



# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*College Hill, Wichita, Kansas*

5:30 PM, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

9:30 AM, SUNDAY DECEMBER 15, 2024

## THE THIRD 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

“Pastorale”

FREDERIC ARCHER

*Bells may be rung.*

### THE OPENING HYMN

HYMN 67

*Please stand as you are able. Sung on Sunday.*

“Comfort comfort ye my people”

PSALM 42

### THE WELCOME

*Please be seated.*

### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

HYMN 56, v. 5-6

*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 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

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

### 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* Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Savior, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

**ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20**

*Reader* A reading from the book of Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with

loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

*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 9

*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 Surely, it is<sup>1</sup> God who<sup>1</sup> saves me; \*  
I will trust in<sup>1</sup> him and<sup>1</sup> not be a<sup>1</sup> afraid.
  - 2 For the Lord is my stronghold and my<sup>1</sup> sure de<sup>1</sup> fense, \*  
and<sup>1</sup> he will<sup>1</sup> be my<sup>1</sup> Savior.
  - 3 Therefore you shall draw<sup>1</sup> water with re<sup>1</sup> joicing \*  
—<sup>1</sup> from the<sup>1</sup> springs of sal<sup>1</sup> vation.
  - 4 And on that<sup>1</sup> day you shall<sup>1</sup> say, \*  
Give thanks to the<sup>1</sup> Lord and<sup>1</sup> call upon his<sup>1</sup> Name;
  - †5 Make his deeds known a<sup>1</sup> mong the<sup>1</sup> peoples; \*  
see that they re<sup>1</sup> member that his<sup>1</sup> Name is ex<sup>1</sup>alted.
  - 6 Sing the praises of the Lord, for<sup>1</sup> he has done<sup>1</sup> great things, \*  
and this is<sup>1</sup> known in<sup>1</sup> all the<sup>1</sup> world.
  - 7 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, <sup>1</sup>ring out your<sup>1</sup> joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the<sup>1</sup> Holy<sup>1</sup> One of<sup>1</sup> Israel.
- (Gloria Patri may be added omitted)*
- Glory to the Father, and<sup>1</sup> to the<sup>1</sup> Son, \*  
and<sup>1</sup> to the<sup>1</sup> Holy<sup>1</sup> Spirit:  
As it was in the be<sup>1</sup> ginning, is<sup>1</sup> now, \*  
and<sup>1</sup> will be for<sup>1</sup> ever. A<sup>1</sup> men.

## THE SECOND LESSON

## PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

*Reader* A reading from the letter to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let

your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

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

### Meditation of Preparation

Joy is still present when life is hard. Christ comes for grieving people with broken homes and broken hearts. Christmas is the promise that God cares for children who hunger for food, the lonely who hunger for love and all who hunger for peace. The Word becomes flesh wherever there is sadness, fear or emptiness. God comes to be with us in our dark valleys, bind our broken hearts and carry us when we're tired and weary.

—Brett Younger

### Meditation of Commitment

With joy draw water from the spring; salvation's living well. The Holy One is in your midst; glad praises sing and tell! With love the poor will be received; the proud will turn aside; And faithfulness will be a path, and righteousness the guide!

—Anne McKinstry

## 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* Stir up O Lord thy strength that thou mayest save us.

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

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 3:7-18

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you."

*Deacon* The Gospel of our Savior

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

Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

## THE SERMON

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

*Saturday*

THE VEN. JEFF ROPER, ARCHDEACON

*Sunday*

CHILDREN & YOUTH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

## 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please kneel or stand as you are able.*

*Leader* As the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Philippi: “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” In that spirit, let us pray.

*Leader* God of gentleness, be near to us. Where the earth is groaning for redemption...

*People* **Let our requests be known to you, O God.**

*Leader* Where the church is struggling to be faithful...

*People* **Let our requests be known to you, O God.**

### 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* Where nations are locked in conflict...  
*People* **Let our requests be known to you, O God.**  
*Leader* Where people are yearning for freedom...  
*People* **Let our requests be known to you, O God.**  
*Leader* Where neighbors are living in fear...  
*People* **Let our requests be known to you, O God.**  
*Leader* Where loved ones are sick and suffering...  
*People* **Let our requests be known to you, O God.**  
*Presider* Wrap your peace around us, O God— the peace that surpasses all understanding— to guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, in whose holy name we pray. **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* The Messiah was promised to those who shared God's dream of peace; John the Baptist cleared his way with words of desert fire; Mary and Joseph accepted his coming with tenderness and faith; we know that he draws near again to show us who we really are with honesty and love.

*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.*

"Come Quickly, Lord Jesus"

MARK SCHWEITZER

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

**HYMN 62, v.3**

*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.

### 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.

## 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.

*Presider*

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.



*Presider*

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.

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.** ✚

## 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.

## 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 58**

*Please remain seated. Sung on Sunday.*

“Lo! He comes with clouds descending”

ST. THOMAS

*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 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

*Please remain standing. Sung on Sunday.*

“Rejoice Rejoice believers!”

## HYMN 68

LLANGLOFFAN

### The Christ Candle or Christmas Candle

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

### Eucharist

The sacrament of the Eucharist is the principal act of Christian worship in our church. The term is from the Greek, “thanksgiving.” Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper where he shared bread and wine at a sacred meal with his disciples. Christ's sacrifice is made present in the Eucharist, and in it we are united to his self-offering. By the grace bestowed in Holy Communion we receive the real presence of Christ in this Sacrament.

## 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

“Preparation for the King”

ARR. JAMES MANSFIELD

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

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.*

### Benediction

All the broken hearts shall rejoice; all those who are heavy laden, whose eyes are tired and do not see, shall be lifted up to meet with the motherly healer. The battered souls and bodies shall be healed; the hungry shall be fed; the imprisoned shall be free; all her earthly children shall regain joy in the reign of the just and loving one coming for you coming for me in this time in this world.

—Sun Ai Park

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## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

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The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector  
The Ven. Jeff Roper, Archdeacon  
Dakota Bennett, Organist  
St. James Choir

### SATURDAY, 5:30 PM

*Chalice Bearer* - Adrienne Edwards  
*Lector* - Dana Stelter

### SUNDAY, 9:30 AM

*Acolyte* - Jay Price  
*Chalice Bearer* - Jay Price, Rick Milhon  
*Lector* - Mary Druding, Rob Compton  
*Usher* - Jeanne Kroeker, Keith Stevens

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## PARISH PRAYERS

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**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer:** Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, and the Mainland of China

**In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for Grace Cathedral, Topeka

**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.; Kris & Bill; Will F.; Tracy B.; Margi Y.; Dan.; 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; 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:** Janice Orlando; James Gilman Jr.; 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

### NOMINATIONS TO SERVE IN 2025

*The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26 after worship.*

**Vestry:** Korbin Painter (to fulfill 2 years of a vacant seat);  
George Bousfield; Karla Fazio; Tim Newlin

**Youth Vestry Appointee:** Aiden Petty

**Convention Delegates:** Adrienne Edwards; Brandon Whipple

**Endowment Funds Board:** Scott Orr; Clay Bastian

**Nominating Committee:** Andy Aitken; Vicki Evans; Deb Hager;  
Cheryl Schmeidler; Peggy Zerger

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- The children's **Christmas Pageant** will be during Sunday worship service this 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.

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.

The Outreach Committee wishes to **thank Mary Druding** and the **Youth Group** for making our **St. James Christmas project** so beautiful for 18 families. Organizing this large project is difficult, but Mary has a well-designed system, and, with the Youth Group's help, she makes it happen. We also want to **thank the St. James congregation** for most generously supporting this project by bringing canned goods and personal gifts for the families.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:30 pm - Cub Scout Pack 506

7:00 pm - Scout Troop 506

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:30 pm - Scout Pack Committee Mtg

7:00 pm - Graduate EfM

7:00 pm - Handbell Choir

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:30 pm - Choristers

7:00 pm - Choir

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

12:00 pm - The Book Club of

St. James/St. Stephens

6:00 pm - Vestry

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Scout Lock In

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:30 pm - Worship Service

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00 am - Coffee Hour

9:30 am - Worship Service

11:00 am - Greening of the Church

## GATHERING OUR BLESSINGS

Thanks be to God for the generosity of our parish members who have returned their pledge forms for 2025. 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. Please pledge.

Anonymous	Gerry House	Carole Utermark
Anonymous	June Hubert	Brandon & Chelsea Whipple
Anonymous	Claudette Johns	Dana Williams
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Deb Bagby	Mary Klocke	Margi Young
Clay & Kate Bastian	Michael & Jeanne Kroeker	Tom & Peggy Zerger
Dakota Bennett	Mark & Suzanne Laycock	
Danny & Celia Blair	Bob Layton	
Gene & Joan Bledsoe	Ethan Lindsay	
George Bousfield	Jerry Malone	
Richard & Peg Bowman	Janice May	
Deb Brinegar	Dave & Penny McDonald	
Louise Brinegar	Rick & Marilyn Milhon	
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David Clark	Jeffrey & Amber Newlin	
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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.

# WELCOME TO ST. JAMES

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

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

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