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: “Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern,” BuxWV 223

Dietrich Buxtehude

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.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons All are seated. Meditative silence follows the readings.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7–14

Lector  Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.
With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People    Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1–8 spoken in unison

All    How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
             My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
             my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
             by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
             my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
             they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
             whose hearts are set on the pilgrims’ way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
             for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
They will climb from height to height,*
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;*
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God;*
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3–6,15–19a

Lector Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1–12

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.
* 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 Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People That we all may be one.

Lector Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Lector We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Lector We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Lector Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Lector Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Lector Give to the departed eternal rest;
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Lector We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Lector Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence
**Confession and Absolution**

Deacon    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 #107: “The first Nowell”
1 was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
2 shining in the east beyond them far,
3 three wise men came from country far;
4 o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
5 full reverently upon their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
2 and to the earth it gave great light,
3 to seek for a king was their intent,
4 and there it did both stop and stay
5 and offered there in his presence

1 on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
2 and so it continued both day and night.
3 and to follow the star wherever it went.
4 right over the place where Jesus lay,
5 their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Refrain

No well, No well, No well, No well,

born is the King of Israel.

6 Then let us all with one accord
   sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
   that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
   and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain
* Presentation Hymn #128: “We three kings”

1 We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
2 Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold and Incense we bring again,
3 Frankincense to offer have I; Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrows, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
5 Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; heaven sings Alleluia! Alleluia! the earth replies!

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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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by
the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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 #119: “As with gladness men of old”


Voluntary: “Noël no. 10” Louis-Claude Daquin

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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In memory of Ted & Martha Iott, Sabino Bilotta, Nick & Elynor Baresi by Larry & Beverly Bilotta
By Sandra & Gary Bressman
In memory of John M. Brown by Margaret S. Brown
In thanksgiving for our Christmas Blessings by Chip & Deborah Buckner
In memory of Miller & Catherine Nichols by Kay & Jean Callison
In thanksgiving for our grandson, Frank Carlson Gorsuch by Bob & Linda Carlson
In memory of my mother, Ruth Carter, by Sandy Carter
In memory of Steve & Lorraine Cenovich, Frank & Lily Baumann by Eric & Burma Cenovich
In thanksgiving for the Griffins & the Suttions & in Memory of Betty & Millie by Don & Betsy Chase
In thanksgiving for the Cathedral and the art of worship by Emanuel Cooper Jr.
In thanksgiving for the ministry of Dean Keyse, Beth, Siras & Mary Mullis by Aunt Crum & Uncle Doug
By Richard & Jill Fanolio
In memory of Blanche Heider by Sara Gaggens
In thanksgiving for Henry & Margo Galus by Mark Galus & Sara Copeland
In memory of Charles Larry Garrison Sullivan
In thanksgiving for all our blessings of the year by the Gitta family
In thanksgiving for Maddie, Jack, Julia & John by John & Ellen Goheen
In memory of Dorothy Hatteberg & Kiers Rowley by Jeri Hatteberg
In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren by Paget & Tom Higgins
In thanksgiving for Dean Andy, Beth, Siras & Mary Mullis by Sharon K. Hudson
In thanksgiving for our family by Day & Whitney Kerr
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Howard W. Keyse, Mr. & Mrs. Siras A. Stocks, Mr. & Mrs. Carl F. Grauer, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph L. Johnson & Dr. Siras Allan Stocks by Andy & Beth Keyse
In thanksgiving of the anniversary of Andrew’s ordination to the priesthood by Mrs. Mary Keyse
In memory of Fred Leive by Patricia Leive
In memory of Alice Marie Lindquist, Gertrude Lewandowski & Jesse Hockett by Dr. Joseph & Mrs. Tina Lewandowski

In thanksgiving for the anniversary of our wedding by Paula & Benny Lewis
In memory of Charles Lindstrom by the Lindstrom family
In memory of Arthur A. Vogel by Ed & Ann Matheny
By William & Marcille McCandless
In memory of Ron McLeroy and in thanksgiving for the birthday of our son, Brad McLeroy by Carolyn McLeroy
In memory of Marilyn Lacey McMullen by Larry McMullen
In thanksgiving for our daughter, Noel, & grandson, Gordon, & in memory of our parents by Harley & Pat Miller
In thanksgiving for Mila & Avalyn and in memory of Grandpa Bill by William & Valerie A. Miller
In thanksgiving for Abby, Jon & Camille Moore and in memory of Janice Boutrager, Homer & Mary Lou Moore by Steve & Kristy Moore
In thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren by Richard & Anne Morse
In thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Ryan & Brook and their wonderful parents by John & Denise Nelson
In thanksgiving for those we have loved and lost by Page & Bruce Reed
In loving memory of Gerry Reynaud by Barbara, Renee, Geralyn, John and his grandchildren
In memory of Isabel Curdy by Bob Richmond
In memory of John and Grace Obetz by Bob Richmond
In thanksgiving for Celeste and Jon (in honor of their marriage) by Ruth Einet Rinehart
In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren by Ellen & Brent Spake
In thanksgiving and celebration of Ezra Jack Baker
In thanksgiving for our family & in memory of Howard & Betty Stewart, Karol Stewart Mitko & Dale Sweeting by Ric & Janet Sweeting
In thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren: François-Régis, Hilary & Adélaïde Gaboriau, Kevin, Laura, Aida, Georgia, Judd & Hollis Thomas & by Michael & Cathy Thomas
By Lill & Bruce Weeks
In memory of John Weaver, Sarah Weaver, Randy Wesner, & Dale Wesner by Glen & Terri Wesner
In thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren by Jack & Marie Whitacre
Announcements for the Week of January 5, 2020

Up Next

January Diaper Drive
January
During the month of January, we are collecting diapers for Happy Bottoms, 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.

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. For more details, see the invitation on page 15. We hope you can attend and show your support!

Youth Confirmation Classes
Starting January 19 • 9:30 a.m.
Please keep our candidates for Confirmation in your prayers as they engage in prayer and study this spring. Confirmands will participate in the Area Confirmation this spring with candidates from other local parishes. If you are interested in the next season of youth confirmation classes, please contact Alexandra, youthformation@kccathedral.org for more information.

Choral Evensong and Organ Recital
January 19 • 5 p.m.
Evensong is a service of hymns, choral anthems, Bible readings and prayers—it is a time to listen, pray, meditate and sing. Holy Communion will NOT be celebrated at this Evensong. The January recital is by Kurt Knecht. Kurt is a composer, organist and conductor currently living in Kansas City, Missouri. He is the organist at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in KC, MO.

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.

Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for:
Healing—Ellie Vitoria Kupec; Pat & Larry Martin; Barbara Liming; Becky Broce; Bill Foley; 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; Gaëlle Marchand; Elizabeth; Dan Anderson; Ann Foster; Peggy Morgan; Jan Carson; Rhonda Hawkins; Jim & family; Bishop John Buchanan; Zan Crum
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
Safety & Shelter—Animals in need of homes
Our prayers have also been asked for—Gil Head

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.

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.

Other Activities

Coffee and Conversations—Tuesdays • 7:30 a.m.
Qigong and Tai Chi—Thursdays, resuming Jan. 9 • 12:45 p.m.
Young Adults—Ongoing
**Mystical Tradition: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam**

Sundays, January 5–March 22  
9:15–10 a.m. • Haden Hall Purple Door Room  

Mystical experiences and practices—including dramatic visions, direct communication with the divine, intense spiritual quests, and hermetic lifestyles—are commonly associated with Eastern cultures. They are thought to be far removed from the monotheistic traditions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. In Mystical Tradition: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, explore this spiritual, literary, and intellectual heritage in these great faiths as it unfolds over three millennia. The course also offers a thought-provoking perspective on the nature of human spirituality. As Professor Luke Timothy Johnson of Emory University demonstrates, mystical strains of thought have permeated and influenced these three great religions for centuries, despite opposition from-and, in some cases, persecution by—the mainstream religious community. As you come to see, this persistence in the face of persecution reflects something about human nature: the need to pursue ultimate knowledge and union with a transcendent power. Contact class facilitator Deacon Jerry Grabher with questions, j.grabher3@gmail.com.

**Women’s Bible Study**  
Tuesdays, resuming January 7  
12:30–1:30 p.m. • Haden Hall Purple Door Room  

Women’s Bible Study has been on hiatus, but 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 Haden Hall Purple Door 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 information contact Candy McDowell at candyleemc@att.net.
**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

January 5
- Whitney Neff
- Jason Munsell

January 6
- Jan & Terry Duncan

January 7
- Tom Brous
- Kathleen Chaney
- Karla Norris
- Carol Whitehead

January 11
- Donald Fenger
- Alex Neff

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

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**Today’s Flowers**

to the Glory of God and ...

- Prayers for all travelers—the Gitta family

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 • January 5**
- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Nave
- 9 a.m. Hospitality Time Founders’ Hall
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum: Mystical Tradition: Judaism, Christianity and Islam Haden Hall Purple Door 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
- 6 p.m. LGBT+ Gathering Nave

**Tuesday • January 7**
- 7:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversations Founders’ Hall Café
- 12:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study Haden Hall Purple Door Room

**Wednesday • January 8**
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist Chapel
- 6 p.m. Rehearsal: Tallis Singers Haden Hall
- 6:45 p.m. GHTC Youth Group Haden Hall Youth Room

**Thursday • January 9**
- 12:45 p.m. Tai Chi & Qigong Common Room
- 7 p.m. Celebration of New Ministry Nave, Founders’ Hall

**Sunday • January 12**
- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Nave
- 9 a.m. Hospitality Time Founders’ Hall
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum: Mystical Tradition: Judaism, Christianity and Islam Haden Hall Purple Door Room
- 9:15 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Children’s Choir Haden Hall Blue Door 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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