

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

A SERVANT CHURCH IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

The First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019 • 8 a.m.



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.

Holy Eucharist

SERVICE NOTES

Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).

Our worship together begins with a musical prelude. Thank you for listening quietly and respecting the needs of those around you for a time of prayer and meditation. Please silence all electronic devices.

VOLUNTARY: "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme"

Wayne Wold

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.**

* KYRIE ELEISON

Presider Kyrie Eleison.

People **Christe Eleison.**

Presider Kyrie Eleison.

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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: Isaiah 2:1-5

Lector The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122 *spoken in unison*

All

I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Lector You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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 O come, Emmanuel,
People Hear our prayer.

CONFESSON 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 #73: "The King shall come when morning dawns"

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

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* PRESENTATION HYMN #54: "Savior of the nations, come!"

1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

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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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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 We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.*

* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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 your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

* BLESSING

* DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* SENDING HYMN #59: "Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding"

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
 2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex- pect- ed, comes with par- don down from heaven;
 4 so when next he comes with glo- ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon- or, glo- ry, might, and bless- ing to the Fa- ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a- way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis- pel- ling, shines up- on the morn- ing skies.
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor- row, one and all to be for- given;
 4 may he with his mer- cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 5 with the ev- er- last- ing Spi- rit while un- end- ing a- ges run.

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VOLUNTARY: "Nun komm der heiden Heiland," BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach

You are welcome to take your bulletin home to reference the announcements.

Please join us in Founders' Hall for coffee and refreshments to welcome Dean Keyse.

Serving Today

Presider & Preacher	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew Keyse	Intercessor	Linda Carlson
Assisting	The Rev. Canon Christy Dorn	Eucharistic Minister	Terri Curran
Deacon	The Rev. Jerry Grabher	Altar Guild	Vangie Rich
Director of Music	Dr. Paul Meier	Usher	Dave Patt
Assistant Organist	Dr. Mark Stotler	Hospitality Host	Joan Bergstrom
Lector	Larry McMullen	Bookstore	Carol Whitehead

The Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field, *Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri*; The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew Keyse, *Dean*; The Rev. Canon Christy Dorn, *Associate*; The Rev. Jerry Grabher, *Deacon*; Dr. Paul Meier, *Director of Music*; Dr. Mark Stotler, *Assistant Organist*; Julie Brogno, *Coordinator for Children's and Family Ministry*; Alexandra Connors, *Youth Minister*; Linda Martin, *Children's Music Director*; 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*; Kristy Moore, *Sacristan*; Ken Stewart, *Cathedral Bookstore Manager*.

The Vestry: Paula Henderson Connors, *Senior Warden*, paula.hendersonconnors@outlook.com; Terri Curran, *Junior Warden*, tcurra2@yahoo.com; David Telep, *Treasurer*; Jonathan Sternberg, *Clerk*; Steve Moore, *Chancellor*. Phyllis Biddle; Sharon Cheers; Jeff Johnson; Kristen Ellis Johnson; Donna Knoell; Candy McDowell; Ron Michka; Richard Morse; Ryan Thomas.

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Announcements for the Week of December 1, 2019

Up Next

AdventFest

Today • 11:30 a.m.

Join us for an intergenerational event today, 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.

LGBT+ Gathering

Today • 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. There is a sign-up sheet located at the back of the Nave. Please RSVP by December 9.

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 for \$10, 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.

BackSnack Family Bag Packing—Christmas

December 15 • 9 a.m.

Consider being part of this holiday tradition and help pack family bags for BackSnack children. Family bags contain additional food for families over the Christmas holiday. Packing will take place in Haden Hall between morning services.

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

Welcome Dean Keyse

Today • Coffee hour, after both morning services, in Founders' Hall

Please join us today during coffee hour as we welcome our new Dean, the Very Rev. Dr. Andrew Keyse. If you would like to see Dean Keyse's bio, you will find it at kccathedral.org/ourdeansearch.

Adult Formation

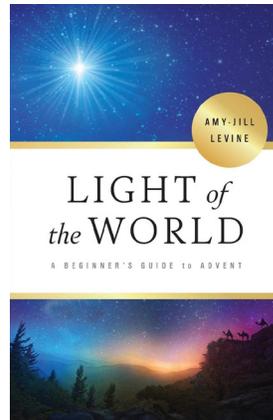
Adult Forum—Remarkably Bold— Daringly Different: The Saint John's Bible

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 Hubble 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

Through Tuesday, December 17 Women's Bible Study is studying *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.

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.



Other Activities

Coffee and Conversations

Tuesdays • 7:30 a.m. • Founders' Hall Café

The Cathedral Café is open every Tuesday morning for Cathedral and diocesan members and friends to gather and discuss current topics and activities happening in our community. This is a time to communicate and collaborate as we each work to better understand God's calling and discover the best ways to carry out our mission through our ministry. Feel free to bring a friend. Please join us for coffee and a light breakfast. We hope to see you! Contact Ron Michka for more info, ronmichka@gmail.com, 816.522.5258.

Qigong and Tai Chi

Thursdays • 12:45 p.m. • Common Room

Karen Kissinger offers free group sessions at the Cathedral on Thursdays at 12:45 p.m. in the Common Room. There are no contraindications for this practice and all gentle movements may be modified. Karen has facilitated for people who have diverse levels of mobility.

Young Adults

The Young Adults of GHTC are a growing group of friends who enjoy fellowship and community along their spiritual journey, together. Should you or someone you know join us?

The Young Adults meet outside of the Cathedral for conversation, content and other activities meant to enrich our lives. We're an inclusive and expanding population of the Cathedral with an evolving mission founded on faith and friendship. To attend the next gathering, please text Nick Smith at 917.371.7665 or email ns938689@gmail.com. Ideas, general feedback and suggestions for our group are welcome, post at yaghtc.sarahah.com.

GHTC Youth

Wednesdays • 6:45 p.m.

Sundays • 9:30 a.m.

The GHTC Youth Group meets at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Haden Hall Youth Room. If you're interested, please contact Alexandra at youthformation@kccathedral.org.



Thank you for your support of the playground resurfacing project, donations have totaled **\$16,106** 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!

Cathedral Prayer List

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; Gaele 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

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

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.

FAITH
gratitude
LOVE

Thank you to those who have made their 2020 pledge!

Thus far, we have received 107 pledges totaling \$316,606. We are well on our way towards our goal of \$550,000.

With the arrival of Dean Keyse, 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](#).

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries



December 1

Dave Berson

December 2

Doug Curran
Carter Davis

December 3

Kelli Walker
Shea Spoonhour

December 4

Johnathan Michka
Hampton Hubbard

December 5

Sherry Jones

December 7

Gordon Hansen
Keith Gould
Bill McCandless

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

Advent Greens to the Glory of God and ...



- in thanksgiving for Celeste and Jon (in honor of their marriage)—Ruth Finet Rinehart
- in memory of Arthur A. Vogel—Ed & Ann Matheny
- in thanksgiving for the anniversary of our wedding—Paula & Benny Lewis
- in thanksgiving for all our blessings of the year—the Gitta family

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 leticiaaporter@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Adult Formation

Remarkably Bold—Daringly Different: The Saint John's Bible

Sundays in Advent • 9:15 a.m.

See the details on page 11.

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.*

CATHEDRAL EVENTS DURING ADVENT

AdventFest

Sunday, December 1 • 11:30 a.m.

Join us in Founders' Hall to make an Advent wreath with live greens for your home as you prepare for Christmas. Supplies provided, but if you have forms/rings, please bring them, along with clippers to trim greens. A \$10 donation to cover the cost of materials is greatly appreciated. We'll have additional craft opportunities for children.



Messiah Singalong

Saturday, 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 for \$10, and join conductor Dr. Paul Meier, professional soloists and members of the Kansas City Baroque Consortium in what is sure to be a memorable event. Admission is free.

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.

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.



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

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.

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.

Advent & Christmas at the Cathedral

ALL MUSICAL HIGHLIGHTS



Mesner Puppet Theater presents: 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.

The William Baker Festival Singers presents: Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral

Sunday, December 15 • 2 p.m.

(This is a ticketed performance. Visit festivalsingers.org.)



Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 15 • 5 p.m.

Visit kccathedral.org/musicevents for more information.

VOLUNTEER • DONATE

Bring Food for St. Mary's Pantry

Help stock the pantry for the holidays. Bring donations to the large basket in the Tower. Please focus on canned/boxed items appropriate for a holiday dinner, such as French-fried onions, canned sweet potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, canned pie fillings and boxed cake mixes, etc.



Help needed for BackSnack during the holidays!

Make the holidays happier for others by volunteering. Help by preparing bags for our weekly BackSnack deliveries, filling family bags on December 15 for BackSnack children for the two-week Christmas break or volunteer to be substitute drivers,

delivering packed BackSnacks to schools. Contact Terri Curran, tcurra2@yahoo.com or 816.444.0221.

The NourishKC Christmas Dinner and Free Store Saturday, December 21 • 11:30 a.m.

Sign up to volunteer at the dinner or to donate funds and items for the warm clothing "Free Store." Contact Terri Curran, tcurra2@yahoo.com or 816.444.0221.



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!

This Week's Calendar

Sunday • December 1

8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave
9 a.m.	Hospitality Time/Welcome Dean Keyse	Founders' Hall
9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum: <i>Remarkably Bold—Daringly Different</i> : The Saint John's Bible	Common Room
9:15 a.m.	Rehearsal: Trinity Children's Choir	Haden Hall Blue Door Room
9:30 a.m.	Youth Advent Gathering	Haden Hall Youth Room
10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave
10:20 a.m.	Children's Chapel & Godly Play	start in Nave, then Haden Hall
11:30 a.m.	Hospitality Time/Welcome Dean Keyse/AdventFest	Founders' Hall
5 p.m.	Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist	Nave
6 p.m.	LGBT+ Gathering	Founders' Hall Café

Tuesday • December 3

7:30 a.m.	Coffee & Conversations	Founders' Hall Café
12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	Common Room

Wednesday • December 4

12:05 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
6:45 p.m.	GHTC Youth Group	Haden Hall Youth Room

Thursday • December 5

12:45 p.m.	Tai Chi & Qigong	Common Room
6 p.m.	Rehearsal: Trinity Handbell Ensemble	Haden Hall
7 p.m.	Rehearsal: Trinity Choir	Haden Hall
7:15 p.m.	<i>The Cloud of Unknowing</i>	Common Room

Friday • December 6

10 a.m.	Mesner Puppet Theater presents: <i>The Nativity</i>	Nave
7 p.m.	Mesner Puppet Theater presents: <i>The Nativity</i>	Nave

Saturday • December 7

2 p.m.	Mesner Puppet Theater presents: <i>The Nativity</i>	Nave
5 p.m.	Mesner Puppet Theater presents: <i>The Nativity</i>	Nave

Sunday • December 8

8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave
9 a.m.	Hospitality Time/Christmas Tree Decorating	Founders' Hall
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5 p.m.	Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist	Nave

Visit kccathedral.org for more calendar information.

We Need to Hear from You

Please let the Cathedral office know if you are sick or hospitalized and would like prayers or a clergy visit. Due to HIPAA regulations, hospitals cannot release patient information unless you sign in as an Episcopalian at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral. Call the office at 816.474.8260, or you can email cdorn@kccathedral.org.