



## Announcements for the Week of December 23, 2018

### *From me to you ...*

When we enter into the liturgies, rituals and scriptures of our Cathedral, we are reminded that for centuries, the people of God have faced atrocities. At a vigil for those killed in Pittsburgh, a rabbi said, "Religion does not provide answers." We cannot look to scripture to find why atrocities happen. However, scripture teaches us that God has never abandoned us and never will.

In the face of bondage in Egypt, God delivered the people and guided them through the desert to the Promised Land. In the face of betrayal, Jesus defied death itself and ascended to the right hand of God. This Advent, we reflect on the light coming into the world that seeks to destroy the darkness of violence.

See you in church!

*Mrs. Evelyn*



*Welcome*

**RESERVED  
FOR  
FIRST TIME  
GUESTS**

### Reminder—Reserved Parking Spots

Since we typically have more guests for the Christmas services, please remember the Cathedral is now marking some staff parking spots as "Reserved for First Time Guests." Please help us welcome those visiting by leaving these spots free for their use. Thank you for your cooperation.

# Up Next

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## Diaper Drive

**January**



Because of your support, HappyBottoms, the KC metro area's diaper bank, is able to provide thousands of children each month with clean diapers. Since diapers are not covered by safety-net programs, your donations of diaper packages (including already opened packs) help cover the gap and enable families to have at least a few clean diapers on hand every day. Please bring your diapers to the blue bin in the Cathedral entryway, and we will deliver them to HappyBottoms.

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## Epiphany—Kids as Kings

**January 6 • 10:15 a.m.**



Children are invited to dress as kings (we provide the costumes) and process with the gifts during the offertory. After the service, all are invited to enjoy some King Cake at coffee hour.

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## Readers Book Club

**January 13 • 11:45 a.m.**



The first book we will be discussing is *In the Midst of Winter* on Sunday January 13, 2019 in Founders' Hall around 11:45. Keep reading!

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## Evensong

**January 20 • 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 is often celebrated following Evensong for those desiring it.

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# A Bit Further Out

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*Annual Meeting*—January 27

## End of the Year Giving Tips

Thanks so much for your generosity in 2018. We are seeing the fruits of the spiritual practice of stewardship everywhere we look. As you plan your end-of-year charitable contributions, please consider giving to Cathedral ministries. In addition to giving to the general fund, it's a great time to remember the Clergy Discretionary Fund and our Social Outreach ministries.

Special Note: The church office will be closed December 24, 2018–January 1, 2019 with the exception of services Sunday, December 30. Donations can be given in our Sunday offerings, mailed to the Cathedral office or made via our [online giving site](#). In order for these gifts to be tax deductible they must be postmarked and/or given before December 31, 2018.

If you have a question about your pledge or other giving, please contact Cathedral Administrator Julie Toma at [jtoma@kccathedral.org](mailto:jtoma@kccathedral.org) or 816.214.9936.

Some wonderful things are unfolding in our community of faith as we move through this time of transition and prepare to welcome a new dean. With God's help and the faithful participation and stewardship of God's people, we can expect the progress to continue. Please participate however you can through your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service!

# Cathedral Caregivers Prayer List

Pray for: Andrew Mosley; Ron McLeroy; Brad McLeroy; Ron Capps; Rick Sloan; Jan Frizzle; Len Steinle; Sammy Sutton; Brad Hook; Peggy Morgan; Betty Price; Julie; Stephen; Marty Daniels; Mauricio Alvarez; Carmen Quintero; Diane Barker; Laura Baker; Joyce Verburg; Matt Levi & family; Geoff Logan; Jackye Finnie; Sonya Kittrell; Alberto Quintero; LaGretta Gitta; Randy Morgan.

*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](mailto:communications@kccathedral.org). **Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.***

## Special Music during the Christmas Season

The late Christmas Eve service will be preceded at 9:45 p.m. by a festal organ prelude played by Dr. Ann Marie Rigler of William Jewell College, with the liturgy beginning at 10 p.m. In addition to beloved congregational carols, the service will include a choral mass setting, *Missa Eliensis* by Arthur Wills, sung by the Trinity Choir, as well as anthems by Sir David Willcocks, Hugh MacKinnon and Will Todd.



The Christmas Day service will include favorite Christmas carols, anthems by Harold Darke and Will Todd sung by the Trinity Choir, and organ music by Louis-Claude Daquin and Johann Sebastian Bach.

On Sunday, December 30, Canon John Schaefer, Canon Musician Emeritus, will be the organist with special music provided by violinist Keith Stanfield, who will offer Bach's Chaconne from *Suite No. 2* as the postlude, and by vocalist Paul Davidson.

—Paul Meier, Director of Music

# Did You Know?

## Upcoming Worship Services

### Advent 4 Services

Sunday, December 23 • 8 & 10:15 a.m. only

### Christmas Eve Pageant & Eucharist

Monday, December 24 • 5 p.m.

Our children tell the Christmas Gospel story through their pageant. Nursery care provided for children three and younger.

### Eve of the Nativity

#### of our Lord Jesus Christ

Monday, 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

Tuesday, December 25 • 10:15 a.m.

Greet the Incarnate Lord on Christmas morning with a celebration of Holy Eucharist with carols and organ music.

### Christmas 1 Services

Sunday, December 30 • 10:15 a.m. & 5 p.m. only

### The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 6 • 8 & 10:15 a.m., 5 p.m.

At the 10:15 a.m. service, children are invited to dress as kings (we provide the costumes) and process with the gifts during the offertory. After the service, all are invited to enjoy some King Cake at coffee hour.

For more information about these services and other upcoming Advent events, visit [kccathedral.org/we-worship/advent](http://kccathedral.org/we-worship/advent).

# Birthdays, Anniversaries & Flowers...Oh My

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



December 23  
Mounir Elmarrakchi  
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

December 29  
Jan Frizzle  
John Tangeman  
Patrick Franken  
Sarah Galliher  
Sarah Rowland

## Today's Flowers to the Glory of God and ...



- in thanksgiving for our little one, Michael's birthday on Dec 25th—Premkumar & Caroline John
- in thanksgiving for our grandson, Frank Gorsuch—Linda & Bob Carlson

To donate toward the weekly flower cost of \$225, sign up online at [kccathedral.org/flowers](http://kccathedral.org/flowers) or contact the Cathedral office, [jsweeting@kccathedral.org](mailto:jsweeting@kccathedral.org) or 816.474.8260 ext. 144. Any amount is appreciated.

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

## Advent & Christmas Flower Donations

It's not too late to consider making a donation toward the beautiful flowers that will decorate the church during Advent and Christmas. Help make the Cathedral as stunning as in years past. Contact Janet Sweeting, [jsweeting@kccathedral.org](mailto:jsweeting@kccathedral.org) or 816.474.8260, ext. 144, to contribute or for more information. Flower envelopes were recently sent out or you can find them at the back of the Nave.



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### Welcome First-Time Visitors

As a special welcome, first-time visitors are invited to come to Connection Corner after this morning's 10:15 a.m. service. Look for the festive Connection Corner table at the west end of Founders' Hall. There you will be greeted by Cathedral members and be given a small gift in appreciation for worshipping with us today.

### Baptism at GHTC

Holy Baptism is a sacrament of welcome into the Body of Christ—for adults and children. If you are seeking baptism for yourself or your child, or have a question about baptism, please contact the clergy or Cathedral office. Holy Baptism is celebrated at either the 8 or 10:15 a.m. service on Sundays or on days that are especially appropriate for baptism, such as the Baptism of Our Lord, Sunday, January 13.



# Ongoing Stuff

## Winter Adult Formation Classes

The clergy are beginning to plan adult formation classes for January and February, and would like to know what you would like to learn about! Would you come to a series on customs and governance in the Episcopal Church? Or a series on the St. John's Bible? Or a lectionary study? Or a renowned theologian? Or practical theology: putting our faith to work? What else?

Anybody out there want to teach something for a few weeks? Or how about co-teach with someone? How about a speaker series—who? What subject?

See there's lots to draw from, but it's a participatory endeavor: you're needed to come! Please let either Dean Evelyn or Canon Dorn know your ideas.



### Adult Forum: *The Darkest Season of the Year: Eschatology and Hope in the Season of Advent*

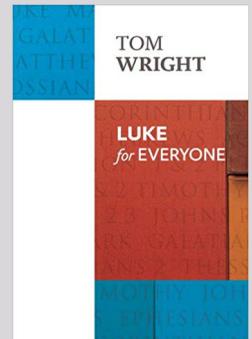
Sundays, December 2–23 • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

Fleming Rutledge has described Advent as “the season for contemplating the judgment of God. Advent is the season that, when properly understood, does not flinch from the darkness that stalks us all in this world. Advent begins in the dark and moves toward the light—but the season should not move too quickly or too glibly, lest we fail to acknowledge the depth of the darkness.” Deacon Marco Serrano will lead this adult forum.

### Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays • 12:30-1:30 p.m. • Common Room

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!



Commencing in Advent and coinciding with the beginning of Lectionary Year C, the group will use *Luke for Everyone* by the Right Reverend N. T. Wright, Bishop of Durham (Church of England) as the inspiration for its weekly discussion. The book is now available in the Cathedral Bookstore.

### *The Way*

#### **Wednesdays • 6–8 p.m. • Founders' Hall**

Interested in the Christian faith? Curious about Anglicanism?

Then join us for The Way, Wednesdays from 6–8 p.m., beginning January 16. Featuring a home-cooked meal, conversation and Bible study, The Way is a community for people just beginning the journey of faith as well as those looking to strengthen their faith. All are warmly invited.



6 p.m.—Dinner and Conversation

6:30 p.m.—Interactive Learning

7 p.m.—Bible Sharing

7:50 p.m.—Compline

8 p.m.—Dismissal

The main goal of The Way is to provide participants with good practices and sound information for a meaningful life in Christ. Childcare is available upon request.

If you would like to know more about this and have questions, contact the Rev. Marco Serrano, Deacon and Young Adult Coordinator, [mserrano@kccathedral.org](mailto:mserrano@kccathedral.org).



### *Qigong and Tai Chi*

#### **Thursdays • 12:45 p.m. • Common Room**

Karen Kissinger offers free group sessions at the Cathedral on Thursdays at 12:45 p.m. in the Common Room. There are no contraindications for this practice and all gentle movements may be modified. Karen has facilitated for people who have diverse levels of mobility. One may choose

to be seated or stand during the movements. Meditations are seated. Two types of Qigong and Tai Chi will be used, Spring Forest Qigong and Tai Chi Easy.

**Want Something in the Weekly Announcement Insert?**

Send it to Melissa at [communications@kccathedral.org](mailto:communications@kccathedral.org) by Wednesday of any week.

# This Week's Calendar

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## Sunday • December 23

8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave
9 a.m.	Hospitality Time	Founders' Hall
9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum: <i>The Darkest Season</i>	Common 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 & Holy Eucharist	Nave

## Monday • December 24 • Office Closed

5 p.m.	Christmas Eve Eucharist & Pageant	Nave
10 p.m.	Christmas Eve Eucharist	Nave

## Tuesday • December 25 • Office Closed • Merry Christmas!

10:15 a.m.	Christmas Day Eucharist	Nave
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## Wednesday, December 26–Saturday, December 29

Office and buildings closed, no noon Eucharist on Wednesday, December 26.

## Sunday • December 30

10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave
5 p.m.	Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist	Nave

Visit [kccathedral.org](http://kccathedral.org) for more calendar information.

## We Need to Hear from You!

Please let the cathedral office know if you are sick or hospitalized and would like prayers or a clergy visit. Due to HIPAA regulations, hospitals cannot release patient information unless you sign in as an Episcopalian at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral. Call 816.474.8260 or email [cdorn@kccathedral.org](mailto:cdorn@kccathedral.org).

Have you recently left something at church?  
Check with the Cathedral office.