

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

A SERVANT CHURCH IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019 • 5 p.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 or a guest, 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.

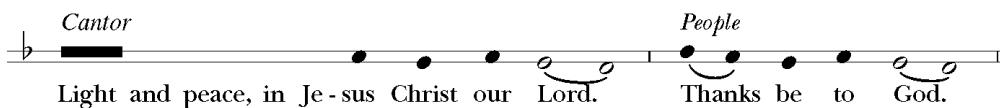
Order for Evening & Holy Eucharist

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.

* OPENING ACCLAMATION



* PRAYER FOR LIGHT

* PHOS HILARON #25: "O gracious light"

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

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The Word of God

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LESSON: Romans 15:4-13

Lector Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19



Cantor Give the King your justice, | O God, *
 and your righteousness | to the King's Son;

All That he may rule your people | righteously *
 and | the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the | people, *
 and the little hills | bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among | the people; *
 he shall rescue the poor and | crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon | endure, *
 from one generation | to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the | mown field, *
 like showers that | water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous | flourish; *
 there shall be abundance of peace till the | moon shall be no more.

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of | Israel, *
 who alone | does wondrous deeds!

And blessed be his glorious Name for | ever! *
 and may all the earth be filled with his glory. |
 Amen. Amen.

* ALLELUIA VERSE *Cantor; then People*



Cantor



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

All repeat the three alleluias.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

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

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

Gospeller In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MEDITATION *All are seated.*

* 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.

CONFSSION 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.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY HYMN #76: "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry"

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

- 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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,

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.

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Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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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

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* SENDING HYMN #65: "Prepare the way, O Zion"

1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free-dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound-ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Refrain

Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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Lindsey Lang, *Cantor*

Deante Finnie, *Acolyte*

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Announcements for the Week of December 8, 2019

Up Next

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 Suzanne Anderson, Katherine Crawford, Tytus Abrahamson and Joshua Lawlor, and the Kansas City Baroque Consortium. 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 children who receive BackSnacks. 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.

NourishKC Lunch & Free Store—Volunteers Needed

December 21 • 11:30 a.m.

Volunteers are needed for the NourishKC Dinner and Free Store held at the Cathedral on Saturday, December 21. There are many shifts and children are welcome! To volunteer, contact Terri Curran at tcurra2@yahoo.com.



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.

Formation during Advent

ADULT FORMATION

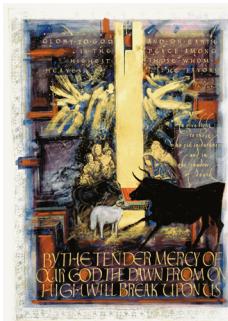
Adult Forum—Remarkably Bold—

Daringly Different: The Saint John's Bible

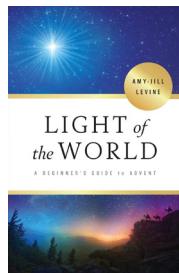
Sundays in December • 9:15 a.m. •

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 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 "Hallelujah" 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. • Haden Hall Purple 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 info contact Candy McDowell at candyleemc@att.net.

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 11 • 6:45 p.m.

Don't miss the annual festive Advent dinner and end of semester celebration.



Saturday, December 14 • 5:45 p.m.

GHTC youth will join with the Network youth for caroling and outreach at Bishop Spencer Place. Register on the wemoyouth.com website.

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 Trinity Children's Choir will sing at the 5 p.m. service on December 24.



One and Only Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, December 15 • 11:45 a.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.

Other Activities

Coffee and Conversations—Tuesdays • 7:30 a.m. • Founders' Hall Café

Qigong and Tai Chi—Thursdays • 12:45 p.m. • Common Room

Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for:

Healing—James; Mike Daniels; Chuck Gordon; Joan Bergstrom; Susan Adams; 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—Lisa Tostevin; Linda England & family; 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

Safe Travels—Dave Pierson

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

We pray for Bishop Field as he visits Trinity Church in Lebanon. Please pray for their ministries.

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.

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.



Thank you for your support of the playground resurfacing project, donations have totaled **\$16,456** 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!

FAITH
gratitude
LOVE

Thank you to those who have made their 2020 pledge!

Thus far, we have received 116 pledges totaling \$331,481. 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 8

Chet Thompson
Bailey Darr

December 9

Nick Douthat
Barbara Mason
Meribeth Risebig
Craig Heslop

December 12

Don Traub

December 13

John Morrison

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 memory of Blanche Heider—Sara Gaggens
- in memory of victims of the landslides in East Africa—the Gitta family
- in celebration of Ezra Jack Baker

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.

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. Regular attendance is essential. Vestry members are expected to serve on at least one Standing Committee or Strategic Plan Committee.

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.



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.

Christmas at the Cathedral

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.



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

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.



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 8

8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave
9 a.m.	Hospitality Time/Christmas Tree Decorating	Founders' Hall
9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum: <i>Remarkably Bold—Daringly Different: The Saint John's Bible</i>	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/Christmas Tree Decorating	Founders' Hall
2 p.m.	Mesner Puppet Theater presents: <i>The Nativity</i>	Nave
5 p.m.	Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist	Nave

Monday • December 9

11:30 a.m.	William Jewell College presents: <i>The City Come Again</i>	Nave
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Tuesday • December 10

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

Wednesday • December 11

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

Thursday • December 12

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

Saturday • December 14

10:30 a.m.	Women of Grace Luncheon and Service Project	Haden Hall
4 p.m.	<i>Messiah</i> Singalong	Nave

Sunday • December 15

8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave
9 a.m.	Hospitality Time	Founders' Hall
9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum: <i>Remarkably Bold—Daringly Different: The Saint John's Bible</i>	Common Room
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11:30 a.m.	Hospitality Time	Founders' Hall
2 p.m.	The William Baker Festival Singers presents: <i>Candlelight, Carols and Cathedral A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols</i> , followed by a reception	Nave
5 p.m.		Nave, Common Room

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.