



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

College Hill, Wichita, Kansas

5:30 PM, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024

9:30 AM, SUNDAY DECEMBER 1, 2024

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

All directions about kneeling or 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

Bells may be rung.

THE OPENING HYMN

HYMN 65

Please stand as you are able. Sung on Sunday.

“Prepare the way O Zion”

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

THE WELCOME

Please be seated.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

HYMN 56, v. 1-2

Please stand as you are able. Designated family or individuals come forward to light candles on the advent wreath.

Sung on Sunday.

“O Come O Come Emmanuel”

VENI VENI EMMANUEL

THE 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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Lighting Candles on the Advent Wreath

Gather a few family or friends if you would like to light the candles at a service in Advent. You may notify Paul Leeker, the church office, or Mother Dawn to join the schedule. A sign up is available at the volunteer desk.

THE KYRIE

Please remain standing. The words below are spoken or sung from the hymnal on Sunday.

SCHUBERT - Lord have mercy

HYMN S96

Presider Lord have mercy.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Presider Lord have mercy.

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 him 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

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

Reader A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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 25:1-9

Please remain seated. The psalm may be spoken in unison, or responsively by whole or half verse. Sung on Sunday by the cantor. The people may join the cantor in singing the psalm.

John Fenstermaker



- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from ever-lasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love,
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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.

Meditation of Preparation

Each year we light the candle of hope and do our best to put ourselves in the place of the magi, patiently studying the stars in hope that one night they might see the star of God's coming; or in the place of Simeon or Anna who went to the temple every morning, hoping that they would be there when the Messiah came.

—Richard Groves

THE SECOND LESSON

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

Reader A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord

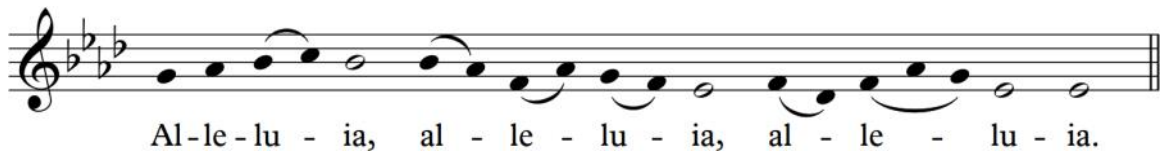
make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able. On Sunday, the alleluia is sung by the cantor, repeated by the congregation, then sung again by all after the verse.



Cantor Shew us O Lord thy mercy and grant us thy salvation.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 21:25-36

Please stand as you are able.

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with

power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking

Meditation of Commitment

When I take a tally of the people who surrounded Jesus in the days leading up to and following his birth, a great many of them seem to fit these descriptions: Mary the humble peasant girl, Joseph the patient carpenter, the coarse shepherds—and those two elderly saints of the Temple community, Anna and Simeon. Because of their faithfulness, we anticipate the coming of true, complete joy and peace—light in the midst of darkness. Advent is upon us, and it's time for us to take on the roles of these pageant personalities. As people of the light, we have an obligation to shine. As sacred salt, we need to be useful to Christ.

—Mark McClintock, from "Salt, Light & Advent"

place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior

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

THE SERMON

PAUL LEEKER, WORSHIP LEADER

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

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Please stand as you are able when spoken on Sunday.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

Leader To you, O Lord, we lift up our prayers, trusting that you will deliver us from evil and lead us in your way of truth and life.

Leader Your creation is groaning for redemption... Put an end to our destructive ways...

People **And restore the glory of your good creation.**

Leader Your saints are crying out for justice... Establish righteousness and justice in the land...

People **So that there will be peace and plenty for all.**

Leader Your church is waiting for renewal... Let us be a sign of your saving power...

People **And a source of your abundant grace.**

Leader Your people are longing for healing... Give peace to those who are suffering...

People **And comfort to those who mourn.**

Presider For you, O Lord, we wait. Surely you are coming soon. Come to us with healing. Come to us with renewal. Come to us with justice. Come to us with redemption. Come, Lord Jesus! **Amen.**

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.**

THE PEACE

Please stand as you are able.

Leader His judgment is not vengeance, an eye for an eye; his peace is not false, a veil for injustice; he comes to break the spear, to silence the guns and still our warring souls. May the peace of Christ rule our world and heal our hearts.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

Presider God, whose love enfolds the whole of life, who calls us into loving union and holy relationships, bless these people who remember their anniversary. Grant to your servants thankful hearts for all that is past, joyful hearts for the blessings of this day, and hopeful hearts for what is yet to come. In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God. **Amen.**

Presider O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants who celebrate their birthdays this month. Bless them as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

Please remain seated.

Presider Our lives are a gift from God, who causes us to grow in faith and abound in love for one another.

People **Let us offer our lives in love to the Lord.**

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC

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.

“For behold, darkness shall cover the earth”

G.F. HANDEL

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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries on the first weekend of each month (for the month to come). If your birthday or anniversary is this month, please stand and be recognized in the service.

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.

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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.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

HYMN 62, v.1

Please stand as the ushers bring the People's offering to the altar. Sung on Sunday.

"Sleepers awake! 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

Please remain standing. The words below are spoken on Saturday and sung from the hymnal on Sunday.

SCHUBERT - Holy, holy, holy Lord

HYMN S130

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 remain standing.

Presider

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” ✠

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” ✠

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and descent among the 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.

Our Use of Language

At St. James we use approved Episcopal Church language that expands our expression of God. We make a fundamental theological choice to include as many people as possible in the image of God when we do this. We understand that language is powerful. People who have come to church in the past and have been excluded by language may have experienced rejection, precisely where acceptance at the deepest level is sought. Led by the gospel to be people of healing and love, we offer invitation to join and reconcile. Open the *Book of Common Prayer*, found in every pew, and you’ll see that our use of the masculine pronoun for God is now more limited than it once was, and we choose to offer a variety of images of God. In addition to ‘almighty’ and ‘powerful,’ we also refer to God as ‘loving’ and ‘redeeming.’ As frequently as we call Jesus ‘Lord,’ Jesus is also called ‘Savior.’ Most of these changes are very natural and if you notice one, it is meant to feel like an opportunity to welcome the whole world to the table with God.

Candles on the Advent Wreath

Candles have extensive ceremonial use in the Christian liturgical tradition. Lighted candles may be seen to symbolize the light of Christ, or the light of the gospel, or simply to remind the congregation that the time and space for worship are sacred. On the Advent Wreath, we place four candles, one for each Sunday leading to Christmas and a fifth candle for Christmas day.

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 and Christ is the Light sent into the world to show the way out of darkness.

The Candle of Joy

The third candle indicates that 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.

Presider

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our ✙ Savior Jesus Christ.

✙ Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. James and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.. **Amen.** ✙

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Presider

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

AGNUS DEI

Please remain standing. The words below are spoken on Saturday and sung from the hymnal on Sunday.

SCHUBERT - Jesus, Lamb of God

HYMN S164

Presider Jesus, Lamb of God:

People **Have mercy on us.**

Presider Jesus. Bearer of our sins:

People **Have mercy on us.**

Presider Jesus, redeemer of the world:

People **Give us your peace.**

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. 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.

THE COMMUNION MUSIC

Please be seated.

“The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light” G.F. HANDEL

THE COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN 64

Please remain seated. Sung on Sunday.

“O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light”

O HEILAND REISS

A moment of silence is observed following Communion.

THE 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.**

The Christ Candle or Christmas Candle

The fifth candle represents Christ himself who is born to save people. It is a celebration of the fulfillment of prophecy as represented in Christ's birth and hope in the final fulfillment 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 self-offering. By the grace bestowed in Holy Communion we receive the real presence of Christ in this Sacrament.

SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)

Please stand as you are able. 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 remain standing.

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

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

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 75

Please remain standing. Sung on Sunday.

"There's a voice in the wilderness crying"

ASCENSION

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

Join us after the Sunday service for Adult Forum in the Guild Hall.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector
Dakota Bennett, Organist
Paul Leeker, Worship Leader
Malachi Biffle, Cantor

SATURDAY, 5:30 PM

Chalice Bearer - Mary Halley
Lector - Woody Swain

SUNDAY, 9:30 AM

Acolyte - Jay Price
Chalice Bearer - Jay Price, Margi Young
Lector - Deb Bagby, Susan Stallings
Usher - Johnson Olanya

Music is registered under OneLicense #A-721636

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:30 pm - Cub Scout Pack 506
7:00 pm - Scout Troop 506

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

4:00 pm - Outreach Committee
7:00 pm - Graduate EfM
7:00 pm - Handbell Choir

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:30 pm - Choristers
7:00 pm - Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

12:00 pm - The Book Club of
St. James/St. Stephens
5:30 pm - Endowment Funds Board

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:30 pm - Worship Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:00 am - Coffee Hour
9:30 am - Worship Service
10:45 am - Adult Forum
5:30 pm - Advent Lessons & Carols
6:30 pm - Youth Group

PARISH PRAYERS

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

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

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

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

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

Those in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity: Susan G.; Barry K.; Claire B.; Kate M.; John R.; Janice O.; Kris & Bill; Will F.; Tracy B.; Margi Y.; Dan.; Rhenee S.; Vicky P.; Jane S.; Bill M.; William H.; Alex W.; JD; Dairon; Paula M.; Michael; Julie; Marie G.; Ivan; Gabe; Brad M.; Shonda C.; Matt R.; Michael H.; Emma R.; Wes R.; John D.; Michelle L.; Janet C.; Buck & Gladys; Fred; Gail P.; Gerry H.; Thelma; Mary K.; Susan G.; Peggy S.; Ed & Kim; Jean E.; Judy T.; Sam & Beth; Barbara S.; Bill M.; Hazel S.; Allie N.; Kris S.; Larry R.; Drew H.; Elena S.; Bella P.; Daimon; Anna; Briana P.; Sylvester; Pat; Andy S.; Sue C.; Martha L.; Joseph B.; Joan J.; Jayne P.; Deb H.; Dal H.; Carole U.; Bill & Carolyn; Janice M.; Marge R.; Marcia & Lowell; Gus G.

Those who have recently died: Dudley; Ruth Bennett; Nancy Hercher

Some who have died in December in the past: Mary Albright; Holly Bell; Martha Black; Helen Bousfield; Carl Brink; Charlotte Cochran; Dorcas Cooper; Flo Duncan; Peggy Duncan; Ruth T. Elrick; Pat Evans; Ron Harrison; 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; Gretchen Waite; Mary Jo Watson; Richard Wingell

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us this Sunday, December 1, for **Children's Sunday School and Children's Chapel** at 9:30 am upstairs in the Kidz Zone. All kids in preschool - 5th grade are welcome. Questions? Contact Chelsea.

The Giving Tree is up! Please grab a tag (or a few) so that we can help make Christmas a little brighter for families in our broader community. If you take a tag, please write it on the provided clip board. This helps us to keep track to ensure that no gifts are accidentally missed if a tag is misplaced. The youth group will help assemble the Christmas baskets on December 8, and we will make deliveries on December 15. There is also a sign up available to help deliver.

Save the Date! This Tuesday, December 3 is Giving Tuesday. It is a day for radical generosity and support to causes that you care about! We hope that you are planning to thoughtfully share your abundance this Giving Tuesday with organizations that benefit the community in which you live. If you'd like to give to St. James, you can give online by clicking the give link at the top-right corner of our homepage, or scanning the QR code on the back of the bulletin. Select the "Special Gift" Fund and mark Giving Tuesday in the memo. Of course, you can always give using cash or check as well.

Next Saturday, December 7 is the **Daughters of the King** Christmas Party and Cookie Exchange. The gathering will be at St. Stephen's.

There are **several events** coming up in December at St. James as we celebrate Advent and Christmas:

- **Advent Lessons & Carols** will be on Sunday, December 8 at 5:30 pm with a light reception after.
- The children's **Christmas Pageant** will be during Sunday worship service on Sunday, December 15.
- **Greening the Church** will be on Sunday, December 22 after the worship service, with food, music, and fellowship.
- We will have two **Christmas Eve Services** this year, 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. There will be a nursery available at the 4:00 pm service. The 7:00 pm service will include light incense.
- The **Christmas Day** service will be at 10:00 am on December 25.

The **Contemplative Prayer Group** that meets on Monday evenings (currently by zoom) will go on hiatus for the month of December. We will return (on Zoom) on January 6.

Blanket Drive Success! Humankind was very pleased to receive our 65 blankets for the homeless shelters. Thank you St. James for generously contributing these blankets!



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Services of Holy Eucharist
Saturday at 5:30 pm
Sunday at 9:30 am

Adult Forum & Fellowship
Sunday at 10:45 am (Most fourth
Sundays are a potluck meal)

Children's Sunday
School and Children's Chapel
First Sunday of each month,
starting at 9:30 am

Youth Group
Sunday at 6:30 pm (except fourth
Sundays, we meet at 11:30 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! After receiving a
card, we will have a name badge
ready for the following weekend.

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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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