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 either place it in the offering plate or drop it by the Connection Corner table during coffee hour in Founders’ Hall after the service.

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.

Voluntary: Settings of “Gottes Sohn ist kommen”  J.G. Walther and J.S. Bach

The Word of God

* Entrance Hymn #640: “Watchman, tell us of the night”
* 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.
Presider  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 #S86: Kyrie Eleison


* Collect of the Day

Presider  The Lord be with you.
People   And also with you.
Presider  Let us pray.
Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered
by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Sending of the Children

The children and leaders gather at the chancel steps to be sent to Haden Hall for chapel.
The Lessons
All are seated. Meditative silence follows the readings.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1–10

Lector
The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
The Word of the Lord.

People
Thanks be to God.
Psalm 146:4–9 sung by the choir
Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading: James 5:7–10
Lector Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.
The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
* Gospel Hymn #64: “O heavenly Word, eternal Light”

1 O heavenly Word, eternal Light, be gotten
2 pour light upon us from above, and fire our
3 and when, as judge, thou drawest nigh the secrets
4 O let us not, for evil past, be driven
* 5 To God the Father, God the Son, and God the

1 of the Father’s might, who in these latter days wast
2 hearts with ardent love, that, as we hear thy truth to
3 of our hearts to try, to recom pense each hidden
4 from thy face at last, but with thy saints for ever-
5 Spirit, ever One, praise, honor, might, and glory

1 born for blessing to a world for born;
2 day, all wrong desires may burn a way;
3 sin and bid the saints their reign begin;
4 more be hold thee, love thee, and adore.
5 be from age to age eternal ly.


* The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2–11

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

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.

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 Anthem: “Springs in the Desert”

Arthur B. Jennings Jr.

Say to them that are of a fearful heart: Be strong, fear not.
Behold, you God will come and save you!

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad, and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.
For in the wilderness shall waters break out and streams flow in the desert,
and the parched ground shall become a pool and the thirsty land springs of water.
A Highway shall be there, and it shall be called the way of Holiness.
The redeemed shall walk there and the ransomed of the Lord shall return with songs and everlasting joy.
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

—Text: Based on Isaiah 35
* Presentation Hymn #54: “Savior of the nations, come!”


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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

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.
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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: “This is the truth sent from above”  Ralph Vaughan Williams

This is the truth sent from above,
the truth of God, the God of love;
therefore don’t turn me from the door
but hearken all, both rich and poor.

And at this season of the year
our blest Redeemer did appear,
and here did live, and here did preach,
and many thousands he did teach.

The first thing that I will relate,
that God at first did man create;
the next thing which to you I tell-
woman was made with him to dwell.

Thus He in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way,
Be pleased to hear what He did say.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes
till God the Lord did interpose;
and so a promise soon did run:
that he’d redeem us by his Son.
**COMMUNION HYMN #53: “Once he came in blessing”**

1. Once he came in blessing, all our ills redress ing;
2. Still he comes with in us, still his voice would win us
3. Thus, if thou canst name him, not ashamed to claim him,
4. One who thus endures bright reward securely.


**SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITOR**

*The Eucharistic Visitor is sent out with these words:*

**Presider**  We who are many are one body,

**People**   For we all share one bread, one cup.

**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 #68: “Rejoice! rejoice, believers”

1 Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!
2 See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;
3 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;

The evening is advancing, and darker night is near,
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
Arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!

The Bride-groom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in expectation! at midnight comes the cry,
rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bride-groom is at hand!
the day of earth’s redemption, and ever be with thee!

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Voluntary: “Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland,” BWV 660

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

Please join us in Founders’ Hall for coffee and refreshments.
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Announcements for the Week of December 15, 2019

Up Next

The William Baker Festival Singers presents Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral
Today • 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
Today • 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 the Common Room will follow the service. Nursery care will be available for children four and younger.

Christmas Dinner & Free Store—Volunteers Needed
December 21 • 11:30 a.m.
Volunteers are needed for the Christmas 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. There are lots of great gifts to choose from, 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.

Office Schedule
The Cathedral office will be closed Wednesday, December 25–Wednesday, January 1. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, contact Dean Andy at 256.762.5889 or Canon Christy at 913.549.7178.

End of the Year Giving Tips
Thank you for your generosity in 2019. The end of the year is a great time to consider giving toward Cathedral ministries. Donations can be given in our Sunday offerings, mailed to the Cathedral office or made at kccathedral.org by clicking the online giving button at the top of the home page. Please note that the Cathedral office will be closed between Christmas and New Year’s Day. Donations received by mail, postmarked by December 31, will be included on your 2019 contributions. In order for these gifts to be tax deductible they must be postmarked and/or given by December 31, 2019.

If you have a question about your pledge or other giving, please contact Cathedral Administrator Julie Toma at jtomaj@kccathedral.org or 816.214.9936.
**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 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.

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**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.

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**ONE AND ONLY PAGEANT REHEARSAL**

Today • 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.

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**YOUTH FORMATION**

Sundays in Advent • 9:30 a.m.

During the season of Advent, the Sunday morning Bible Study will include Advent reflections.

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**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.

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**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.
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; Gaëlle 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

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.

Parking during Christmas Services

The parking garage north of the Cathedral will be available for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services. Parking in the garage, for those who are physically able, helps with the parking lot congestion we experience during these busy services. Please enter the garage from the Washington street entrance. Thank you, we appreciate your help!

Thank you for your support of the playground resurfacing project, donations have totaled $16,566 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 121 pledges totaling $341,841. 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 at app.securegive.com/KCCathedral.

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
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.

Vestry Nominations—DEADLINE TODAY!

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.
Christmas at the Cathedral

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!

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.
# This Week’s Calendar

**Sunday • December 15**
- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Hospitality Time
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum: *Remarkably Bold—Daringly Different: 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
- 10:20 a.m. Children’s Chapel & Godly Play start in Nave, then Haden Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Hospitality Time Founders’ Hall
- 2 p.m. The William Baker Festival Singers presents: *Candlelight, Carols and Cathedral* Nave
- 5 p.m. *A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols*, followed by a reception Nave, Common Room

**Tuesday • December 17**
- 7:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversations Founders’ Hall Café
- 12:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study Haden Hall Purple Door Room
- 5:30 p.m. Meeting: Vestry Common Room

**Wednesday • December 18**
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist Chapel
- 12:05 p.m. Rehearsal: Tallis Singers Haden Hall

**Thursday • December 19**
- 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 21**
- 11:30 a.m. Christmas Dinner & Free Store Founders’ Hall, Haden Hall

**Sunday • December 22**
- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Nave
- 9 a.m. Hospitality Time Founders’ Hall
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum: *Remarkably Bold—Daringly Different: 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 Founders’ Hall
- 5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist Nave

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**Visit kccathedral.org for more calendar information.**

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**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.