Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
5 p.m.
Welcome to Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral!

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

The celebration of the Nativity of our Lord is such a wonderful time to give thanks for our family and friends. This time of year is so special and sacred, and a time that we, as Christians, hold dear for remembering our salvation through the birth of Jesus. God gave us a great gift on that quiet night in Bethlehem, and we continue to enjoy it as we receive it over and over each year. God’s love for us is beyond anything we can imagine, and the best way we can respond to it is to love back. As Christ loves us, we are called to love one another. At this most sacred time of year I wish you peace, happiness, good health and great joy throughout this season and the New Year. May this season be a blessed one for all of you, and may the warmth of Christ’s light fill you with all hope.

Christmas Offering

Fifty percent of the Christmas offering will be used for local outreach. This year the offering for outreach is focused on addressing food insecurity in Kansas City and will be distributed equally to Harvesters and Nourish KC. Please consider making a generous and sacrificial gift. The remainder of the offering is used for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral.

Offerings may be placed in the offering plate, made securely online (kccathedral.org, click on “Give”), by texting “GIVETOGHTC christmas” to 73256 or by scanning the QR code.

- NourishKC bases the efforts of its programs — Kansas City Community Kitchen (KCCK), Food Rescue, and Culinary Training — on the belief that food is a basic human right. They believe that it is not enough just to fill bellies; the meals served to their guests should be hot, fresh, and nutritious. Their goal is to feed anyone in need and change lives in the process by partnering with other organizations and helping our volunteers build community.

- The Harvesters Community Food Network provides food and related household products to more than 760 nonprofit agencies including emergency food pantries, community kitchens, homeless shelters, children’s homes and others. They also offer education programs to increase community awareness of hunger and teach about good nutrition.

Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
- Children are welcome in all our services and activities for them are available on a shelf in the back aisle. The nursery is not open for this service.
- Restrooms are available in Founders’ Hall. A changing station is also available in the restroom at west end (rear) of the Cathedral.
- Page numbers listed are from The Book of Common Prayer.
- The offering plate will be passed during the offertory. Donations may also be made securely online, by scanning the QR code to the right or by texting “GIVEtoGHTC” to 73256. Thank you for your generosity.
Holy Eucharist

Voluntary: Gesù bambino (Pietro Yon)

The Word of God

* Entrance Hymn: 83 “O come, all ye faithful”

Music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711–1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.

Words: John Francis Wade (1711–1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802–1880) and others. Music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711–1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Presider  
Alleluia. Unto us a child is born.

People  
Unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.

**SONG OF PRAISE: 96 “Angels we have heard on high”**

1. Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
4. See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;

and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight,
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Gloria

in excelsis Deo. Gloria

in excelsis Deo.
* Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2–7

Lector The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
Sing to the Lord a new song; *
    sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
    proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations *
    and his wonders among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
    he is more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
    but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
    Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
    ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
    bring offerings and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
    let the whole earth tremble before him.
Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is King! *
    he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.”
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
    let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, *
    when he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness *
    and the peoples with his truth.

Second Lesson: Titus 2:11–14

Lector For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and
    worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while
    we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus
    Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself
    a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
* GOSPEL HYMN: 89 “It came upon the midnight clear”

1 It came upon the midnight clear,
   That glorious song of old,
   From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
   The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come with peace ful wings unfurled,
   And still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world;
   And war ring hu man kind hears not thetidings which they bring;
   But faith the message brings.

3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the prophets seen of old,
   When with the ever cir cing years shall come the time fore told,
   When peace shall o ver all the earth its heaven’s all grac i ous King;
   The world in solemn bend on hover ing wing,

4 For lo! the days are hastening on, by proph ets seen of old,
   When with the ever cir cing years shall come the time fore told,
   Heaven’s all gra cious King; The world in sol emm
   And war ring hu man kind hears not the tid ings which they bring;


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Tonight our children proclaim the Gospel. You are invited to sing the familiar carols as the children tell the story.

Hymn: 79 “O little town of Bethlehem”


O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thee dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Hymn: 101 “Away in a manger”


Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
Hymn: 93 “Angels from the realms of glory”

1. Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth; ye, who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth: come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born King.

2. Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night, God with you is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light: come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born King.

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

**Words:** John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.  
**Music:** *In dulci jubilo*, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944)

Children participating in the pageant return to their parents.

**Homily**
The Nicene Creed

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

Deacon
Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger.

On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host, that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds, that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen.

Intercessor
On this holy night in which God joins heaven and earth, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Let us pray for the Church around the world as it celebrates the birth of Christ. Bless all those who are entrusted with Christian ministry that your Word might be proclaimed with truth and courage across our world. We pray especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Diane our Bishop Provisional; and for all bishops and other ministers.

Lord in your mercy,

People
Hear our prayer.
Intercessor  Bestow your wisdom on all who govern, that in honoring the earth and its diverse races, cultures, and religions, we may celebrate the light of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy,

People  Hear our prayer.

Intercessor  Grant reconciliation to those besought with conflict and violence, that they may live in the peace of this holy night. We pray especially for those affected by war or gun violence.

Lord in your mercy,

People  Hear our prayer.

Intercessor  Let us pray for all who are cold, hungry, or alone this night. Embrace with your tender care all who wander or have no place to lay their head, that they may experience the hope of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy,

People  Hear our prayer.

Intercessor  Let us pray for all who are anxious, depressed, or ill. Draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering or sick, especially those we mention now, either silently or aloud, that they may feel the comfort of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy,

People  Hear our prayer.

Intercessor  Let us pray for parents, families, and newborn infants. Strengthen families in the bonds of love and commitment, that they may delight in the joy of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy,

People  Hear our prayer.

Intercessor  Let us pray for ourselves and for the blessings of Christmas. Open our hearts to your presence, that we may be transformed by the new birth of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy,

People  Hear our prayer.

Intercessor  Let us give thanks for all the faithful departed who have been bearers of the Word made flesh. Give us grace to follow your holy ones in lives of faith and commitment, that we may we join with the hosts of heaven in singing the praises of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy,

People  Hear our prayer.

Intercessor  O God, grant us all these things for the sake of him who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People  Amen.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

* The Peace  

Presider  The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People  And also with you.
**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Voluntary:** *In dulci jubilo*, BWV 729, 608

Johann Sebastian Bach

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*Offertory Hymn: 100 “Joy to the world”*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
joy, re-peat the sound-ing joy,
sing, and heaven and na-ture sing.

2 Joy to the world! the Sa-vior reigns; let us our hearts employ, while fields and floods,
prepare the sound-ing joy,
joy, re-peat the sound-ing joy,
sing, and heaven and na-ture sing.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns in-vest the ground; he comes to make his bless-ings flow far
nations prove the glo-ries of his right-eous-ness, and

4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glo-ries of his right-eous-ness, and

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* The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our 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.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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  S125: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus


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 [_________ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; 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.

All
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.

* Breaking of the Bread

Presider
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

S161: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei


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.
Intinction of wafers is offered, if desired. For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.
For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.

Communion Hymn: 115 “What child is this”

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2 Why lies he in such meek estate where
3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Mary’s lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with
ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for
peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal-

an thems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping;
sinners here the silent Word is pleading,
translation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds

guard and angels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.
* Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

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.

* Candle Lighting

Please pass the flame to your neighbor.

* Blessing of a Crèche

Presider The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:
People And we beheld his glory.
Presider Let us pray.

O God our Creator, to restore our fallen race you spoke the effectual word, and the Eternal Word became flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: be pleased to bless and hallow this image of his sacred birth, so that those who gaze upon it may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
* HYMN: 111 “Silent night, holy night”


Please extinguish your candle. Following the service, place your candle in one of the baskets near the exits.

* CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Presider  May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior’s birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.
The Deacon dismisses the people.

People   Thanks be to God.

* SENDING HYMN: 87 “Hark! the herald angels sing”

1 Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!
2 Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
3 Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!


Voluntary: “Carillon de Westminster,” op. 54 no. 6

Louis Vierne
Following the service, all are invited to Haden Hall for hot chocolate and to see the igloo created by the Cathedral’s Children’s Ministry.

The hot chocolate bar is sponsored by our Youth Ministry & Children’s Ministry.

Haden Hall is located upstairs from the tower entrance.

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**Pageant Cast**

- **Narrators**: Ava Kahn, Nora Elisabeth
- **Mary**: Riley Thomas
- **Joseph**: Athan Nichols

*The roles of Shepherds, Angels, Stars and Animals are played by the children.*

**Serving Today**

- **Presider/Preacher**: The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce
- **Assisting**: The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, The Rev. Canon Ryan Wiksell
- **Deacon**: The Rev. Barbara Wegener
- **Organist**: Dr. Paul Meier
- **Lector**: Henry Galus
- **Intercessor**: LeeAnne Hays
- **Eucharistic Minister**: Maria Bernicchi
- **Altar Guild**: Sara Copeland, Peg Brown
- **Acolytes**: Jonah Fahnestock, Henry Galus, Ken Stewart
- **Ushers**: Richard Morse, Mark Galus
- **Livestreaming**: Chris Morrison, Christine Morrison

*Thank you to all the volunteers who help make our Christmas services successful. You are greatly appreciated!*
Thanksgivings and Memorials for Flowers and Greens

- in thanksgiving for our family by Janet & Ric Sweeting
- in thanksgiving for my family and in loving memory of Lucy Ann Richards by John Richards
- in thanksgiving for our children Siras and Mary Mullis by Beth and Andy Keyse
- in memory of Edwin & Virginia Lee Fuhrman by Sharon Hudson
- in memory of John M. Brown, Gretchen S. Sleight, Bevier M. Sleight, William P. Sleight by Peg Brown
- in memory of Barbara J. Bucker by Robert Bucker
- in memory of Warren Massey, Charles Bergstrom, Leona Schaefer, Nelson McGee by
- in thanksgiving for life by Sally Livengood
- in thanksgiving for my husband, children and grandchildren by Paget Higgins
- in memory of Newt Lewis, Anne & Clarence Hansen by Gordon Hansen
- in thanksgiving for the Cathedral Staff: Julie, Ryan, Barbara, Paul, Janet, Anglie, Melissa, Mike, Bianca, Brian, Farzana, Brittany, Clare, and Joan by Dean Andy
- in thanksgiving for Maddie and Jack Molise, our grandchildren by John & Ellen Goheen
- in memory of Beverly Bilotta by Larry Bilotta
- in memory of John Sumpter, Ben & Georgia Capshaw by Donna Sumpter
- in memory of Marilyn McMullen by Larry McMullen
- in memory of Josephine & Ira Morgan by Dr. Dennis Morgan
- in memory of Ron McLeroy by Carolyn McLeroy
- in thanksgiving for our grandchildren Ryan & Brooke by John & Denise Nelson
- by Tara & Bob Bennett
- in thanksgiving for our family by The Ryders
- by Elizabeth Miller
- in memory of Reginald & Fleeda Franklin by Muriel, Regina, Lynette, Brent & Melanie
- by Eric Elisabeth & Julie Brogno
- in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren by Michael & Cathy Thomas
- in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Keyse, Mr. and Mrs. Siras A. Stocks, Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Grauer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Johnson, Dr. S. Allan Stocks by Beth and Andy Keyse
- in memory of Calvin Hillhouse by Brent A. Barr
- in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren by Anne & Richard Morse

Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for: Diana Killman; Mary Duerksen Sklar; Randy Mueller; Tony Buffa; Linda Aguilar; Ian Mattson; Troy, Aiden, and William; Kiah & Johnathan McDaniel; Thaddeus Withers; Johnathan; Marie Kissenger; Joseph York; Doris Biellier; Joanne Repass Jones; Pat Miller; Pat & Larry Martin; Joe Finnie; Tracy Johnson; Elvin Bush; Kemarr Diamond; Peggy Morgan; Jan Frizzle; Jim Nash; Carolyn Brown; Brend & Lilliana; David H; The Rev Kay Bowman-Harvey (Miami OK); Peggy & Ralph Wallace; Dana Porter; Norma Smith; Willard Welch; Pat Leive; Charlotte Colburn; Chris Kemper; Dan Chase; James Hyatt; Joslyn Dawson; Craig Hager; John Miller; Missy; Jim Royer; Dennis & Kathy Meehan; Jean Rau; Emily, Leo & Henry; Joyce Denton; Willard Welch; the people of Ukraine; Andrew Rowland; all families affected by gun violence; the Mauro family; the Hamilton family; the Mason family; the Wheeler family; the With family; the Norris & Welch family; the Grabher family; the Brown family; the Pendleton family; the Eilers family

Children’s Prayers: Prayers for my brother; Prayers for my mom, who is feeling sick; Prayer for patience because I’m excited about Christmas and getting presents

For the complete prayer list: kccathedral.org/prayers.

To place a person on this prayer list, please contact Deacon Barbara Wegener, bwegener@kccathedral.org.

Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.
Adults

Sunday

Adult Formation • 9:15 a.m.
A new class will begin Sunday, January 8. Watch for more details coming soon.

Tuesday

GHTC’s Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m.
Please join us for our weekly conversation in GHTC’s Virtual Cafe! Tuesday mornings from 7:30–9 a.m. For details, visit kccathedra.org/other-activities.

Women’s Bible Study • 12:30 p.m.
Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. Visit the WBS page, kccathedra.org/adultformation/wbs for more information.

Lectionary Bible Study • 6:45 p.m.
We study the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Join the Lectionary Bible Study group in Realm or visit the LBS page, kccathedra.org/adultformation/lbs for more details.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 25
Michael John
Dennis Meehan
Arthur Mullies

December 26
John Hornbeck
Chuck & Marsy Gordon

December 27
Doug & Terri Curran

December 28
Dennis Morgan

December 29
Patrick Franken
Jan Frizzle
Charlotte & Frank Colburn

December 30
Nora Elisabeth
James McCaffree
Bob & Tara Bennett
Caroline & Prekumar John

December 31
Stephen Davis
Phyllis Shaffer

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

Youth, College & YA

Merry Everything!
From Dec. 14-Jan. 4 there will be NO YOUTH GROUP.
We will resume Jan. 11

Children

Christmas/New Years Schedule
• The nursery will be available during the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service.
• We will not have the nursery or children’s activities on Christmas Day.
• We will not have the nursery or Children’s Formation on New Year’s Day, but we will have Cathedral Kids at 10:30 a.m.

Cathedral Kids • 10:30 a.m.
Cathedral Kids meets during the first half of the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Children attending Cathedral Kids will meet their parents or guardians inside the tower doors during the passing of the peace.

Questions? Contact Brittany, childrensformation@kccathedra.org.
Diaper Drive for HappyBottoms

January

Outreach is collecting diapers during the month of January. These diapers are donated to HappyBottoms, the local diaper bank of Kansas City that gives out diapers to 60 area social service agency sites. You may leave donated diapers (even open packs) in the blue barrel in the cross hall.

Ordination of Brittany Renee Sparrow Savage to the Sacred Order of Deacons

Saturday, January 7 • 2 p.m.

God willing and the people consenting, Brittany Renee Sparrow Savage, David Sidney Wilcox, II, Jon Ryan Williams and Ryan Anthony Zavacky will be ordained into the Sacred Order of Deacons. You are invited to join them at the Cathedral or watch live online at spirit.diowestmo.org/live.

Martin Luther King Jr. Service

Saturday, January 14 • 4 p.m.

There will be a Diocesan service in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Please join us!

Choral Evensong

Sunday, January 15 • 5 p.m.

A service of Choral Evensong will be offered by the Trinity Choir. This contemplative service lasts about 45 minutes and includes hymns, scripture readings, prayers, chanted Psalms, canticles and a choir anthem.

National Day of Racial Healing

Tuesday, January 17 • 9 a.m.–noon

January 17, 2023, marks the seventh annual National Day of Racial Healing. On this day, individuals, organizations and communities across the U.S. come together to explore their common humanity and build the relationships necessary to create a more just and equitable world. The Cathedral will be open from 9 a.m. to noon with Bishop Diane in attendance. Feel free to stop by for a quiet moment of prayer and meditation.

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 29 • 10:30 a.m. (only service) with meeting to follow

The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 29, 2023. One service only at 10:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. A special meeting of the Vestry will follow the Annual Meeting to elect officers and schedule the Vestry retreat.