



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

College Hill, Wichita, Kansas

5:30 PM, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024

9:30 AM, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

THE FOURTH 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

“Saviour of the nations, come”

ARR. CHARLES CALLAHAN

Bells may be rung.

THE OPENING HYMN

HYMN 54

Please stand as you are able. Sung on Sunday.

“Saviour of the nations, come”

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

THE WELCOME

Please be seated.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

HYMN 56, v. 7-8

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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✙ - reverence (bow)

✝ - sign of the cross

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 Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

MICAH 5:2-5A

Reader A reading from the prophet Micah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord *or*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Please remain seated. The response may be spoken in unison, or responsively by whole or half verse on Saturday from page 91 of the BCP. Sung on Sunday.

Antiphon



He that is might-y hath mag - ni - fied me: and ho - ly is his Name.



1. My soul doth mag - ni - fy the Lord, and my spi - rit



hath rejoiced in God my Sav - ior. 2. For he hath re - gard - ed



the low - li - ness of his hand - maid - en. 3. For be - hold from hence - forth



all gen - er - a - tions shall call me bless - ed. 4. For he that is



might - y hath mag - ni - fied me, and ho - ly is his Name.



5. And his mer - cy is on them that fear him through-out all gen - er - a - tions.



6. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scat - tered the



proud in the imagi - na - tion of their hearts. 7. He hath put



down the might - y from their seat, and hath ex - alt - ed the



hum - ble and meek. 8. He hath filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich he hath sent emp - ty a - way. 9. He re -



mem - ber - ing his mer - cy hath hol - pen his ser - vant Is - ra - el,

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Gloria Patri

When the Gloria Patri is part of worship, it is sung or said in unison. The Gloria Patri is a short acclamation of praise to the Trinity. "Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen." When our reading in response to the Old Testament lesson closes with Gloria Patri, it is said or sung in unison. The term is from the opening words of the acclamation in Latin, "Glory to the Father." Gloria Patri is known as the "Lesser Doxology," distinguishing it from the Gloria in Excelsis, the "Greater Doxology," which is used as part of the entrance rite in services of Holy Eucharist. The use of Gloria in Excelsis dates from the 4th century. Gloria Patri, the "Lesser Doxology," may have been influenced by the trinitarian baptismal formula found in Matthew 28:19. Gloria Patri is seldom used after the psalm at the Eucharist, but it often follows the use of a canticle. Canticles are drawn from biblical texts other than the Psalter. The term is derived from the Latin *canticulum*, a "little song." In practice, canticles are sung or said in worship. The canticles appear in the BCP on pgs: 47-53, 85-96. The Song of Mary (canticle 3 or 15), is also known as the Magnificat. It appears in the gospel of Luke 1:46-55. When used by people who stand for the response, worshipers bend at the waist to reverence the holy Trinity.

Meditation of Preparation

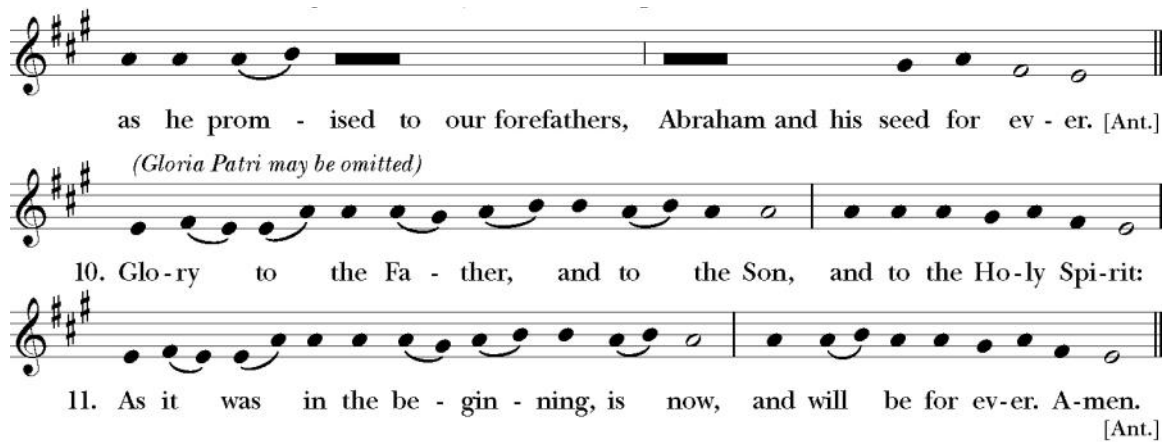
God of all hope and joy,
open our hearts in welcome,
that your Son Jesus Christ at
his coming may find in us a
dwelling prepared for him-
self....

—From the Advent liturgy in
the New Zealand Prayer Book

Meditation of Commitment

Tell out, my soul, the great-
ness of God's might! Powers
and dominions lay their glo-
ry by. Proud hearts and stub-
born wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble
lifted high.

—Timothy Dudley-Smith



as he prom - ised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ev - er. [Ant.]
(Gloria Patri may be omitted)
10. Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit:
11. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men. [Ant.]

THE SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 10:5-10

Reader A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).” When he said above, “You have neither desired nor

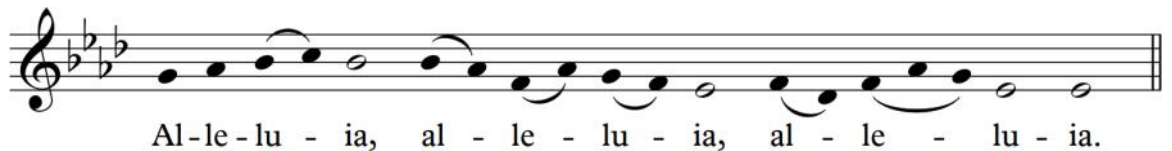
taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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.



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor Come O Lord and tarry not. Forgive the misdeeds of thy people.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 1:39-55

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 those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior

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

THE SERMON

ELIZABETH WENGER, SEMINARIAN

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

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 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. A silent pause occurs in each intercession to allow for prayer to be added silently or aloud.

Leader

Mighty One, we magnify your glory. You have done great things for us, showing mercy to your people from generation to generation. Hear the prayers of your people in this time and place.

Leader

Show your strength and scatter the proud ... Deliver us from the evil powers of sickness, sorrow, suffering, and sin,

People

So that all may know fullness of life in you.

Leader

Bring down the powerful and lift up the lowly ... Humble the leaders of nations and give justice to the oppressed,

People

So that all may live in dignity and peace.

Leader

Fill the hungry with good things and empty the pockets of the rich ... Teach us to share our gifts and reorder our priorities,

People

So that all may seek the common good.

Presider Mighty One, we give thanks for your grace. As you have helped your people from generation to generation, remember your mercy here and now. This we pray through 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 Now we take up the song of hope that we might awaken to Christ's coming among us and the world be touched by the footfall of his glory.

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.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

Please remain seated.

Presider What does God desire of us? Not sacrifices and burnt offerings, but to be the living body of Christ and to do the will of the Lord.

People **Therefore, we present ourselves in service to the Lord as a living offering of thanks and praise.**

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.

"A shoot shall come forth"

RICHARD HORN

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

HYMN 61, 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.

Presider 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.

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

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.** ✚

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.

“He shall feed His flock”

G. F. HANDEL

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 COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN 66

Please remain seated. Sung on Sunday.

“Come, thou long expected Jesus”

STUTT GART

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

HYMN 269

Please remain standing. Sung on Sunday.

“Ye who claim faith of Jesus”

DEN DES VATERS SINN GEBOREN

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

“The King Shall Come”

ARR. MICHAEL BURKHARDT

Join us after the Sunday service for Greening of the Church. We will enjoy a fun time of fellowship and food as we get the church ready for Christmas.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Mary Druding for her work and dedication ensuring that the Christmas baskets and gifts are gathered, prepared, and delivered each Christmas season, sharing joy with those in need.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

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

SATURDAY, 5:30 PM

Chalice Bearer - Adrienne Edwards
Lector - Dana Stelter

SUNDAY, 9:30 AM

Acolyte - Michael Kephart
Chalice Bearer - Richard Bowman, Mary Halley
Lector - Kelly Harper, Diane Schawe
Usher - Janet Newlin, Johnson Olanya

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PARISH PRAYERS

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer: Japan, North Korea, South Korea

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. Thomas the Apostle, Overland Park

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

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

Prayers of thanksgiving for: Parents, Sam and Aileen Zerger, and grandparents Peggy and Tom Zerger, welcome to the world Reese Emerson, a girl, born on December 19, 2024 at 8:35 a.m. She weighs nearly 5 lbs. Mother and baby are both doing well.

Those in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity: Richard H.; Vicky R.; 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; 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: Aaron Snook, 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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Greening the Church** will be this 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. Both services will be livestreamed.
- The **Christmas Day** service will be at 10:00 am on December 25. The service will be livestreamed.

Not sure where to watch a **livestreamed service**? You can find the current and recent services on the St. James website at www.stjameswichita.org/worship, or subscribe to our Youtube channel by going to www.youtube.com/stjameswichita and clicking subscribe.

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.

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!

This Week at St. James

Monday, December 23

6:30 pm - Cub Scout Pack

7:00 pm - Scout Troop

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm - Christmas Eve

7:00 pm - Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 25

10:00 am - Christmas Day Eucharist

Thursday, December 26

12:00 pm - The Book Club of St. James & St. Stephens

5:30 pm - Endowment Funds Board

Saturday, December 28

5:30 pm - Worship Service

Sunday, December 29

9:00 am - Coffee Hour

9:30 am - Worship Service

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; Joan Moore



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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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**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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