6:30 pm - Education for Ministry

7:00 pm - Middle & High School Youth  
Group

7:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29**

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**

*No Saturday Worship Service*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

8:30 am - In-Person Worship Service

9:30 am - Children's Sunday School

10:45 am - Children's Chapel

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

*Office hours between Christmas and New  
Years: Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm*

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Children's Sunday School & Children's Chapel** are next Sunday, January 1 starting at 9:30 am. Questions? Contact Chelsea, [formation@stjameswichita.org](mailto:formation@stjameswichita.org). All children (ages preschool - 5th grade) are welcome!

The **church office** will have reduced hours between Christmas and New Year's. The office will be **closed** on Monday, December 26, and will be open from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, December 27-30. Krystal will be on vacation that week, and will return phone calls and emails when she gets back after the new year.

**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](http://www.stjameswichita.org), and clicking the **Give Now** button on the top-right of the screen. The 2023 pledges have been entered, and if you filled out the authorization form, your payments for 2023 have been set up accordingly. Log in to Realm to check it out! *Note: If you turned in your 2023 pledge with the authorization form filled out with your credit card/ bank account information, please do not enter your recurring payment. If you enter your recurring payment too, you will be double-charged. Questions? Contact Krystal at [office@stjameswichita.org](mailto:office@stjameswichita.org)*

**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.

# WELCOME

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

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

### **ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Loving ~ Liberating ~ Life-Giving**

The Rev. Dawn M. Frankfurt, Rector

The Ven. Jeff Roper, Archdeacon

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