

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL



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**The Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017 • 8 & 10:15 a.m.**

A SERVANT CHURCH IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

WELCOME! We're glad you are worshiping with us today. Please stay for hospitality following services this morning, in Founders' Hall, across the courtyard. If you are a guest today, we invite you to complete the welcome card found in the pew racks. Please place the card in the offering plate. You may also learn more by visiting kccathedral.org. Nursery care is provided from 7:50–11:45 a.m. for infants and toddlers in the nursery in Haden Hall (from the Tower entry, go up the stairs and straight ahead to the adjoining building. Follow signs.) **Overflow Parking:** If the Cathedral lot is full, park in the underground lot at 13th and Washington. Enter from either 13th or Washington Streets. **Important! You need a parking pass. See an usher to receive a pass. You will need both our pass and the parking garage ticket to exit without paying.**

May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.

Collect of the Day

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 Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, a 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.

Psalm 126, 8 a.m., said in unison; 10:15 a.m., sung by the choir.

All When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, *

“The Lord has done great things for them.”
The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

John 1:6-8,19-28

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.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

SERVICE NOTES (IN THE LEFT COLUMN)

BCP, page XXX refers to pages in the red *Book of Common Prayer*. Hymn XXX refers to the blue book, *The Hymnal 1982*. “S” numbers (e.g. S120) are located in the front of the hymnal.

Beginning in Advent, the Cathedral is using a different format for the bulletins. An outline for the Order of Service is given, with *Book of Common Prayer* page numbers included. Additionally, during Advent, the 8 a.m. service will be a contemplative service with no singing. Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).

DIGITAL LITURGY

You are encouraged to use your phone, tablet or other electronic device to view this bulletin electronically. Please set the device to “silent.” Use the QR Code to access the digital bulletin. There are now live links in the digital bulletin. Monthly Event Flyers are also available on the website. Thank you for observing silence.



HOLY EUCHARIST

8 a.m.

VOLUNTARY “Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn,” BuxWV 192

Dietrich Buxtehude

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Presider Today we light the first, second and third candles of the Advent wreath. 
The first candle symbolizes HOPE, the second candle, PEACE, and the third candle, JOY.

People **You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.**

—Isaiah 55:12

Presider Let us pray.

All **Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen.**

—adapted from The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski

The Word of God

**BCP, page 355*

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

**BCP, page 356*

TRISAGION, *said three times.*

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE LESSONS

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

Psalm 126, *said in unison.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

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THE HOLY GOSPEL John 1:6–8, 19–28

SERMON

**BCP, page 358*

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**BCP, Form VI, page 392*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*BCP, page 360

THE PEACE
ANNOUNCEMENTS
CELEBRATION PRAYER

*Those celebrating
anniversaries of birth,
marriage, and other
joyous occasions are
invited to come forward
for prayer.*

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

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PRESENTATION

Presider All things come from you, O Lord.
People And of your own have we given you.

BCP, page 367

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, page 364

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

THE COMMUNION

- All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.
- For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.
- For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.
- Prayer for healing is offered at the prayer desk until the close of worship.

*The Eucharistic Visitors
are sent out with these
words:*

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider We who are many are one body,
People For we all share one bread, one cup.

*BCP, page 366

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

VOLUNTARY "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland," BWV 660

Johann Sebastian Bach

SERVING TODAY: 8:00 A.M.

Presider	The Very Reverend Peter DeVeau	Healing Minister	Bob Carlson
Preacher	The Reverend Jim Robertson	Altar Guild	Pat Miller, Michelle Ritter,
Music Director	Paul Meier		Carol Whitehead, Kay Woolley,
Lector	Dave Patt		Janet Sweeting
Intercessor	Linda Carlson	Usher	Dave Patt
Eucharistic Minister	John Simpson	Bookstore	Valerie Johnson, Ken Stewart

The Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field, *Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri*; The Very Rev. Peter DeVeau, *Dean*; The Rev. Canon Evelyn Hornaday, *Subdean*; The Rev. Canon Christy Dorn, *Associate*; The Rev. Jerry Grabher, *Deacon*; The Rev. Jim Robertson, *Deacon*; Dr. Paul Meier, *Director of Music*; Marco Serrano, *Young Adult Coordinator*; Julie Brogno, *Coordinator for Children's and Family Ministry*; Alexandra Connors, *Youth Minister*; Linda Martin, *Children's Music Director*; Sharon Sprague, *Sacristan*; Julie Toma, *Cathedral Administrator*; Janet Sweeting, *Office Assistant*; Melissa Scheffler, *Communications Coordinator*; Richard Wolf, *Finance Manager*; Angie Graham, *Property Manager*; Mike Guidry, *Assistant Property Manager*; Ken Stewart, *Cathedral Bookstore Manager*; John L. Schaefer, *Canon Musician Emeritus*.

The Vestry: Mark Galus, *Senior Warden*, megalus19@gmail.com, 816-729-5725; Terri Curran, *Junior Warden*, tcurra2@yahoo.com; Chuck Ritter, *Treasurer*; Jeff Debacker DeSota, *Clerk*; Steve Moore, *Chancellor*. Tara Bennett; Bob Carlson; Ted Derrick; Dick Fanolio; Jackye Finnie; Donna Knoell; Mike McDonald; Larry McMullen; Chris Morgan; Christine Morrison; David Pierson; Milt Tootle.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral

Sunday, Dec. 17 • 2 p.m.

The William Baker Festival Singers present *Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral*, a program featuring beloved traditional carols and timeless classics for organ and choir. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit festivalsingers.org/concerts.

Pageant and Eucharist

Sunday, Dec. 24 • 5 p.m.

Our children tell the Christmas Gospel story through their pageant.

All children are welcome to participate in the pageant. There are no lines to learn, and simple costumes will be provided. Children should meet in the Common Room at 4:30 p.m.

The Eve of the Nativity

Sunday, Dec. 24 • 10 p.m.

Our choral celebration on Christmas Eve begins with traditional, familiar music and carols, with the liturgy following.

The Festival of the Nativity

Monday, Dec. 25 • 10:15 a.m.

Greet the Incarnate Lord on Christmas morning with a celebration of Holy Eucharist with carols and organ music. A festive reception follows the service.

Christmas 1

Sunday, Dec. 31 • 10:15 a.m.

Eve of the Holy Name

Sunday, Dec. 31 • 5 p.m.

There will be no 8 a.m. service Sunday, December 24 or Sunday, December 31.

2018 Vestry Elections

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates for election to the Vestry at the Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 28, 2018, following the 10:15 a.m. service:

1. Phyllis Biddle
2. Bob Carlson
3. Paula Connors
4. Sally Livengood
5. Candy McDowell
6. Ron Michka
7. Chris Morgan
8. Christine Morrison
9. David Pierson
10. Jonathan Sternberg
11. Ryan Thomas

At the Annual Meeting, parishioners will elect four (4) candidates to the Vestry, Class of 2021. Those elected serve three-year terms (until the Annual Meeting in 2021). Candidates for Vestry must be regular at worship and giving members of record.

As we have done for the past few years, the Committee will accept additional nominations until noon on Friday, December 29, 2017. You may obtain a nomination form via email (vestry@kccathedral.org). No additional nominations will be accepted after this deadline.

All candidates for Vestry election are required to attend an orientation session with the Reverend Evelyn Hornaday on Saturday, January 6, 2018, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Profiles and photographs of candidates will be posted on the website and disseminated via email to the congregation after the first of the new year. Hard copies will be available at the welcome center as well.

Fun and Meaningful Family Activities for December - Try One or Try Them All

<p>Pick a hands on Nativity themed activity: bit.ly/HandsOnNativity</p>	<p>Have a quiet night at home playing your favorite board games, while enjoying cocoa and snacks.</p>	<p>Mark the days of Advent with a Names of Jesus printable chain. spelloutloud.com/names-of-jesus-advent-chain.html</p>	<p>Attend a Christmas parade.</p>	<p>Pick out at least one gift from a local store, craft show, or from a small business owner (local or online).</p>
<p>If there is no snow, have a family "snowball" fight with rolled up socks or wadded up scrap paper.</p>	<p>Have each family member write a letter to someone who has had a special impact on their lives.</p>	<p>Go around your community and look at Christmas light displays.</p>	<p>Let the youngest child in your home have the honor of placing Jesus in the crèche in your Nativity scene.</p>	<p>Surprise a neighbor by shoveling their driveway after a snow fall. If there's no snow, surprise them with another act of kindness.</p>
<p>Make and deliver treats to neighbors.</p>	<p>Go Christmas caroling.</p>	<p>Free Space </p>	<p>Give Jesus a birthday gift this year by giving a gift to someone in need.</p>	<p>Use a Jesse Tree to help prepare for Christmas: feelslikehomeblog.com/ebooks/jesse-tree</p>
<p>Watch a Christmas themed movie together as a family.</p>	<p>Use an Advent wreath in your home.</p>	<p>Make at least one handmade gift to give this year (can be individually or as a whole family effort).</p>	<p>Host a cookie swap or cookie decorating party with family and/or friends.</p>	<p>Have a family night at the end of December to talk about family and personal goals for next year.</p>
<p>Make a new, hand-made tree ornament. Need ideas? Here's a fun one: hsclassroom.net/handprint-snowman-ornament</p>	<p>Learn to say Merry Christmas in a few languages.</p>	<p>Do something to make someone else's holiday season better this year.</p>	<p>Read at least one book a week that talks about a Christmas tradition in another country.</p>	<p>Volunteer at a soup kitchen.</p>

This Week's Calendar

Sunday • December 17

8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave
9 a.m.	Hospitality Time	Founders' Hall
9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum	Common Room
9:15 a.m.	Rehearsal: Children's Choir	Haden Hall Blue Room
10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave
10:20 a.m.	Children's Chapel	start in Nave, then Haden Hall
11:30 a.m.	Hospitality Time	Founders' Hall
11:45 a.m.	Pageant Rehearsal	Nave
2 p.m.	<i>Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral</i>	Nave
5 p.m.	Order for Evening & Holy Eucharist	Nave

Monday • December 18

12:05 p.m.	<i>The City Come Again</i>	Nave
7:15 p.m.	<i>Abiding Prayer: God, Evolution & the Unfinished Self</i>	Common Room

Tuesday • December 19

12:05 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	Common Room

Wednesday • December 20

11 a.m.	ECS Christmas Lunch & Free Store	Nave, FH, HH
12:05 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
7 p.m.	Trinity Teens Youth Group	Haden Hall Youth Room

Thursday • December 21

12:05 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
7 p.m.	Rehearsal: Trinity Choir	Haden Hall

Friday • December 22

12:05 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
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Sunday • December 24

10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave
5 p.m.	Christmas Eve Eucharist with Pageant	Nave
10 p.m.	Christmas Eve Eucharist	Nave

Visit kccathedral.org for more calendar information.

Upcoming Events

See Event Flyer for more details.

TODAY, 12/17: <i>Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral</i> —2 p.m., Nave	WEDNESDAY, 12/20: Youth Advent Potluck—7 p.m., Youth Room
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Cathedral Caregivers' Prayer List

Pray for: Greg Cullem's family & friends, Aaron Judge, Thomas Jones, Teresa Garrison, Milt Strader, Melissa Morrow, Ken Frashier, the Wallace family, Joanne Repass Jones, Peggy Lane, Hal Woosley, Mary Wymer, Jim Royer, Jackie Kempster, Peggy Morgan, All who serve in the U.S. Military, Whitney Zamora, Jonathan Brice, Judy Goddard, Marie Tomich, Mary Bartholomew, Nicole Roberge, Amy Culp, Roseann Mazur, Rick Sloan, Susan Peach, Charlie, the family of Leah Brown, Norbert King, Nancy, Sara Gaggens, Larry Bailey, Becky Fankhauser, the Bressman family, Debbie Marrs

We pray for Bishop Field as he visits St. Peter's Church in Harrisonville, St. Peter & All Saints Church in Kansas City and St. Luke's Church in Excelsior Springs. Please pray for the ministries of these churches.

To place a person on this prayer list, please use a prayer request card found in the pews or contact the church office: communications@kccathedral.org.

Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and ...

- in celebration of our son, Michael, on his birthday—Premkumar & Caroline John
- En alegre celebración de Antony Josue Rodriguez Hernandez, su 16 cumpleaños, y su arduo trabajo para mejorar la vida de su familia a través de su educación. Con amor y respeto, por su padrino—David Pierson



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



<i>December 17</i> Chris Morrison Zachary Sherman	<i>December 20</i> Julie Toma Jennifer Constine Patrick McClelland	<i>December 22</i> Sharon Hudson Tony Carrillo Matthew Owings Rob Elliott
<i>December 18</i> Thomas McCasland	<i>December 21</i> Gina Jones Keith & Linda Oliver	<i>December 23</i> Miles Lewandowski George Nodler Steve & Lenette Johnson
<i>December 19</i> Joe Finney, Jr. Mary Lagergren Grace Obetz		

Please contact the Cathedral office if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary: 816.474.8260 or jtoma@kccathedral.org.

Advent & Christmas Flower Donations—DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL: TODAY!

Now is the time to consider making a donation toward the beautiful flowers that will decorate the church during Advent and Christmas. Help make the Cathedral as stunning as in years past. You may put your donation in the offering plate today.

