



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

College Hill, Wichita, Kansas

5:30 PM, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024

9:30 AM, SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 2024

THE SECOND WEEKEND 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

“Veni Emmanuel”

ARR. MATTHEW H. CORL

Bells may be rung.

THE OPENING HYMN

HYMN 53

Please stand as you are able. Sung on Sunday.

“Once he came in blessing”

GOTTES SOHN IST KOMMEN

THE WELCOME

Please be seated.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

HYMN 56, v. 3-4

Please remain seated. 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 stand as you are able.

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.**

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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✝ - sign of the cross

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 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

BARUCH 5:1-9

Reader A reading from the book of Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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

THE RESPONSE

CANTICLE 16

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

John Fenstermaker



- 1 Blessèd be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
- 4 He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him with out fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break up on us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

Meditation of Commitment

Christ, eternal Sun of justice,
Christ, the rose of wisdom's
seed, Come to bless with fire
and fragrance hours of
yearning, hurt, and need. In
the lonely, in the stranger, in
the outcast, hid from view:
Child who comes to grace
the manger, teach our
hearts to welcome You.

—Mary Louise Bringle

THE SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

Reader A reading from the letter to the Philippians.

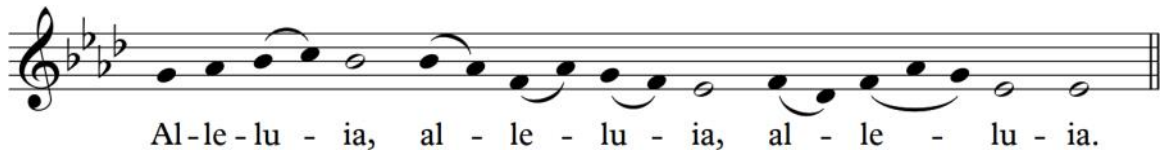
I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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 choir, repeated by the congregation, then sung again by all after the verse.



Cantor I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 3:1-6

Please stand as you are able.

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas,

the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the

wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God’”

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. DAWN FRANKFURT, RECTOR

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 This is our prayer – that the love of God poured out for us in Jesus Christ might overflow in the world.

Leader Let us pray for the church – make us messengers of your covenant, sharing the good news of Jesus.

People **With a world in need of hope** (*leader pauses for prayers added silently or aloud*).

Leader Let us pray for the world – Let there be life in desolate places so that every living creature

People **May see your saving work** (*leader pauses for prayers added silently or aloud*).

Leader Let us pray for this community – Teach us to love our enemies and serve you without fear

People **As you guide us in the way of peace** (*leader pauses for prayers added silently or aloud*).

Leader Let us pray for loved ones – Help us to hold in our hearts all who need your healing power

People **And transforming touch in their lives.** (*leader pauses for prayers added silently or aloud*).

Presider Loving God, we live in confidence and faith, trusting that you have begun a good work among us and that you are bringing it to completion, even now. Make us witnesses and partners in your work as we watch and wait and hope and pray for the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

Please remain seated.

Presider Let us offer our lives and gifts to God, trusting that the God of righteousness will purify them, like a new garment, and refine them, like silver and gold,

People **That they might be worthy of praise and pleasing 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.

“O Come Lord Jesus Come”

DAVID ANGERMAN

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

HYMN 62, v.2

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 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

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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.

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.

Presider

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 body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

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

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 HYMN

HYMN 76

Please be seated. Sung on Sunday.

“On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry”

WINCHESTER NEW

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.**

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 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.

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 59

Please remain standing. Sung on Sunday.

“Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding”

MERTON

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

“Once He Came In Blessing”

ARR. WILBUR HELD

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

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

Benediction

Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes. The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain into a world of love, of justice and of peace. The task is ours to do, to set it really free. O help us to obey and carry out your will.

—Enviado Soy de Dios, tr.
Jorge Maldonado, 1988

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector
Dakota Bennett, Organist
Chase Moore, Worship Leader
St. James Choir

SATURDAY, 5:30 PM

Chalice Bearer - Mary Druding
Lector - Joan Bledsoe

SUNDAY, 9:30 AM

Acolyte -
Chalice Bearer - Michael Kephart, Necia Rillema
Lector - Jeanne Kroeker, Robin Henry
Usher - Deb Hager, Paul Rillema
Music is registered under OneLicense #A-721636

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

3:00 pm - Executive Committee
7:00 pm - Graduate EfM
7:00 pm - Handbell Choir

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

12:00 pm - The Book Club of
St. James/St. Stephens
7:00 pm - Creation Care Meeting
7:00 pm - Scout Troop Committee Mtg

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

10:00 am - Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
5:30 pm - Worship Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00 am - Coffee Hour
9:30 am - Worship Service & Pageant
10:45 am - Adult Forum
6:30 pm - Youth Group

PARISH PRAYERS

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

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

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

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: Richard H.; Kelby; Aileen Z.; Vicky R.; 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

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 soup supper after.
- The children's **Christmas Pageant** will be during the 9:30 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.

If you'd like to give to the altar guild to decorate the church with **fresh greens and poinsettias**, dedication sheets are at the volunteer desk.

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. 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.

If you have a **child or youth** wanting to participate in the Christmas Pageant, join us on **Saturday, Dec. 14th at 10:00 am** in the Sanctuary to rehearse. All kids are welcome to be part of the pageant! We have speaking parts for youth and non-speaking roles for the younger children. If you have questions, please contact Chelsea Whipple, at formation@stjameswichita.org

We need **volunteers** for our **Christmas Eve services** and **Christmas Day service**. Acolytes, readers, greeters, ushers, chalice bearer - all of the available roles can be found on the sign-up sheet at the volunteer desk. Need help signing up? Contact the office, and we can add your name.

Help spread the word about all the events happening at St. James by using the "like" and "share" functions on Facebook! The INVITE Committee hopes to use social media to a greater extent for events, and better use of Facebook postings is a starting point for this effort. Let's make an effort to getting our name into the broader community!

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.



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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
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