



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

College Hill, Wichita, Kansas

5:30 PM, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

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

THE SECOND 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.

“Watchman, tell us of the night”

ARR. JAMES MANSFIELD

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

THE OPENING HYMN

HYMN 76

Please remain standing. Sung on Sunday.

“On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”

WINCHESTER NEW

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 God.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

HYMN 56, v. 3-4

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

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.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Please remain standing.

Leader Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

KYRIE

HYMN S86

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

“Kyrie eleison”

DAVID HURD

Presider Kyrie eleison.

All **Christe eleison.**

Presider Kyrie eleison.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please remain standing.

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 40: 1-11

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the

flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

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.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13

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 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 PETER 3:8-15A

Reader A reading from the second letter of Peter.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and

then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming

of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness

is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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 70

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

“Herald, sound the note of judgment”

HERALD SOUND

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 1:1-8

Please stand as you are able.

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

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people

of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

THE SERMON

ELIZABETH WENGER, WORSHIP LEADER

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

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.

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

Leader In the season of Advent you may kneel or stand for the prayers of the People.

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

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader 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.**

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.

Leader 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: _____.

Leader Let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Leader Let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader 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.**

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

Silence.

Presider 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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon At the second coming, God will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

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.**

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.

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.

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.

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.

INVITATION TO THE PEACE

Please stand as you are able.

Leader 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 neighbors. After greeting, please be seated for the announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

Please remain seated.

Presider The prophet Isaiah paints a picture of something we can hardly imagine: peace on earth and healing for all, no more hurt or destruction on God's holy mountain. We long for the same thing, and we trust God's plans so much that we know we are held in this hope and in this vision. We share today from what we have received as a sign of that trust. 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 “There were Shepherds”

GILBERT MARTIN

10:45 am “Prepare thyself, Zion”

J.S. BACH

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

HYMN 61, v. 2

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 D BCP 372

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 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,

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 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

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.

The Candle of Hope

The first candle is 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 fulfillment of prophecy as represented in Christ's birth and hope in its final fulfillment when Christ comes again and establishes the reign of God for ever.

Presider

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 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

Presider 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

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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

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.

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."

COMMUNION MUSIC

Shared on Sunday.

“Improv. on Psalm 6”

DAKOTA BENNETT

COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN 308

Please be seated. Sung at 10:45.

“O food to pilgrims given”

PSALM 6

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.**

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 our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 67

Please remain standing. Sung on Sunday.

“Comfort, comfort ye my people”

PSALM 42

THE DISMISSAL

Please remain standing.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Shared on Sunday.

“Shepherd's pastorage”

ROGER WILSON

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

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector
The Ven. Jeff Roper, Archdeacon
Dakota Bennett, Organist
Elizabeth Wenger, Lay Worship Leader
Jeanne Kroeker, Oboe
St. James Choir

SATURDAY, 5:30 PM

Chalice Bearer -
Lector - Dana Stelter

SUNDAY, 8:30 AM

Acolyte - Allie Mutzke
Chalice Bearer - Margi Young
Lector - Deb Bagby, Margi Young
Usher - Deb Bagby, Barbara Orsak

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

Acolyte - Celia Blair
Chalice Bearer - Mary Halley, Rick Milhon
Lector - Mary Druding, Diane Schawe
Usher - Deb Hager

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 PRAYERS

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

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer: Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Calvary, Yates Center

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.; 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: Margarita; Hollis S.; Jill Spohn; Mark T.; Grady Hughes; Jay Truett; Karen McBrayer

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

5:30 pm - Contemplative Prayer Group

7:00 pm - Graduate EfM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

3:00 pm - Executive Committee

7:00 pm - Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:30 pm - Choir Dinner

6:00 pm - Gospel of Mark

6:00 pm - Choristers

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

Stephens at St. Stephens

5:30 pm - Finance Committee

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

10:00 am - Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

5:30 pm - In-Person Worship Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:30 am - In-Person Worship Service

10:00 am - Christmas Pageant

10:45 am - In-Person & Online Worship

5:30 pm - Greening of the Church

6:30 pm - Youth Group

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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Saturday at 5:30 pm
Sunday at 8:30 am & 10:45 am

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Every Sunday at 9:45 am
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**Children's Sunday School and
Children's Chapel**
First Sunday of each month, start-
ing at 9:30 am

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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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