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. Please silence all electronic devices.

Voluntary: “Veni Emmanuel” Leo Sowerby

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.

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.

* 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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS All are seated. Meditative silence follows the readings.

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10–16

Lector Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
Psalm 80:1–7, 16–18 spoken in unison

All

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered 
despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1–7

Lector

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he 
promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, 
who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power 
according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom 
we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for 
the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.
* The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18–25

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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 HYMN #66: “Come, thou long expected Jesus”

1 Come, thou long-expect-ed Je-sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Is-rael’s strength and con-so-la-tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e-ter-nal Spi-rit rule in all our hearts a- lone;

from our fears and sins re-lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de-sire of ev-ery na-tion, joy of ev-ery long-ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev-er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.
by thine all suf-fi-cient mer- it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

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

1 Sav-ior 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-pear-s, 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! Mig-hy 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 heav-en-ly throne a-scends.
king-dom be; grant that we its glo ries see.
* The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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.
• Prayer for healing is offered at the prayer desk until the close of worship.

* 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 #56: “O come, O come, Emmanuel”


Voluntary: “Ave maris stella”

Nicolas de Grigny

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

Please join us in Founders’ Hall for coffee and refreshments.
Announcements for the Week of December 22, 2019

**Up Next**

**College Ministry Christmas Dinner**
January 3 • 6:30 p.m.
All college aged young people are invited to gather for fellowship over the holiday break at this year’s College Ministry Christmas Dinner. Reservations are held at Buca di Beppo on the Plaza. Please RSVP to youthformation@kccathedral.org so we can hold a spot for you!

**Installation of Dean Keyse**
January 9 • 7 p.m.
Join us for the installation of our new dean, the Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse. The service will be followed by a reception in Founders’ Hall. We hope you can attend and show your support!

**Annual Meeting**
January 26 • 10:15 a.m.
Join us Sunday, January 26 for worship at 10:15 a.m. (that will be the only worship service that day) and participate in the Annual Meeting. At the annual meeting we celebrate some of our amazing ministries, honor outgoing and elect new Vestry members, gather as a parish family of all ages to celebrate Eucharist, and give thanks for the blessings we have known. Nursery care is provided throughout the celebration.

**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!

**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 jtoma@kccathedral.org or 816.214.9936.

**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 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. Questions? Contact Ken Stewart at bookstore@kccathedral.org.
**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.

**Women’s Bible Study**

**Tuesdays • 12:30 p.m. • Haden Hall Purple Room**

Women’s Bible Study will be on hiatus the last two weeks of December. The group will reconvene on Tuesday, January 7. At that time it will discuss its next course of study.

Women’s Bible Study meets for an hour or so on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. in the Common Room. At the beginning of each session, members of the group read a passage from the current selected book or study guide and then see where the spirit takes them. Discussions are lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. If you have the inclination, but not the book—come anyway and someone will share!

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.

**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.

**Cathedral Prayer List**

*Pray for:*

**Healing**—Ken McCandless; Roberta; Baby Emma; Rudolph White; Gregory Colombe; Rebecca Vincent & family; 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

**Safe Travels**—Dave Pierson

**Our prayers have also been asked for**—Jan Frizzle

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.
This Week’s Calendar

Sunday • December 22
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
9:15 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Children’s Choir
9:30 a.m. Youth Advent Gathering
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:20 a.m. Children’s Chapel & Godly Play
11:30 a.m. Hospitality Time
5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist

Tuesday • December 24
5 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant and Eucharist
10 p.m. Christmas Eve Eucharist

Wednesday • December 25
10:15 a.m. Christmas Day Eucharist

Saturday • December 28
10:30 a.m. Memorial Service: Bryan England

Sunday • December 29
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9 a.m. Hospitality Time
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Hospitality Time
5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist

Advent Greens

to the Glory of God and…

- in thanksgiving for our grandson, Frank Carlson Gorsuch—Bob & Linda Carlson
- in thanksgiving for the anniversary of Dean Keyse’s ordination—Mrs. Mary Keyse

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!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 22
Sharon Hudson
Rob Elliott

December 23
Miles Lewandowski
George Nodler
Steve & Lenette Johnson

December 25
Michael John
Arthur Mullies
Diane Sloan

December 26
John Hornbeck
Chuck & Marsy Gordon

December 27
Doug & Terri Curran

December 28
Dennis Morgan

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

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.

Visit kccathedral.org for more calendar information.