



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

College Hill, Wichita, Kansas

5:30 PM, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

8:30 AM AND 10:45 AM, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Masks are welcome, but not required.

If making manual acts is part of your piety, these symbols indicate appropriate times (among others) to make these motions.

✠ - reverence (bow)

✚ - sign of the cross

HOLY EUCHARIST

THE PRELUDE

Shared on Sunday.

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

ARR. JOHN LEAVITT

Bells may be rung. The people stand as they are able.

THE OPENING HYMN

HYMN 57

Please remain standing. Sung on Sunday.

“Lo! He comes, with clouds ascending”

HELMSLEY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

HYMN 56, v. 1-2

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

Please remain standing as you are able. Sung on Sunday.

“O Come O Come Emmanuel”

VENI VENI EMMANUEL

WELCOME & OPENING ACCLAMATION

Please remain standing.

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.

Manual Acts

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Our Language

At St. James Church we use language which we hope expands our sense of God and includes all people as beloved children of God.

First Sunday Giving

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

KYRIE

Please remain standing. Spoken at 5:30 & 8:30. Sung at 10:45.

“Kyrie eleison”

Presider Kyrie eleison.

All **Christe eleison.**

Presider Kyrie eleison.

HYMN S86

DAVID HURD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please remain standing.

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 64: 1-9

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do

right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do

not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, forever. Now consider, we are all
and do not remember iniquity your people.

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 80:1-7, 16-18

Please remain seated. Spoken at 5:30 & 8:30. The psalm may be spoken in unison, or responsively by whole or half verse. Sung at 10:45 by the choir. The people may join the choir in singing the psalm.



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading¹ Joseph like a¹ flock; *
shine forth, you that are en¹throned up¹ on the¹ cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim,¹ Benjamin,¹ and Ma¹nasseh, *
stir up your¹ strength and¹ come to¹ help us.
- †3 Restore us, O¹ God of¹ hosts; *
show the light of your¹ countenance, and¹ we shall be¹ saved.
- 4 O LORD¹ God of¹ hosts, *
how long will you be angered
de¹ spite the¹ prayers of your¹ people?
- 5 You have fed them with the¹ bread of¹ tears; *
you have given them¹ bowls of¹ tears to¹ drink.
- 6 You have made us the de¹ rision of our¹ neighbors, *
and our¹ enemies¹ laugh us to¹ scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O¹ God of¹ hosts; *
show the light of your¹ countenance, and¹ we shall be¹ saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the¹ man of your¹ right hand, *
the son of man you have¹ made so¹ strong for your¹ self.
- 17 And so will we never¹ turn a¹ way from you; *
give us life, that we may¹ call up¹ on your¹ Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD¹ God of¹ hosts; *
show the light of your¹ countenance, and¹ we shall be¹ saved.

Advent in Liturgy

There is a common theme in the Gospel readings of Advent. They focus on preparation or making straight the path of the Lord, and remind us of the importance of preparing our hearts for Our Savior and making room for Christ's presence in our lives. The liturgical color used in advent is blue (similar to the purple of Lent), and represents prayer, penance, and preparation for the coming of Christ both on Christmas Day and at the second coming.

Saying the Psalm

Each numbered verse of a psalm has two parts, half verses, which are marked in the middle by an asterisk. When we are not singing or saying the psalm in unison, we say it antiphonally. The Reader announces the way we will say the psalm, either in unison, or responsively by whole or half verse. The Reader always begins the first verse. If we read by half verse, then the congregation says the portion of the verse following the asterisk. When reading by whole verse, the Reader says the first whole verse, and the congregation says the next whole verse. This provides a rhythmical back-and-forth between Reader and the People.

Gospels of the Liturgical Year

The new church year (Year B) starts with the season of Advent on December 2 & 3. We have spent the last year in liturgical Year A. It highlighted the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, the primary gospel used is that of Mark. In Advent 2024, Year C will begin with its focus on the gospel of Luke. Through all liturgical years the gospel of John is a supplement to the year's gospel. In worship at St. James, we follow the Revised Common Lectionary and usually read Scripture lessons from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Gospel in Liturgy

In the Episcopal liturgy, the gospel is the final reading from Holy Scripture at the Eucharist. It is proclaimed by a gospeler in holy orders. The 2nd Council of Nicaea in 787 decreed that icons, crosses, and gospel books could be venerated as sacred images, just as the incarnate Christ is the image of the invisible God. Today, many still choose to venerate the gospel book by bowing in reverence as it comes near.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Reader A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that

you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

HYMN 64

Please stand as you are able. Sung at 10:45.

“O heavenly Word, eternal Light”

O HEILAND REISS

✙ *As the gospel book passes by. Please turn to face the Gospel with reverence for the Word.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 13:24-37

Please stand as you are able.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its

leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey,

when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in

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

the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

THE SERMON

THE VEN. JEFF ROPER, ARCHDEACON

Please be seated. At the conclusion of the sermon a moment of silent reflection is observed.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Please stand as you are able.

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 Historic Creed

We say the Creed as our response to the Word of God. In these historic words, we take ownership of the Creed’s cosmic narrative about God’s disclosure to humanity. It affirms the source of everything that is including the story of Jesus becoming human. Its conclusion affirms the work of the Holy Spirit in the church, in one baptism, and in our hope for the life to come. The Nicene Creed is a sign of unity with Christians throughout all times and places. Though originally composed at an ancient time (325 CE), it expresses key insights into the nature of God and creation. This version follows the Greek original precisely by saying “was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,” to emphasize that Mary was an active participant in the Incarnation. The words “and the Son,” were not a part of the original Greek text of the Creed and are not included. At its General Convention of 1988 The Episcopal Church said they favored this omission. The decision was later approved by the Lambeth Conference of the Anglican Communion.

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

Reader Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

Reader That God's reign may be brought in with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader That God may establish among the nations God's scepter of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize Our Savior in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen. In our hearts and with our voices we lift in prayer those who are sick, suffering, or in any adversity:

_____.

Reader Let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, especially: _____.

Reader Let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our divine Creator: _____.

Silence.

Prisider Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of your redeeming work; for Christ is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.
Amen.

That blank space in the PoP

A pause in speaking the prayers is often taken during the Prayers of the People. At such times, you are invited to add your own intercessions to the prayers of the congregation either silently or aloud.

An Advent Wreath

Advent wreaths are traditionally made from evergreen branches and have four candles with a fifth in the center. The evergreen color of the wreath stands for ongoing hope and life because Christ is alive among us, and through him we are given a life of grace, spiritual growth, and hope – even in the midst of winter. The Advent wreath originated from a pagan European tradition of lighting candles during the winter to ask the sun god to return with light and warmth. The circle of the wreath is a geometric figure that has neither a beginning nor an end. It symbolizes that the love of God does not have a beginning or an end; it encompasses unity and eternity. It is a sign of the unending love of God and that loving our neighbors must never stop.

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.**

INVITATION TO THE PEACE

Please stand as you are able.

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 neighbors.

After greeting, please be seated for the announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

The Peace

This is a liturgical exchange of greeting and is a sign of reconciliation, love, and renewed relationships in the Christian community. Initiated by the Presider, who says, "The peace of Christ be always with you," the people respond, "And also with you." The gesture of Peace has been expressed in a variety of ways, including a kiss on the cheek, an embrace, a handclasp, or a bow. This is an ancient Christian practice. It has been associated with Romans 16:16, "Greet one another with a holy kiss," and similar passages.

The Power of Prayer

Sharing announcements when we are together for worship is a sign of vital parish life. We try to balance that vigor with the current of liturgical energy which moves us from our initial gathering to the altar and the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. Brief, necessary announcements in this season attempts to allow the spirit of our worship prayer to continue unbroken.

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

Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

Candles on the Advent Wreath

The three blue- and one rose-colored candle stand for the four weeks of Advent. The fifth, white candle in the center of the wreath is the Christ Candle. It is lit on Christmas Day. Candles have extensive ceremonial use in the Christian liturgical tradition. Lighted candles symbolize the light of Christ (or the light of the gospel); they remind us that the time and space of worship are sacred. The progressive lighting of the candles represents the expectation and hope surrounding our Savior's coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming at the end of the age when the reign of God will be established for ever.

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

Please remain seated.

Presider Our hope for peace, like Isaiah's vision long ago, is expressed in the ministry of this church, where God's children can come to learn to walk in the paths of God... and we give our gifts today in hope for the future and in gratitude for what has been. Let us gather our gifts together and present them as an offering to God:

THE OFFERTORY

On Sunday, please remain seated as the people's offering of bread and wine is brought forward. During the offertory music, the alms basins are passed in the pews.

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC

Please remain seated. Shared on Sunday.

8:30 am "In the Bulb there is a flower"

NATALIE SLEETH

10:45 am "Watch Now"

RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

HYMN 62, v. 1

Please stand as you are able and the ushers bring the People's offering to the altar.

Sung on Sunday.

"Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us"

WACHET AUF

THE PRESENTATION

Please remain standing.

Presider All things come of you, O God.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Please remain standing.

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Presider

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

THE SANCTUS

HYMN S124

Please remain standing. Spoken at 5:30 & 8:30. Sung at 10:45.

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

DAVID HURD

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 kneel or stand.

Presider

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in ✙ Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember Christ’s death, We proclaim Christ’s resurrection, We await Christ’s coming in glory;**

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

The Candle of Prophecy/ Hope

The first candle is sometimes called the candle of prophecy because it symbolizes the promises the prophets delivered as messages from God; promises that foretold Christ’s birth. Others consider the candle to be a symbol of the hope we have in Christ and so it is called the Hope candle.

The Candle of the Way

The second candle shows that Christ is the Way. Without God, humanity is lost. Christ is the Light of the world and shows us the way out of darkness.

The Candle of Joy

The rose-colored candle is illuminated on the third Sunday of Advent, which is known as Gaudete Sunday. This Sunday is a day for rejoicing and joy as the faithful draw near to the birth of Jesus. The only lasting Joy to be found in life on earth is through Christ. All other joy is fleeting and does not last.

The Candle of Peace

The fourth candle reminds that Jesus comes to bring Peace to the world and to people’s hearts. Without Christ there is no peace in this world.

The Christ Candle

The fifth candle represents Christ himself who was born to save people. It is a celebration of the fulfilment of prophecy as represented in Christ’s birth and hope in its final fulfilment when Christ comes again and establishes the reign of God for ever.

Eucharist

The sacrament of the Eucharist is the principal act of Christian worship in our church. The term is from the Greek, “thanksgiving.” Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper where he shared bread and wine at a sacred meal with his disciples. Christ’s sacrifice is made present in the Eucharist, and in it we are united to his one self-offering. The grace bestowed in Holy Communion augments (deepens, increases) faith, forgives sin, and strengthens of our charity. Everyone who seeks a deeper knowledge of Christ is welcome to receive the sacrament.

Presider

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of ✙ Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, ✙ being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with The Blessed Virgin Mary, James, all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through ✙ Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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

Please remain kneeling or standing.

Presider

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

Please stand as you are able. Spoken at all services.

Presider

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please remain standing.

Presider

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please be 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, indicate your choice by crossing your hands over your chest.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Shared on Sunday.

“Variation on, ‘Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein” KENNETH MANSFIELD

COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN 616

Please be seated. Sung at 10:45.

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

A moment of silence is observed following Communion.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Please kneel or 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.**

SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)

Please remain kneeling or standing. Eucharistic Visitors come forward.

Clergy In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

THE BLESSING FOR ADVENT

Please stand as you are able.

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

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

Communion in One Kind

Our doctrine upholds the truth that the fullness of communion is available by receiving either the consecrated bread or wine. Communicants receive both the body and the blood in either the consecrated bread or the wine, though all are invited (as they are able) to receive both kinds. Our belief in the fullness of communion in one kind (bread or wine) is called the doctrine of concomitance. The term concomitance comes from the Latin, “to accompany.”

Presider 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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 265

Please remain standing. Sung on Sunday.

“The angel Gabriel from heaven came”

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

THE DISMISSAL

Please remain standing.

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 on Sunday.

“Improv. of ‘Gabriel’s Message’”

DAKOTA BENNETT

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Janie Moore, by the Moore family.

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

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector
The Ven. Jeff Roper, Archdeacon
Dakota Bennett, Organist
Chase Moore, Lay Worship Leader
St. James Choir

SATURDAY, 5:30 PM

Chalice Bearer - Adrienne Edwards
Lector - Terry Anderson

SUNDAY, 8:30 AM

Acolyte - Jay Price
Chalice Bearer - Jay Price
Lector - LoWaine Robison, Jeffrey Newlin
Usher - Janet Newlin, Woody Swain

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

Acolyte - Michael Kephart
Chalice Bearer - Michael Kephart, Necia Rillema
Lector - Necia Rillema, Richard Bowman
Usher - Johnson Olanya, Paul Rillema
10:45 am service is streamed online by Wichita Livestream

PARISH PRAYERS

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of North India (United)

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer: Myanmar, Thailand

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. Luke's, Shawnee

Our seminarian, Maddy Bishop

Those discerning a call to the priesthood: Paul Leeker, Elizabeth Wenger

Those serving in the military: Davis Jackson; Will Corkins; Maureen Tanner

Those in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity: Hazel S.; Stephen G.; Allie; Sabrina; Kris S.; Marlene H.; Pat B.; Judy; Greta P.; Larry R.; Jodie and family; Marilyn T.; The Simon family; Nancy C.; The Gilbert family; Jeri M.; Philippa P.; Delmar K.; Drew H.; Joe B.; Deanna P.; Elena S.; Gus G.; Edna & James; Darwin P; Mike & Perry G.; Jerry M.; Bella P.; Janet R.; Racine; Steve; Raymond; Ann B.; Curtis L.; Dalrona; Jan D.; Daimon; Heather; Roger; Robin H.; Anna; Jeremy, Christopher H.; Dick & Judy M.; Liz; Jaime; John O. and family; Brianna P.; Peer M.; Ron D.; John R.; Marge R.; Phil S., Celia B.; Sylvester; Sharon & Jerry; Jan M., Andy S.; Pat; Deb H.; Jayne P.; Barbara H.; Helen B., Bill & Carolyn, Dave W.; Carole; Sue C.; Joan J.; Martha L.; Marcia & Lowell; Joseph B.

Those who have recently died: Hollis S.; Jill Spohn; Mark T.; Grady Hughes; Jay Truett; Karen McBrayer

Some 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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:30 pm - Contemplative Prayer Group

7:00 pm - Graduate EfM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 pm - Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

5:30 pm - Choir Dinner

6:00 pm - Gospel of Mark

6:00 pm - Choristers

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:30 pm - In-Person Worship Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30 am - In-Person Worship Service

9:30 am - Breakfast Sunday

10:45 am - In-Person & Online Worship

12:30 pm - DOK Christmas Party

5:30 pm - Lessons & Carols

6:30 pm - Youth Group

Birthdays & Anniversaries

In 2024 we will begin celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries on the first Sunday of each month (for the month to come). If your birthday or anniversary is that month, please stand and be recognized in the service.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, December 3 is Children's Sunday School and Children's Chapel starting at 9:30 am upstairs in the Kidz Zone. All kids in preschool- 5th grade are welcome. Questions? Contact Chelsea.

Please be advised that the **blood drive** scheduled for December 3, 2023 has been **canceled**. If you wish to donate this holiday season, go to their website, www.redcrossblood.org. Select donate blood and enter your zip code. Thanks to all who participate in this life giving mission.

There is a lot going on in December, and we need volunteers! Consider signing up to light the candles on the **Advent wreath**. We need someone to sign up for each service during Advent (3 weekends with 3 services means 9 volunteer opportunities) **We also need volunteers for the Christmas services**. There are many opportunities that need to be filled for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. **The sign-up sheets are at the volunteer desk.**

There are a couple of opportunities to make a **short-term commitment** to singing in the **choir**. If you would like to sing with us for the **Lessons & Carols** service at 5:30 pm on Sunday, December 10, please attend the Wednesday choir practices at 7:00 pm on November 29 and December 6. If you would like to sing with us at the 7:00 pm **Christmas Eve service**, please attend the Wednesday choir practices at 7:00 pm on December 13 and December 20. Contact Dakota if you are interested or have any questions, music@stjameswichita.org

Tabs for Ronald McDonald House: There is a small cardboard house in the entryway to collect aluminum pull tabs for Ronald McDonald house. They collect these and cash them in to help with their services for children and families.

Don't forget, **Christmas Tree Basket** donations need to be at the church by **next Sunday, December 10!**

At the December 10th Breakfast Sunday, you are invited to join St. James members supporting **Bicycles for Humanity**, providing bicycles to African villagers for whom a bike means a 15-minute ride rather than a two-hour walk to a clinic or school. When you visit our table and donate or pledge, you will be entered in a drawing for your choice of a 'slightly used' bike or bike 'tune-up' from **Bike Walk Wichita, Inc.**, a local non-profit offering similar services here at home. Every donor is invited to a tour of their facility [2nd & St. Francis] with founder Barry Carroll. Please join us in helping others pedal to a brighter future.

The end of the year is approaching, which is a busy time in the bookkeeper's office. To make sure credit is correctly applied on your 2023 statement, please have all 2023 gifts in by **Wednesday, December 27** so we can have a smooth transition into 2024.

Gospel of Mark meets every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome, you don't need to come to every session to join.

We need Nursery Volunteers! If you are interested or want more info, contact Chelsea at formation@stjameswichita.org



**Sign up at the
front desk to volunteer
for one of the
Christmas Eve services!
We need greeters,
acolytes, crucifers,
readers, chalice bearers,
and ushers.**

GATHERING OUR BLESSINGS

Thanks be to God for the generosity of our parish members who have returned their pledge forms for 2024. If your name is not yet on this list, we would love to add it. Pick up a pledge form at the front desk, or use the one which was mailed to you at home, and return the completed form by mail or in the offering plate at a worship service. Every gift, no matter how small, makes a difference in our ministry at St. James Church. Please pledge.

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Andrew & Marlena Aitken	Tom Heeren	Jeff & Vicky Roper
Buck & Gladys Alley	Robin Henry	Cheryl Schmeidler
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Joseph Bayles	Rachel & Gregory Hunt	Paula Skinner & Deb Hager
Dakota Bennett	Claudette Johns	Mary Sloan
Danny & Celia Blair	Barry Kelsey	Thomas & Teresa Snyder
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Will & Alison Brookins	Ethan Lindsay	Woody & Barbara Swain
Patricia Butin	Luree Lusk &	Marilyn Taylor
Gene Carr	Terry Anderson	Gary Thudium
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Weekly Eucharist Services
Saturday at 5:30 pm
Sunday at 8:30 am & 10:45 am

Adult Forum
Every Sunday at 9:45 am
(except second Sundays)

**Children's Sunday School and
Children's Chapel**
First Sunday of each month, start-
ing at 9:30 am

New to St. James?
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 have a
name badge ready for the
following weekend.

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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.

**SIGN-UP FOR THE
WEEKLY ETOWER**



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