Newcomers and visitors, welcome! We are a servant church in the heart of the city. May you find here, by God’s grace, that which feeds your soul, and leave here with a heart prepared to serve.

If you are new to us, we invite you to fill out a welcome card, found in your pew, and place it in the offering plate.

If you need a hearing assistance device, please ask an usher.
Voluntary

The Word of God

* Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Presider  Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People   And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All   Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires 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 Lord. Amen.

* Song of Praise: “Glory to God”

All   Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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

Presider  The Lord be with you.

People   And also with you.

Presider   Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons  All are seated. Meditative silence follows the readings.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1–6

Lector   Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have
scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend
to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all
the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful
and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any
longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he
shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days
Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The
Lord is our righteousness.”

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46 spoken in unison

All God is our refuge and strength, *

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *

and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam, *

and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

The Lord of hosts is with us; *

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *

the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her;

she shall not be overthrown; *

God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *

God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; *

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *

what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,

and burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, then, and know that I am God; *

I will be exalted among the nations;

I will be exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; *

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11–20

Lector May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be
prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has
enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of
darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the
forgiveness of sins.
He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.


Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

* Nicene Creed

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

* Prayers of the People
  
  Lector Lord, in your mercy,
  
  People Hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People 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 your Son 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.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

* The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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 Hymn #483: “The head that once was crowned with thorns”

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now;
2 The highest place that heaven affords is his, is his by right,
3 the joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below,
4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
5 They suffer with their Lord below, they reign with him above,

6 The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him: his people’s hope, his people’s wealth, their everlasting theme.


* Presentation Hymn #380: “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow” verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye

heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.


Blessing of the Pledges
**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Presider**  The Lord 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 God thanks and praise.

**Presider**  It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 the glory of your Name:

**All**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Presider**  Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 Lord 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 he 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.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**
Presider  And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider  Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People  Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Presider  The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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

* BLESSING

* DISMISSAL

Deacon  Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People  Thanks be to God.
* Sending Hymn #495: “Hail, thou once despised Jesus”

Voluntary: “Praeludium in E-flat major” BWV 552/1

Johann Sebastian Bach

Please join us in Founders’ Hall for coffee and refreshments.
Announcements for the Week of November 24, 2019

Up Next

BackSnack Family Bag Packing—Thanksgiving
Today • 9 a.m.
Please consider being part of this holiday tradition and help pack family bags for BackSnack children. Family bags contain additional food for families over the Thanksgiving holiday. Packing will take place in Haden Hall between services.

Crittenton Stocking Stuffers
November 10–30
This year Outreach will be collecting items for stocking stuffers for the teens in the residential program at Crittenton Children's Center. For a list of suggested items, visit kccathedral.org/upcoming-events. Please remember these teens as you are doing your holiday shopping.

Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 27 • 12:05 p.m.
This year we will celebrate our Thanksgiving Eve service at 12:05 p.m., instead of in the evening. If you are available during the lunch hour, come celebrate with your church family and give thanks for all your blessings.

AdventFest
December 1 • 11:30 a.m.
Join us for an intergenerational event on Sunday, December 1, in Founders’ Hall, to make an Advent wreath with live greens for your home. Supplies will be provided (if you have supplies, feel free to bring them). Please bring clippers to trim greens. A $10 donation to cover the cost of supplies is greatly appreciated. There will also be other craft opportunities for the children. Sign up at coffee hour starting today, visit bit.ly/AdventFest2019, or contact Christy Dorn, cdorn@kccathedral.org.

LGBT+ Gathering
December 1 • 6 p.m.
Gather in the Café, lower level of Founders’ Hall, for our monthly LGBT+ and friends dinner. Bring something to eat or drink (or both). If you have any questions, email lgbt@kccathedral.org.

The Mesner Puppet Theater presents The Nativity
December 6 • 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
December 7 • 2 & 5 p.m.
December 8 • 2 p.m.
A cast of forty puppeteers tells the beloved story with larger-than-life biblical characters and musical accompaniment. For tickets, please visit mesnerpuppets.org.

William Jewell College presents The City Come Again
December 9 • 11:30 a.m.
William Jewell College’s gift to the city in words and music, features the college’s Handbell Choir, Concert Choir, conductor Dr. Anthony Maglione and organist Dr. Ann Marie Rigler. This event is free.

Women of Grace Christmas Luncheon
December 14 • 10:30 a.m.
The Women of Grace Christmas Luncheon will be Saturday, December 14 from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Haden Hall. Before having lunch, attendees will be assembling treat bags for the Residential Christmas Party at Crittenton and children in foster care, as well as treat bags for BackSnack students. Come be a part of this great service opportunity and enjoy fellowship during lunch.

Messiah Singalong
December 14 • 4 p.m.
Everyone is invited to join the chorus and sing for this annual presentation of Handel's most celebrated work. Bring your own score, or purchase one here, and join conductor Dr. Paul Meier, professional soloists and the Kansas City Baroque Consortium in what is sure to be a memorable event. Admission is free.

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The William Baker Festival Singers presents Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral
December 15 • 2 p.m.
The 50-voice choir is joined by Soprano Victoria Botero, Kansas City Bronze, Canon John Schaefer, organist and the Choir of Santa Fe Trail Middle School, Denice Trawicki, Director. The program includes readings, treasured carols in traditional forms and classics in celebration of Christmas. For tickets, please visit festivalsingers.org/concerts.

A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols
December 15 • 5 p.m.
This Advent service of scripture, prayers, carols and anthems is intended to be a time of spiritual preparation as we watch and wait with hopeful expectation for both the first and second coming of Christ. The format for this service is adapted from the carol service at King's College, Cambridge, and the choral music will be offered by the Cathedral choirs. A reception in Founders’ Hall will follow the service. Nursery care will be available for children four and younger.

A Bit Further Out

NourishKC Lunch & Free Store—December 21
Adult Forum—Remarkably Bold—Daringly Different: The Saint John’s Bible
Sundays in December • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

Come to experience the story of the most extensive scribal commission in the world since the end of the Middle Ages. Newsweek magazine has called The Saint John’s Bible “America’s Book of Kells.” Smithsonian magazine described it as “one of the extraordinary undertakings of our time.” GHTC is fortunate to own one of the few exact replicas of this remarkable treasure and our docents are eager to tell you about it.

- December 1—Discover how medieval techniques and materials, computers, satellite pictures of the earth and photos of space from the Hubbell Telescope all play important roles in the creation of this first illuminated manuscript Bible in more than 500 years.
- December 8—Prepare the way. Consider how those words of John the Baptist, as well as the words and fascinating illuminations of Isaiah and Mary and Elisabeth help prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ.
- December 15—Advent is a time of waiting, preparing, even coming to exist differently. What are we waiting for? … “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” Illuminations and text from The Saint John’s Bible enlighten, enliven and perhaps embolden us during this time of expectation!
- December 22—The prophet Isaiah has given us our best loved Advent passages. Come to see and experience the Word in the Messianic Predictions Illumination, where artist Thomas Ingmire fills the text treatment with explosive energy, color and radiating gold. “Prince of Peace,” “King of Kings,” “Everlasting Peace,” “Immanuel God is With Us,” “For Unto Us a Child is Born” and “Halleluiah” come alive and reach out to us as all our Advent hopes compete for our attention in this beautiful illumination.

Women’s Bible Study
Tuesdays • 12:30 p.m. • Common Room

Beginning Tuesday, November 26 and running through Tuesday, December 17 Women’s Bible Study will do a four-week study using Light of the World: A Beginner’s Guide to Advent by Amy J. Levine, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies and Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences. Through this series of lessons, WBS will explore the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus, tracing the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem and the visit from the Magi. Conversations will center around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary’s visitation and the revolutionary implications of Mary’s Magnificat, the census, the stable, the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt.

The book is now available in the Cathedral Bookstore for $14. For more information contact Candy McDowell at candyleemc@att.net.

The Cloud of Unknowing
December 5 • 7:15 p.m. • Common Room

You are invited to enter a profound and personal contemplative experience.

In this unique retreat, you will join the Master of The Cloud of Unknowing, who will guide you into a powerful encounter with the hidden, living God. Written during the turbulence of fourteenth-century England, this sacred text and its anonymous author capture the earliest contemplative teachings of Christianity. Within its pages lies powerful guidance for contemplation and centering prayer. To register or for more information, contact Deacon Jerry Grabher at j.grabher3@gmail.com or 816.590.6205.

Welcome Dean Keyse
Next Sunday, December 1
Coffee hour, after both morning services, in Founders’ Hall

Please join us next Sunday during coffee hour as we welcome our new Dean, the Rev. Dr. Andrew Keyse. This will be Dean Keyse’s first service at the Cathedral and we hope there will be many parishioners on hand to show him how happy we are he is here. Make plans to attend the service and be sure to stop by coffee hour and wish him well. We hope to see you there!
Pray for:

Healing—Chuck Gordon; Joan Bergstrom; Susan Adams; Bryan & Linda England; Thaddeus S. Withers; Matanah Hemingway; Judy Poitier; Stephen Pla; Michael Haight; Jim Royer; Gaelle Marchand; Elizabeth; Dan Anderson; Ann Foster; Peggy Morgan; Jan Carson; Rhonda Hawkins; Jim & family; Bishop John Buchanan; Zan Crum; Dave Gaddy-Cox; Ken Bontrager; Joe & Jackye Finnie

Healing & Strength—Jennifer Olson

Peace & Comfort—Doyle White’s family; Becky Knetter’s family; Esther Morton’s family; Maxine Sweeting’s family; Merideth Sternberg’s family; Marilyn Swoboda’s family; Leonard Steinle’s family; Jason Knetter’s family & friends; Advilda Sawyer

Strength & Patience—Laura Heid

Our prayers have also been asked for—Jan Frizzle; Loretta Nichols

We pray for Bishop Field as he visits St. Andrew’s Church in Kansas City. Please pray for their ministries.

Thank you for your support of the playground resurfacing project, donations have totaled $15,906 so far. Please donate now online at app.securegive.com/KCCathedral or mark your donation with “playground” and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the office. Thank you for your support!

Thank you to those who have made their 2020 pledge!

Thus far, we have received 95 pledges totaling $289,806. We are well on our way towards our goal of $550,000.

As we await the arrival of Dean-elect Andy Keyse on December 1, we want to ensure that we have the financial resources to grow our congregation, to minister fully to our parishioners and to continue our outreach to the greater Kansas City area. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to the Cathedral and turn in your pledge card, or pledge online, so that we can all participate in a celebratory Eucharist and blessing of the pledges on November 24, 2019.

I invite your joyful participation in this year’s stewardship campaign and look forward to answering God’s call with you.

Yours faithfully in Christ,
Steve Moore
Chair, Stewardship Committee
Vestry Nominations

At the Annual Meeting of the congregation on January 26, 2020, four members of the Cathedral will be elected to the Vestry, Class of 2023. The Vestry oversees the temporal affairs of the Cathedral parish and works closely with the Dean in guiding the life and ministry of the Cathedral. Serving on the Vestry is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the Cathedral community and help shape its future. Meetings are held 10 times a year, currently on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. (This day and time are subject to change with the new leadership.) Regular attendance is essential. Vestry members are expected to serve on at least one Standing Committee or Strategic Plan Committee.

Currently these include:

- Social Outreach
- Ministries to GHTC (Newcomers, Hospitality and Care, Congregational Life)
- Ministries to our community and beyond (Ecumenical and Interfaith Engagement, Community Engagement, Social Justice)
- Building and Grounds
- Stewardship
- Finance
- Budget
- Safety and Security

Nominees for Vestry must be committed parishioners who:
1. regularly attend Sunday Eucharist;
2. actively participate in the life of the parish; and
3. have been pledging members of the Cathedral for at least six months prior to the election.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another parishioner, you may submit that person’s name via email to vestry@kccathedral.org no later than December 15, 2019. (Before nominating someone else, please discuss with that person first.) The nominating committee will evaluate potential candidates and publish the slate in early January.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 24
Ian Carter
Sandra Alig
Brenda Richardson

November 25
Al & Sandra Mauro
Paula Livingston-Lewis
& Bennie Lewis

November 26
Derek Hutchinson
Larry & Bev Bilotta
Sharon Chinnery

November 27
Carolyn McLeroy
Isaac Epley
RoseLee Harrison
Stephanie Newton

November 28
Phyllis Ryder

November 29
Andrea Evans
George Helmkamp
Quinn Meier
Eddie Carter
Jerry Grabher
Milt & Ann Tootle

November 30
Chris & Peggy Morgan
Nan & Paul Schooling

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

Today’s Flowers

to the Glory of God and ...

- in thanksgiving—Sara Gaggens
- in thanksgiving—Joan Bergstrom
- in thanksgiving for our dear California family—Dr. & Mrs. John Goheen
- in thanksgiving for the church—anonymous
- in thanksgiving for those we have loved—Bruce & Page Reed

To donate toward the weekly flower cost of $225, sign up online at kccathedral.org/flowers or contact the Cathedral office, jsweeting@kccathedral.org or 816.474.8260 ext. 144. Any amount is appreciated.

Holy Hands Ministry

Do you enjoy food? If so, the Holy Hands Ministry is the perfect opportunity for you! Holy Hands Ministry brings people together each Sunday, following the services, to have conversation and enjoy a snack.

What is expected?
Once each month, September through May you bring 3 or 4 snacks to share. These may be homemade or purchased. Team members arrange their snacks on the tables for everyone to enjoy.

When do you need me?
You can join any of our teams that serve one Sunday a month (or on 5th Sundays) after the 8 a.m. or 10:15 a.m. service.

Special Events Team
This team will plan special hospitality events throughout the year. We need members who like to plan these events and decorate!

Interested? Have questions? Please Contact Leticia Porter at leticiaporter@gmail.com.
Advent & Christmas at the Cathedral

Formation during Advent

Youth Formation
Sundays in Advent • 9:30 a.m.
During the season of Advent, the Sunday morning Bible Study will include Advent reflections.

Wednesday, December 4 and 11 • 7 p.m.
The annual festive Advent dinner and end of semester celebration will be held on Wednesday, December 11.

Children’s Formation
Sundays in Advent
Children in Chapel and Godly Play will use an Advent wreath to prepare for Christmas. Chapel lessons will follow the lectionary readings. In Godly Play, the children will hear stories which will move toward Bethlehem and the lighting of the Christ candle on the Advent wreath. The Children’s Choir will sing during the 10:15 a.m. service on December 8 and at the 5 p.m. service on December 24.

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Sundays in Advent • 9:15 a.m.
See the details on page 11.

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Christmas Tree Decorating
Sunday, December 8 • 11:30 a.m.
We will be making Advent prayer chains for our Founders’ Hall Christmas tree.

Youth Network Event at Bishop Spencer Place
Saturday, December 14
GHTC youth will join with the Network youth for caroling and outreach.

Cathedral Events during Advent

Messiah Singalong
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One & Only Pageant Rehearsal
Sunday, December 15 • 11:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Children are encouraged to come to the One & Only Rehearsal—it helps to have people who know what’s happening! Meet in the back of the Nave following the 10:15 a.m. service.

Advent Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 15 • 5 p.m.
The Trinity Choir, lectors and clergy of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral present a service of Advent Lessons and Carols. Join us as we prepare for Christmas with this uniquely beautiful Anglican liturgy of hymns, readings, anthems and carols. Nursery care is available for children four and younger.

Worship

Advent–Christmas
Sundays
8 & 10:15 a.m., 5 p.m. • Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays
12:05 p.m. • Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, December 24
5 p.m. • Christmas Eve Pageant & Eucharist
10 p.m. • The Eve of the Nativity & Eucharist

Wednesday, December 25
10:15 a.m. • The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ & Eucharist

See service details at the bottom of this page.

Christmas Worship

The Eve of the Nativity and Eucharist
Tuesday, December 24 • 10 p.m.
Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Traditional, familiar carols and service music will be featured.

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ and Eucharist
Wednesday, December 25 • 10:15 a.m.
Greet the Incarnate Lord on Christmas morning with a celebration of Holy Eucharist with carols and organ music.

Christmas Eve Pageant and Eucharist
Tuesday, December 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.
Gifts for Flowers and Greens

Gifts of flowers and greens in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one help provide festive decorations from Christmas Eve through the Epiphany. Please use the Gifts for Christmas Flowers & Greens envelope, found at the back of the Nave.

- List the names of those you wish honored or the blessing(s) you wish to name.
- List your name as donor (optional).
- Return the envelope to the office by Sunday, December 22.

A full list of all donations will be published at Epiphany.

Thank you for your generous gift in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ!

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The NourishKC Christmas Dinner and Free Store
Saturday, December 21 • 11:30 a.m.
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The Nativity
Friday, December 6 • 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Saturday, December 7 • 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.
Sunday, December 8 • 2 p.m.
(These are ticketed performances. Visit mesnerpuppets.org.)

William Jewell College presents:
The City Come Again
Monday, December 9 • 11:30 a.m.

Messiah Singalong
Saturday, December 14 • 4 p.m.

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8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9 a.m. Hospitality Time
9 a.m. BackSnack Family Bag Packing
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum: Jesus and the Gospels
9:15 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Children’s Choir
9:30 a.m. High School Bible Study
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:20 a.m. Children’s Chapel & Godly Play
11:30 a.m. Hospitality Time
11:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist

Nave
Founders’ Hall
Haden Hall
Haden Hall Purple Door Room
Haden Hall Blue Door Room
Haden Hall Youth Room
Nave
start in Nave, then Haden Hall
Founders’ Hall
Haden Hall

Tuesday • November 26
7:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversations
12:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study

Founders’ Hall Café
Common Room

Wednesday • November 27
12:05 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service
1 p.m. GHTC Youth Group Service Project
6 p.m. Rehearsal: Tallis Singers

Nave
Haden Hall Youth Room
Haden Hall

Thursday • November 28 & Friday • November 29
Office and buildings closed for Thanksgiving.

Sunday • December 1
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9 a.m. Hospitality Time/Welcome Dean Keyse
9 a.m. BackSnack Family Bag Packing
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum: Remarkably Bold—Daringly Different: The Saint John’s Bible
9:15 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Children’s Choir
9:30 a.m. Youth Advent Gathering
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:20 a.m. Children’s Chapel & Godly Play
11:30 a.m. Hospitality Time/Welcome Dean Keyse/AdventFest
5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist
6 p.m. LGBT+ Gathering

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Stop by the Bookstore!
If you need some ideas for Christmas gifts, make sure to visit the Cathedral Bookstore. The Bookstore volunteers have been working hard to get the store ready for Advent and Christmas, so take a moment between or after the services to stop in and see what they have to offer. During Advent, the Bookstore is open Sundays, 8:30–10 a.m. and immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service. If you have any questions, contact Ken Stewart at bookstore@kccathedral.org.