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: “Sussex Variations”  Franklin Ashdown

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.
Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 61:10–62:3

Lector  I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

People    Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147 spoken in unison

All    Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.

He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
He gives snow like wool; *  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *  
who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them; *  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, *  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation; *  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.

Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23–25; 4:4–7

Lector Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* The Holy Gospel: John 1:1–18

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified of him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ’He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

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 God, who is with us,
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
President  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: “Word of God, come down on earth”

* Presentation Hymn #107: “Good Christian friends, rejoice”


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* 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 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 #99: “Go tell it on the mountain”

Voluntary: “Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her”  Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Please join us in Founders’ Hall for coffee and refreshments.
Announcements for the Week of December 29, 2019

Up Next

January Diaper Drive
January
During the month of January, we are collecting diapers for HappyBottoms, a local organization that works with partners to provide diapers to low-income families. We accept all sizes (even open packs). Bring your donations to the blue barrel in the cross hall or to the basket in the Tower.

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 jtomaj@kccathedral.org or 816.214.9936.

Other Activities

Coffee and Conversations—Tuesdays • 7:30 a.m.
Qi Gong and Tai Chi—Thursdays, resuming Jan. 9 • 12:45 p.m.
Young Adults—Ongoing
**December 29**
Jan Frizzle
John Tangeman
Patrick Franken
Sarah Rowland

**December 30**
James McCaffree
Simon Buckner
Nora Elisabeth
Barbara O’Hearne
Premkumar & Caroline
John
Bob & Tara Bennett

**December 31**
Stephen Davis
Phyllis Shaffer

**January 1**
Mike Bennett
Susan Traub
Sergio Moreno-Denton
& Emily Akins

**January 2**
Veronica Evans
Barbara Reynaud
Whitney & Day Kerr

**January 3**
Nick Smith

**January 4**
Thomas Taylor
Patrick Bennett
Brooklyn Fahnstock
Betsy Chase

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**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 Haignt; Jim Roey; Gaelle Marchand; Elizabeth; Dan Anderson; Ann Foster; Peggy Morgan; Jan Carson; Rhonda Hawkins; Jim & family; Bishop John Buchanan; Zan Crum; Dave Gaddy-Cox

**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

**Safe Travels**—Dave Pierson

Our prayers have also been asked for—Gil Head

We pray for Bishop Field as he visits St. Alban’s Church in Bolivar and St. Peter & All Saints’ Church in Kansas City. Please pray for their ministries.

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**Today’s Flowers**

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.

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**This Week’s Calendar**

**Sunday • December 29**

8 a.m.  Holy Eucharist  Nave
9 a.m.  Hospitality Time  Founders’ Hall
10:15 a.m.  Holy Eucharist  Nave
11:30 a.m.  Hospitality Time  Founders’ Hall
5 p.m.  Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist  Nave

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**Monday–Wednesday • December 30–January 1 • Office & buildings closed**

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**Sunday • January 5**

8 a.m.  Holy Eucharist  Nave
9 a.m.  Hospitality Time  Founders’ Hall
10:15 a.m.  Holy Eucharist  Nave
10:20 a.m.  Children’s Chapel & Godly Play  Nave
11:30 a.m.  Hospitality Time  Founders’ Hall
5 p.m.  Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist  Nave
6 p.m.  LGBT+ Gathering  Founders’ Hall Café

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