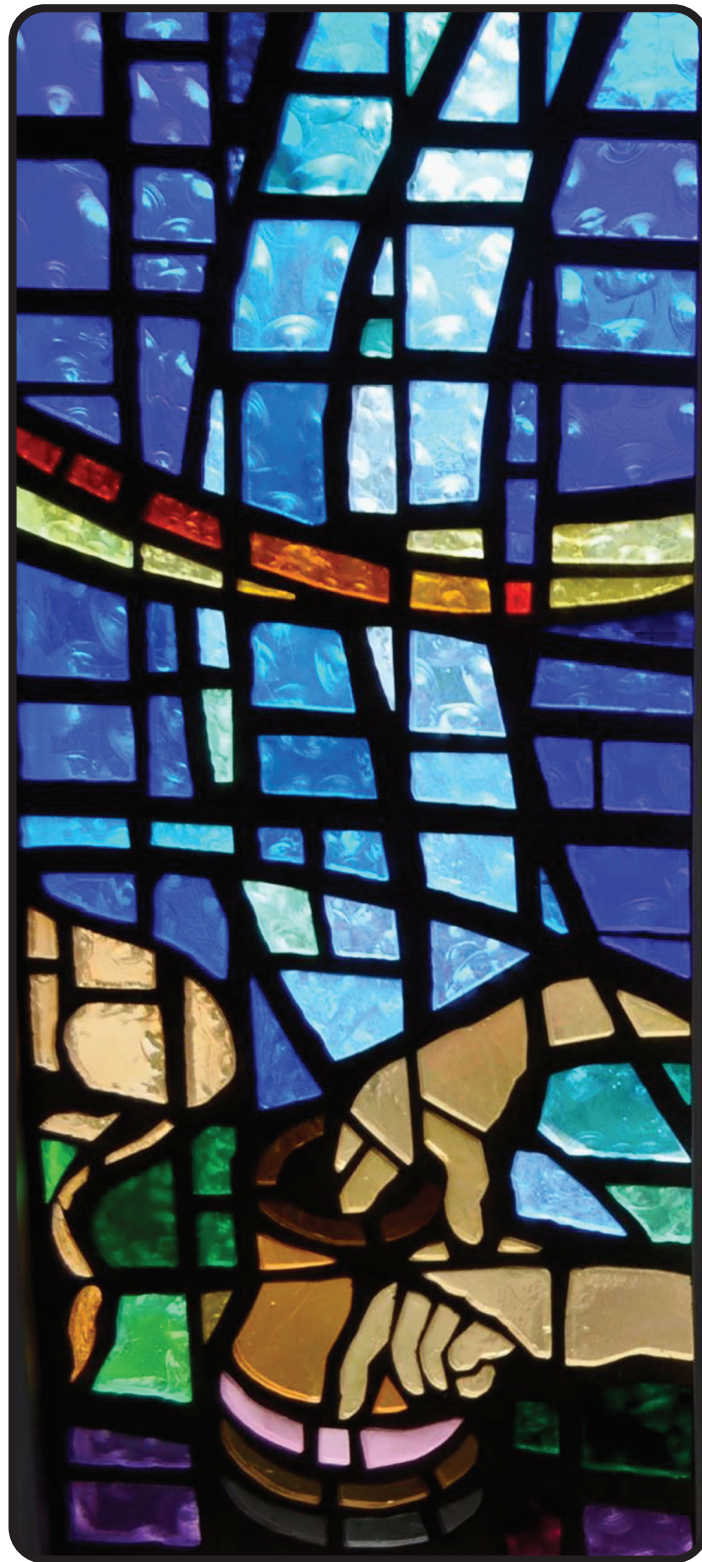


# GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



The First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 2023 • 8 a.m.

## Welcome! We are glad you are here.

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## Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (\*).
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# HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: "Conditor alme siderum" from *Hymnes de l'Église*

Jean Titelouze

## The Word of God

### \* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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

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Presider Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider Lord, have mercy.

### \* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

Lector           O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
                    so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
                    and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
                    so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
                    you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
                    no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
                    who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
                    those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
                    because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
                    and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
                    and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
                    or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
                    and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
                    we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
                    we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
                    and do not remember iniquity forever.  
                    Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

People           **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *read by alternating half verse*

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Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
                    **shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**  
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
                    **stir up your strength and come to help us.**  
Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
                    **show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**  
O Lord God of hosts, \*  
                    **how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**  
You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
                    **you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**  
You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
                    **and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

Restore us, O God of hosts; \*

**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*

**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

And so will we never turn away from you; \*

**give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*

**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

## Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Lector Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

## \* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God; and for those in our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, especially St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, Noel, and Episcopal Church Women;

**People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Diane, our Bishop; Andy, our Dean; James, our Associate; Barbara, our Deacon, the Search Committee for the election of a new Bishop, and for all the clergy and people;

**People For all who serve God in the Church.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.*

Intercessor Hear us Lord;

**People For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.*

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.*

Intercessor Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

**People Who put their trust in you.**

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

All            Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Presider concludes with an absolution.*

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

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Presider      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People        And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION PRAYER

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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 BLESSING OF THE PLEDGES

## The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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Presider      Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

\* OFFERTORY HYMN: 59 “Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding”

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: “Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;  
 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth’s bond-age let us rise;  
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 “Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day.”  
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.  
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
 5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end-ing a - ges run.

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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.

*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 **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 [\_\_\_\_\_ 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

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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

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*All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.  
Intinction of wafers and the common cup are both available at the altar rail.  
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

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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.

## \* THE BLESSING

## \* DISMISSAL

*Following the dismissal,*

People          Thanks be to God.

\* CLOSING HYMN: 73 "The King shall come when morning dawns"

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to  
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;  
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

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VOLUNTARY: "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme," op. 67. no. 41

Max Reger

## Serving Today

Presider	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Preacher	The Rev. James Yazell
Deacon	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Lector	Rebecca Rezaei
Eucharistic Minister	Nick Smith
Usher	Kim Smith
Altar Guild	Vangie Rich
Healing Minister	Joan Bergstrom
Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher

# Cathedral Prayer List

**Pray for:** Tom Noack Jr.; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Terry Van Gorp; Tanner Danley; Tammy Harvin; Susan Peach; Sammy Sutton; Sally Chapple; Randal Loy; Phyllis & James Shaffer; Pete Fortner; Patti Ryder; Pat Miller; Nelda Leon; Mike Barzee & Family; Mark McDowell; Margaret Brogdon; Linda E.; Larry & Pat Martin; Kim & Nick Smith; June McDonald; Joyce Morrow; Jonathon Gonzalez; Jim Royer; Jeri Gore; Gloria Stocks; Gio Sosa and Family; Fred. W; First Responders; Doyle White; Donna Carril; Diego Garcia; Diane and Dave Barker; David Myers; Dan Welch & Willard Welch; Cynthia Dietrich; Cooper Polakowski; Charlotte Colburn; Charles W Riley; Brent & Ellen Spake; Brend E.; Bonita White; Bob Myhren; Betty Loy

**Comfort and Peace:** the Crum family; the Gaggens family; Marsy Gordon and family; Ayrk and family; the Brown family; the Quamme family; Diane Liming Weyland & family; the Web family; the Frizzle family; Melissa Kilpatrick and family; all families affected by gun violence

**Children & Youth Prayers:** For young people and adults to have better mental health access. For less suicides to happen. For reconciliation in the middle east and better understanding of each other. For less pollution in the world. For more acceptance of people who are not like yourself. For stronger reading skills, the patience in developing them, and the resources to gain stronger skills. For the families of the world who are navigating challenging times.

**Pray for the Departed:** Perry Gethner; Lou Harwell; Zan Crum; Sara Gaggens; Wanda Knetter; Linda; Janet Brown; Gary Quamme; Joyce Liming; Don Webb; Jan Frizzle; Brad Kilpatrick; for all who have died from gun violence; for all those lost in war

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, Noel—The Rev. Canon Jose Palma, Priest-in-Charge; Episcopal Church Women

For the complete prayer list: [kccathedral.org/prayers](http://kccathedral.org/prayers)

To place a person on this prayer list, please contact Deacon Barbara Wegener, [bwegener@kccathedral.org](mailto:bwegener@kccathedral.org).

Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### December 3

Shea Spoonhour

### December 7

Gordon Hansen  
Bill McCandless

### December 4

Hampton Hubbard  
Sarah Lagergren  
Johnathan Michka

### December 8

Bailey Darr

### December 5

Bobby Brown  
Brend Eichman

### December 9

Nick Douthat  
Craig Heslop  
Meribeth Risebig

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

## Christmas Flowers

Flowers and Greens will once again adorn the Cathedral as part of our celebrations. Your gift in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one helps provide festive decorations for Christmas Eve through The Feast of the Epiphany. Thank you for your generous gifts in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ!

- **Give online** using the QR code.
- **Text** "GIVETOGHTC flowers" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.
- **Mail** a check to the Cathedral office.

To have your name appear in the Christmas bulletins, make your gift by Sunday, December 17. (Gifts received after this date will appear in Epiphany bulletins and the next issue of *The Angelus*.)



**Cathedral Staff:** The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, *Dean*; The Rev. W. James Yazell, *Associate Priest*; The Rev. Barbara Wegener, *Deacon*; Dr. Paul Meier, *Director of Music*; Dr. Lucas Fletcher, *Associate Organist*; Clare Stern-Burbano, *College, Youth & Children's Minister*; Julie Toma, *Cathedral Administrator*; Melissa Kilpatrick, *Communications Coordinator*; Holly Campbell, *Events Coordinator*; Steve Berman, *Finance Coordinator*; Joan Bergstrom, *Sacristan & Volunteer Coordinator*; Angie Graham, *Property Manager*; Mike Guidry, *Assistant Property Manager*; The Very Rev. Peter J. DeVeau, *Dean Emeritus*; Canon John Schaefer, *Canon Musician Emeritus*

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# Adults

## Sunday

### Adult Formation: *Discussions with the Clergy* 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

Please come join with Dean Andy and Fr. James as our conversation turns towards Advent themes. Who knows where the Spirit will lead us?

### Be SMART

#### Sunday, December 10 • 9:15 a.m.

Guns are the #1 cause of death for children and youth in our country, and most school shooters gain access to guns at home. Be SMART is an educational safety program for adults focused on keeping guns out of the hands of children, to prevent unintentional shootings, school shootings and youth suicide. Lenette Johnson and Tara Bennett of the Peace and Justice Committee of the Diocese will present Be SMART during Adult Formation on December 10. Come to learn what you can do to help keep



## 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 [kccathedral.org/other-activities](http://kccathedral.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, [kccathedral.org/adultformation/wbs](http://kccathedral.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, [kccathedral.org/adultformation/lbs](http://kccathedral.org/adultformation/lbs) for more details.

# Youth & College

Come join us for regular youth programs.

**Youth Formation—9:15 a.m. with light breakfast options**

**Worship—10:30 a.m.**

**Youth Group at 6 p.m. Dinner is provided!**

Questions? Contact Clare, [cstern@kccathedral.org](mailto:cstern@kccathedral.org).

# Children

Come join the fun!

### Formation Class • 9:15 a.m.

Join us for formation hour and wonder about God with your friends and teachers and hear sacred stories as told with the help of Godly Play resources!

### Cathedral Kids • 10:30 a.m.

Cathedral Kids meets during the first half of the 10:30 a.m. worship service and during this time we weave together our sacred stories and our Episcopal identity with the Weaving God's promises curriculum! Children attending Cathedral Kids will meet their parents or guardians inside the tower doors during the passing of the peace.

Questions? Contact Clare, [childrensformation@kccathedral.org](mailto:childrensformation@kccathedral.org) for more information.

## Upcoming Children & Youth Formation Schedule

Sunday evening Youth Group

We will take a break from December 17–January 7.

Sunday, December 24

**Morning:** No Nursery, Formation or Cathedral Kids will be available

**5 p.m. service** includes Children's Pick-up Pageant. The Nursery will be open. Bishop Diane presides at this service. After service, you are invited to Haden Hall for a small Christmas party with Hot Chocolate Bar and cookies.

Sunday, December 31

No Formation (Children or Youth), Cathedral Kids or Nursery.

Sunday, January 7

No Formation (Children or Youth) or Cathedral Kids but the Nursery will be available.

Sunday, January 14

Our regular schedule resumes.

# EXPECT THE *unexpected*

*All things work together for good for those who love God*



You may make your financial commitment by mailing your pledge card to the Cathedral, putting it into the offering or by making your pledge online using the QR code.

**Questions about pledging?**  
Use the QR code to see our Pledging FAQ.

What do we want for Grace and Holy Trinity in 2024? We want to work together for the good of all and go beyond our expectations for something better. We want to **Expect the Unexpected!** If we ask for what is expected, that's what we'll get; but, when we ask for the unexpected, we'll get so much more.

When you pledge to the work and ministry of the Cathedral, you are putting your faith and trust in all of us to expect the unexpected, so that what we get/give/share/learn is so much more than we could have ever imagined. Thank you for that trust.



## College & Young Adult **White Elephant** Gift Exchange & Advent Party

**Saturday, Dec. 9 • 5-6 p.m.**

**GHTC Common Room (by bookstore)**

Bring a wrapped gift up to \$20 value for white elephant exchange.

Holiday snacks and drinks provided. Wear your favorite holiday party clothes or ugly Christmas sweater.

## Holy Hands Hospitality

We are currently seeking one more volunteer to complete the five-person Holy Hands Hospitality Team that serves the fourth Sunday of each month. To sign up, please contact [volunteers@kccathedral.org](mailto:volunteers@kccathedral.org).

Holy Hands Hospitality Teams are dedicated parishioners who serve on a designated Sunday once per month to provide the food for the morning coffee hours. Each team member may choose to make or buy snacks to share, set them up and help with clean up.

**One More 4th Sunday  
Volunteer Needed**

# Christmas



*Sunday, December 24*

**5 p.m. • Christmas Eve (with pageant)**

Our children tell the Christmas Gospel story through their pageant. All children are welcome to participate in the pageant. There are no lines to learn and simple costumes will be provided. Children should meet in the Common Room at 4:30 p.m. Bishop Diane Bruce presides. Nursery for children under age 4 is available.

**10 p.m. • The Eve of the Nativity**

Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Traditional, familiar carols and service music will be featured.

*Monday, December 25*

**10 a.m. • The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

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

# Announcements



## Advent Workshop & Reception to Welcome Fr. James Yazell

**TODAY • 11:45 a.m.**

Join us after the 10:30 service for fun, fellowship and Advent crafts.

## Women of Grace Lunch & Outreach Project Saturday, December 9 10 a.m.

In addition to lunch, the Women of Grace will be packing treat bags for the children at Crittenton. RSVP to Terri Curran (tcurra2@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend.



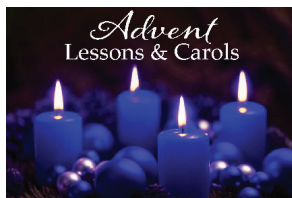
## Messiah Singalong Saturday, December 9 4 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join the chorus and sing for this presentation of Handel's most celebrated work. Bring your own score, or purchase one here, and join conductor Dr. Paul Meier, professional soloists, and members of the Kansas City Baroque Consortium in what is sure to be a memorable event.



## Advent Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 10 5 p.m.

The Cathedral will offer its seventh annual service of Advent Lessons and Carols. This service of Bible readings and music provides an opportunity for spiritual reflection and preparation as we anticipate the joy of Christmas and the hope of Christ's return.



## The City Come Again Monday, December 11 11:30 a.m.

William Jewell College's gift to the city in words and music, features the college's Concert Choir, conductor Dr. Anthony Maglione, and organist Dr. Ann Marie Rigler. This event is free.



## Packing BackSnack Family Bags Sunday, December 17 9 a.m.

The Cathedral provides family bags with food for BackSnack children to have during their winter break. The family bags are assembled between services in Haden Hall.



## The William Baker Singers presents Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral Sunday, December 17 2 p.m.

The William Baker Festival Singers join with Canon Musician Emeritus John Schaefer and guest choir Kansas City, Kansas All-City Children's Chorus to present this annual concert of beloved carols and traditional classics. Tickets may be purchased at the door or via the link on our website, [kccathedral.org/musicevents](https://kccathedral.org/musicevents).



## Call for Vestry Nominations 2023

We will elect four members of the congregation to the Vestry Class of 2027 at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28, 2024. If you are interested in being nominated or have someone you would like to nominate, please contact Dean Keyse, [akeyse@kccathedral.org](mailto:akeyse@kccathedral.org), or one of the members of the Nominating Committee no later than Monday, January 8, 2024. Nominating Committee members: Blain Lagergren, Matthias Nichols, Michael Thomas. Get more information at [kccathedral.org/vestry](https://kccathedral.org/vestry).