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

Cantor

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

* PRAYER FOR LIGHT

* PHOS HILARON #25: “O gracious light”

1 O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father’s glory shine.
2 Now sunset comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: God who dwells in the eternal light, all the earth and in the highest heaven adored.
3 Wor thy are you of endless praise, O Son of God, Life-giving Lord; wherefore you are through blest is he, and blest are you, his holy Son.


The Word of God

* 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.
Lesson: 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

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

All  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 a | way 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.
* Alleluia Verse Cantor; then People

"Come, O Lord, and do not tarry;* forgive the iniquity of your people."

All repeat the three alleluias.

* 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.

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.

**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.
The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn #66: “Come, thou long expected Jesus”


* 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

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,

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

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.

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.
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

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
* SENDING HYMN #56: “O come, O come, Emmanuel”

1 O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, and ran-som
2 O come, thou Wis-dom from on high, who or-derest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes-se’s tree, free them from
5 O come, thou Key of Da-vid, come, and o-pen
6 O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us
7 O come, De-sire of na-tions, bind in one the
8 O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, and ran-som

1 cap-tive Is-ra-el, that mourns in lone-ly ex-ile
2 all things might-i-ly; to us the path of know-ledge
3 tribes on Si-nai’s height in an-cient times didst give the
4 Sa-tan’s tyr-an-ny that trust thy might-y power to
5 wide our heav-en-ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw-ing nigh; dis-perse the gloom-ly clouds of
7 hearts of all man-kind; bid thou our sad di-vi-sions
8 cap-tive Is-ra-el, that mourns in lone-ly ex-ile

1 here un-til the Son of God ap-pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma-jes-ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic-tory o’er the grave. Re-joice! Re-joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis-er-y.
6 night, and death’s dark shad-ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy-self our King of Peace.
8 here un-til the Son of God ap-pear.

Em-man-u-el shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el!
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.

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 jftoma@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 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.

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!

Other Activities

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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.

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.

Thank you to those who have made their 2020 pledge!
Thus far, we have received 124 pledges totaling $345,741. 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
Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 22
Sharon Hudson
Rob Elliott

December 23
Miles Lewandowski
George Nodler
Steve & Lenette Johnson

December 25
December 26
Michael John
Arthur Mullies
Diana Sloan
John Hornbeck
Doug & Terri Curran
Dennis Morgan

December 27
December 28

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!

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.

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 Common Room
9:15 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Children’s Choir Haden Hall Blue Door Room
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
Nave
Founders’ Hall
Common Room
Haden Hall Youth Room
Nave
start in Nave, then Haden Hall
Founders’ Hall
Nave

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
Nave

Saturday • December 28
10:30 a.m. Memorial Service: Bryan England
Nave, Founders’ Hall

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
Nave
Founders’ Hall
Nave
Founders’ Hall
Nave

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