



# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*College Hill, Wichita, Kansas*

5:30 PM, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024

9:30 AM, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

## THE FIRST WEEKEND AFTER CHRISTMAS

*All directions about standing or kneeling are for those who are able. Masks are welcome, but not required.*

*If making manual acts is part of your piety, these symbols indicate appropriate times (among others) to make these motions.*

✙ - reverence (bow)

✙ - sign of the cross

## HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE PRELUDE

*Bells may be rung.*

### THE OPENING HYMN

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

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing

**HYMN 87**

MENDELSSOHN

### THE WELCOME & OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Presider* ✙Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

*People* **And blessed be God’s reign, now and forever. Amen.**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Please remain standing.*

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

### 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)

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## THE GLORIA

*Please remain standing. The words below are spoken on Saturday and Sunday.*

*All*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. ✙ Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, ✙ Jesus Christ, ✚ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Please remain standing.*

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider* Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior, 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

**ISAIAH 61:10-62:3**

*Reader* A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by

a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

## THE RESPONSE

## PSALM 147

*Please remain seated. The psalm may be spoken in unison, or responsively by whole or half verse.*

- 1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.
- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.

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- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
     he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
     who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
     he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
     his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
     to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

## THE SECOND LESSON

GALATIANS 3:23-25; 4:4-7

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

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through 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 HYMN

HYMN 89, v. 1, 4

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

“It came upon a midnight clear”

CAROL

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

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 1:1-18

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own

people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Deacon*        The Gospel of our Savior

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

## THE SERMON

ELIZABETH WENGER, SEMINARIAN

*Please be seated. 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 stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Leader*

God's light shines on us so that we may be light to the world. Let our prayers be such a light of hope. God of light,

*People*

**Hear our prayers.**

*Leader*

We kindle a prayer for your church ... Speak to us so that we may be messengers of the great news of your love, like the angels to the shepherds and the shepherds to Mary, that our lives would proclaim your wisdom and that our words would become treasure to the lost. God of light,

*People*

**Hear our prayers.**

*Leader*

We kindle a prayer for your world ... this world you love so much you took up skin to live in it. May every place and every heart invite you in joyfully and become your dwelling place. May our city halls and courthouses make accommodation for your grace and justice. God of light,

*People* **Hear our prayers.**

*Leader* We kindle a prayer for our neighborhoods ... that we would welcome strangers and immigrants knowing we are hosting Joseph and Mary, that the rooms we offer to refugees will be places of your birth. God of light,

*People* **Hear our prayers.**

*Leader* Take these little lights of prayers and make them brighter. Help us not to fear the light of truth but to love the light. Help us to be the light of salvation dispelling darkness and casting out fear. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Please stand or kneel 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.*

*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

## THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

*Please remain seated.*

*Presider* Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us - an offering and a sacrifice to God.

## 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.*

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

**HYMN 101**

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

“Away in a manger”

CRADLE SONG

## 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 A **BCP 361**

*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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim to the glory of your Name:

### 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.



## THE SANCTUS

*Please remain standing. The words below are spoken on Saturday and Sunday.*

*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 remain standing as able.*

*Presider*    Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent ✙ Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior ✙ Jesus Christ 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.” ✙

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All*           **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Presider*    We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. † Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through ✙ Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### 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.

### 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 LORD’S PRAYER

*Please remain standing or kneeling.*

*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!**

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Please remain standing.*

*Presider* The gifts of God for the people of God.

*Please be seated. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, indicate your choice by crossing your hands over your chest.*

## THE COMMUNION MUSIC

*Please be seated.*

## THE COMMUNION HYMN

**HYMN 109**

*Please remain seated. Sung on Sunday.*

“The first Nowell”

THE FIRST NOWELL

*A moment of silence is observed following Communion.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*All* **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

*All*            **Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. 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**

*Please remain standing.*

*Presider*            The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **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 altar flowers are given to the glory of God.*

*If you would like to give flowers for the altar to honor or memorialize loved ones, you can reserve a date by signing up on the sheet in the hallway or by calling or sending an email to the parish office. The arrangements are \$80 and should be paid for before the date you have chosen on the calendar.*

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## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

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The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector  
Elizabeth Wenger, Lay Worship Leader  
Dean Roush, Organist

### SATURDAY, 5:30 PM

*Chalice Bearer* - Dana Stelter  
*Lector* - Vicky Petty

### SUNDAY, 9:30 AM

*Acolyte* - Danny Blair  
*Chalice Bearer* - Danny Blair, Rick Milhon  
*Lector* - Suzanne Laycock, Joan Moore  
*Usher* - Deb Hager

*Music is registered under OneLicense #A-721636*

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00 pm - Graduate EfM

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

*Office Closed*

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

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

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

5:30 pm - Worship Service

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

8:30 am - Connect Committee  
9:00 am - Coffee Hour  
9:30 am - Children's Sunday  
School & Chapel  
9:30 am - Worship Service  
10:45 am - Adult Forum  
6:30 pm - Youth Group



# 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26, 2025  
after 9:30 am worship

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND →

St. James Episcopal Church  
3750 E Douglas Ave, Wichita, KS 67208

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## PARISH PRAYERS

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

**In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer:** Stateless people

**In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for St. Stephen's, Wichita

**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

**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

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Next Sunday, January 5** is Children's Sunday School and Children's Chapel starting at 9:30 am upstairs in the Kidz Zone. All kids in preschool- 5th grade are welcome. Questions? Contact Chelsea.

**In case you missed it...** Starting on the first weekend of February, we will have two Sunday services again - 8:30 am and 10:45 am. This does mean that we will need double the number of volunteers that we have been utilizing on Sundays, so please make an effort to serve if you are able. This includes ushers, greeters, altar guild members, altar servers, and lectors.

**Maddy Bishop's ordination to the priesthood** will be on Saturday, January 11, 2025. The service will be at 10:30 am at Grace Cathedral in Topeka, Kansas. Everyone is invited to attend this meaningful service.

### **We need help in the nursery!**

Based on the small number of volunteers that we have for the nursery, we are **not** going to be able to offer nursery services at both Sunday services once the schedule changes in February. Please, if you are able, consider offering to volunteer in the nursery. Or, if you know anyone looking to make a little extra money by staffing the nursery weekly, please contact Chelsea at [formation@stjameswichita.org](mailto:formation@stjameswichita.org)

**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!

### **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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## GATHERING OUR BLESSINGS

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Thanks be to God for the generosity of our parish members who have returned their pledge forms for 2025, as of December 20. If your name is not yet on this list, we would love to add it. Pick up a pledge form at the front desk, or use the one which was mailed to you at home, and return the completed form by mail or in the offering plate at a worship service. Every gift, no matter how small, makes a difference in our ministry at St. James Church.

Anonymous	Robin Henry	Susan Stallings
Anonymous	Gerry House	Dana Stelter
Anonymous	June Hubert	Keith & Georgia Stevens
Andrew & Marlena Aitken	Claudette Johns	Woody & Barbara Swain
Peg Anderson	Michael Kephart	Marilyn Taylor
Deb Bagby	Martha Kipp	Carole Utermark
Clay & Kate Bastian	Mary Klocke	Brandon & Chelsea Whipple
Dakota Bennett	Michael & Jeanne Kroeker	Dana Williams
Danny & Celia Blair	Mark & Suzanne Laycock	Marj Williams
Gene & Joan Bledsoe	Bob Layton	Richard & Karen Winn
George Bousfield	Ethan Lindsay	Margi Young
Richard & Peg Bowman	Jerry Malone	Tom & Peggy Zerger
Deb Brinegar	Janice May	
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