Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral



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The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026 • 8 a.m.

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

- Thank you for joining us for worship today at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. If you are new to the Cathedral, we invite you to fill out our welcome card. Welcome cards are available in the pews or text GUEST to 816-310-1888.
- If you need a hearing assistance device, please ask an usher. Instructions to connect via Bluetooth are on the back table.
- Gendered restrooms are available in Founders' Hall. A non-gendered, accessible restroom is available at west end (rear) of the Cathedral.

Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
- Donations may be placed in the offering, made through the Cathedral website: **kccathedral.org**, by scanning the QR code to the right or by texting "GIVEtoGHTC" to 73256. Tap to give using the display in the Tower entrance. Instructions for use are next to the machine. *Thank you for your generosity.*

Holy Eucharist

Voluntary: Prélude funèbre — Guy Ropartz (1864-1955)

* Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity — page 355

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.**

* Gloria — page 356

All

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Word of God

* Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Lector Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-7 *read by alternating **half** verse* page 627

Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Lector We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

* The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

Gospeller Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

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

adapted from *Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary*

Intercessor — God of promises, we praise your glory and majesty as we humbly offer, from our hearts, prayers for your presence in our lives as we say, hear us, O God, and answer our prayer.

Uphold and strengthen your church; show us how to be salve to a wounded world and a place of hope and aspiration amidst despair and cynicism. We pray especially for those on this week's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.

Hear us, O God,

People — **and answer our prayer.**

Intercessor — Grant our nation a spirit of cooperation; grant our elected leaders the wisdom and courage to do what is right and grant us and our fellow citizens a renewed commitment to liberty and community.

Hear us, O God,

People — **and answer our prayer.**

Intercessor — Let each of us be agents of healing and reconciliation in the places we call home; that our love for you shines forth in all we do.

Hear us, O God,

People — **and answer our prayer.**

Intercessor — Unite the people of the world to address our global challenges and give us the fortitude to make and hold difficult choices.

Hear us, O God,

People — **and answer our prayer.**

Intercessor — Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer so that they might experience and know the peace which passes understanding that only you can offer. We especially pray for those on our Cathedral prayer list, and for any others you wish to name either silently or aloud,

Hear us, O God,

People — **and answer our prayer.**

Intercessor — Remember the dead and bring us together with them in your coming kingdom. Especially we pray for those we now name,

Hear us, O God,

People — **and answer our prayer.**

Presider — We give thanks for your love and steadfast promises; grant us lives worthy of the gift of your grace and answer our prayers to our benefit and to your glory. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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Deacon — Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All

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

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Presider — The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People — **And also with you.**

Announcements

Celebration Prayer
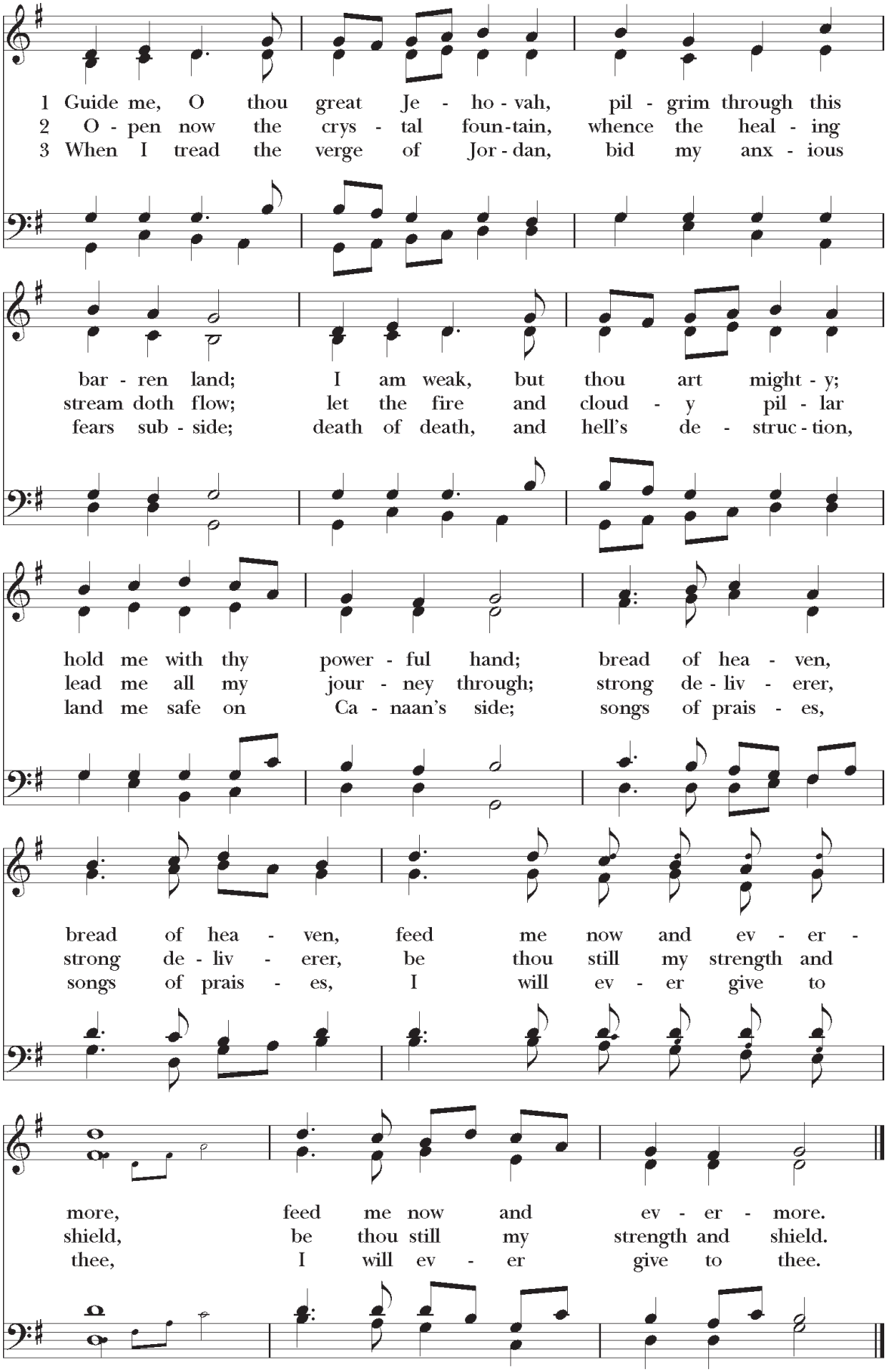
All — **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as** *they* **begin another year. Grant that** *they* **may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen** *their* **trust in your goodness all the days of** *their lives***; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

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: 690 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"



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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 Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People **have mercy on us.**

Presider Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People **have mercy on us.**

Presider Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People **grant us peace.**

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.

* 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.
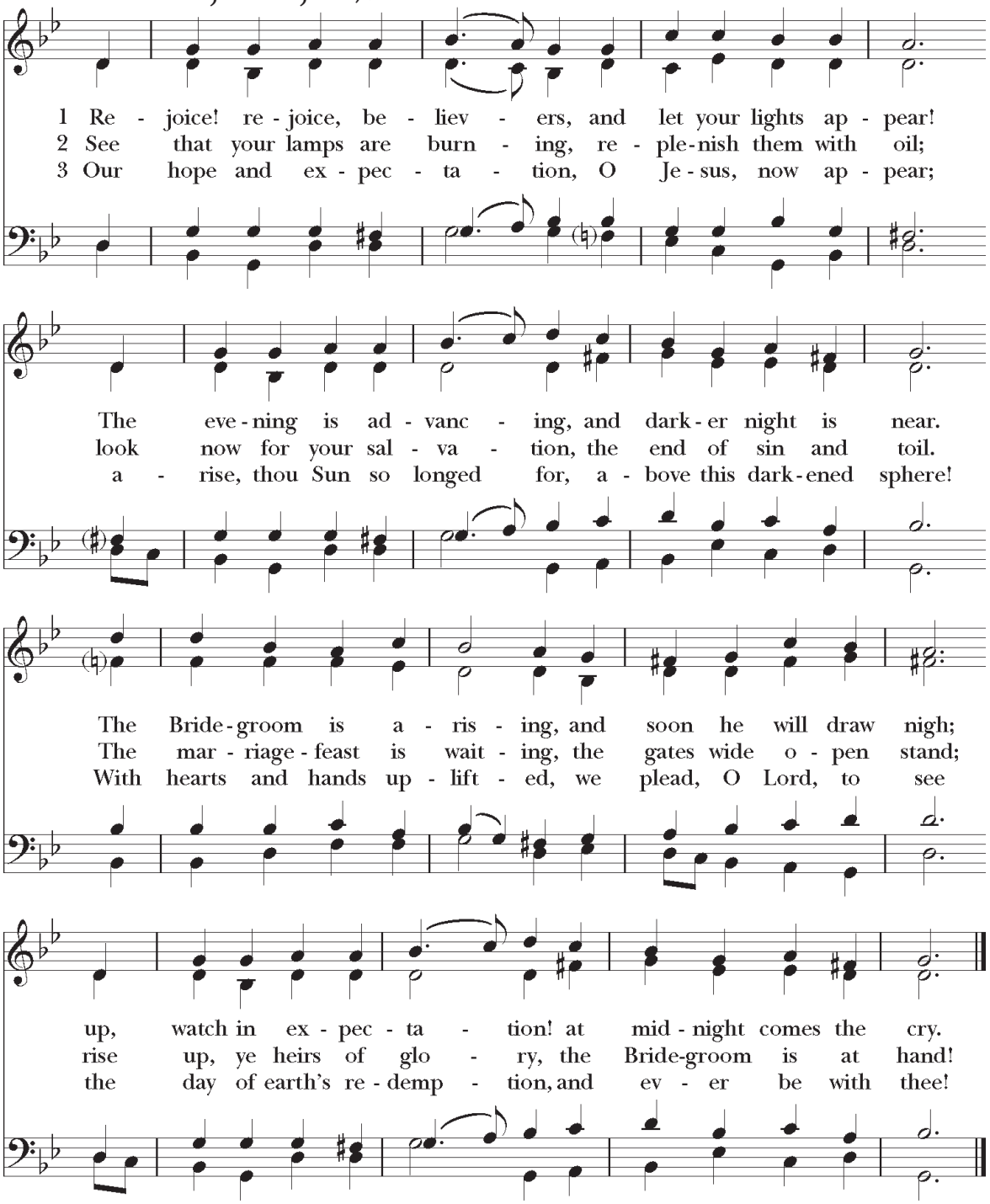
* The Blessing

* Dismissal

Following the dismissal,

People **Thanks be to God.**

* Closing Hymn: 68 "Rejoice! rejoice, believers"



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Voluntary: Festival Voluntary, Op. 87 Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Following the service today, swing by Founders' Hall for coffee and good company.

Serving Today

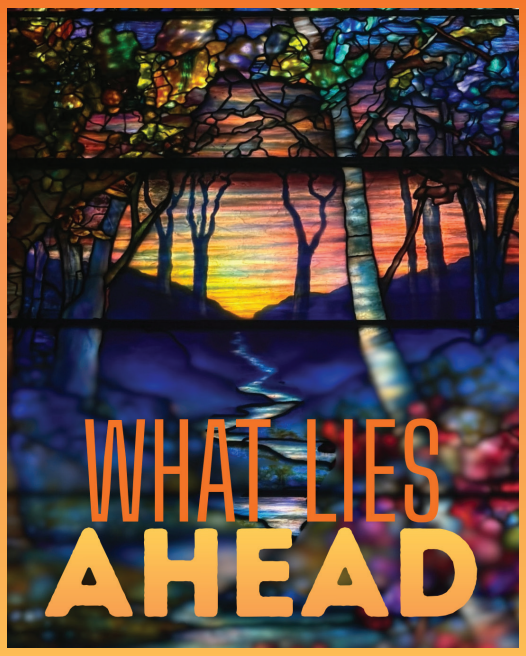
Presider	The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell
Preacher	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Deacon of the Word	The Rev. Robin Rusconi
Deacon of the Table	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Lenette Johnson
Eucharistic Minister	Kelsey Leftwich-Yazell
Usher	Shirley Heintz, Mark Kennett
Altar Guild	Sharon Hudson, Jennifer Mason

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STEWARDSHIP 2027

STEWARDSHIP GATHERINGS THIS MONTH



You are invited to a stewardship gathering for fellowship, conversation, and reflection on our shared life as a parish. These casual gatherings are an opportunity to come together, ask questions, and think about what lies ahead for Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Learn more, make your pledge or signup for a Cathedral Gathering at *kccathedral.org/stewardship*.

Wednesday, November 11
6-7:30 p.m.
Andy & Beth Keyse's house, KCMO Northland

Thursday, November 12
6-7:30 p.m.
Steve & Kristy Moore's house, Leawood

Wednesday, November 18
6-7:30 p.m.
Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Common Room

Cathedral Prayer List

To place a person on this prayer list, text PRAYER to (816) 310-1888 or email Deacon Barbara Wegener, bwegener@kccathedral.org. View the prayer list anytime: *kccathedral.org/prayers*

Pray for: Nelda; Deacon Suzie Lynch; Jessica Knox; Ralph Wallace; Kevin Cavil; Ellen Spake; Peg Brown; Pope Leo; Sarahi; Rose Wrede; Mary Margaret Saxon; Mary Breese; Brend; The family and friends of Mary Martha Stevens; Barbara Liming, Kerry Rush, Vick Ross & families; Sherry Candillo; John Manley; Mike Bennett; Joyce; Katie Lienemann; Debbie Kerr; Mary Kerr; Charlene Thomas; Ysidro Quintero; Sakue Ide; Willard Welch; Larry Bilotta; George Parry; Rick Jordahl; Marcille McCandless; Mike Barzee & Family; Phineas Gitta; Those fighting chronic illness; Iris Parsons; Wayne Alexander; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Joyce Morrow; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; Jeffrey and family; Charlotte Colburn; Those affected by gun violence; First Responders; Immigrants

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: The Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas, Little Rock—The Rt. Rev. John Harmon, Bishop

Crosslines & ProspectKC

Pray for the Departed: The Rev. Mark McGuire; Rhegan Spiegel; Jim Leuthold; Haywood Walker, Jr.; Robert Dean Melton; Randal Loy; Joshua Lewis; The Rev. Murray Trelease; The Rev. Sidney Breese; Brennan P. Younger; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence; Military members killed in action

For all military members and their families, especially: Russell Neice; Col. Brian Chellgren (retired); Ensign Brock Chellgren; Jonathan Wegener; for all military members and their families; Taya Velasco; Ethan Bergeron; Alexandria Puls; Capt. Aryk Bingham; Cpt. Charles Lewis, Jr.; Adam; Anita Feugate Opperman; Charles Braden Fowler; Colin Walker; Connor Spake; James Brown; John K. Baker; Joshua Gordon; Lt. Col. Kevin Thomas; Lexi Puls; Nick; Patrick Williams; Steve Conner; The Rev. Ben Newland

Transgender Day of Remembrance Mass

November 20, 2026 | 7-8:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Episcopal Church | 1307 Holmes St., Kansas City, MO 64106

The LGBTQIA+ Committee of the Diocese of West Missouri invite you to a Mass for Transgender Day of Remembrance, hosted by St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Kansas City on November 20 at 7 p.m.

Please join us for this reverent, ancient worship as we remember our transgender siblings whose lives have been tragically lost over the past year.

The service will also be livestreamed, and can be watched on St. Mary's YouTube page. Fellowship to follow the service.





This Week at GHTC

Learn more about our weekly services & opportunities for study and fellowship: kccathedral.org

Sunday, November 8

8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9 a.m.	Coffee Hour
9:15 a.m.	Adult Formation: Celebrating the Saints
9:15 a.m.	Youth Formation
9:30 a.m.	Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist*
10:30 a.m.	Cathedral Kids
11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour
5 p.m.	Holy Eucharist

Monday, November 9

6 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesday, November 10

12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study+
6:45 p.m.	Lectionary Bible Study+

Wednesday, November 11 | Veterans Day, Office Closed

10 a.m.	Staff Gathering
12 p.m.	Noonday Prayer*
12 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
6 p.m.	Stewardship Gathering @ Keyse House

Thursday, November 12

6 p.m.	Stewardship Gathering @ Moore House
6 p.m.	Rehearsal: Bell Choir
7 p.m.	Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
7 p.m.	Friends of Dorothy AA

Sunday, November 15 | Kirkin' o' the Tartan

8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9 a.m.	Coffee Hour
9:15 a.m.	Label Containers for Pete's Garden
9:15 a.m.	Adult Formation: Celebrating the Saints
9:15 a.m.	Youth Formation
9:30 a.m.	Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist*
10:30 a.m.	Cathedral Kids
11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m.	Label Containers for Pete's Garden
5 p.m.	Choral Evensong
7 p.m.	Friends of Dorothy AA

+On Zoom **In person service streamed on YouTube @kccathedral*

Today's altar flowers



Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marnell Sparks by her kids, Robin, Jack, Chris & Rhett and in thanksgiving for the work of the Diocese of West Missouri.

Altar flowers are a great way to beautify the sanctuary and remind your fellow worshipers of the new life that Jesus brings. They are also a great way to commemorate an event near a specific date, or honor/remember someone close to your heart. Donations toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone and are accepted in any amount. You can mail a check to the Cathedral office, put your donation in the offering or make a payment through our online payment site.

For more information: *kccathedral.org/flowers* or contact Julie Toma, jtoma@kccathedral.org.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

November 8
Mark McPhee
Sabina Lewandowski
Abbey Mattson

November 9
Barry Howe
Christine Morrison
George Truex

November 11
Nkolika Obiesie
Jo Kretsinger
Michelle Ritter
Emily McLean

November 12
Claudia Risebig

Formation for All Ages

Learn more: kccathedral.org/learn

Adults: Sundays
9:15 a.m. | Common Room

Celebrating the Saints

Join us as we explore the riches of God's glorious inheritance made real in the lives of the saints who have gone before us. We will trace the development of the Church over time through the lives of some of its most faithful followers and learn how the love of God has been made manifest in different times and places by vastly different people.



Youth: Sundays
9:15 a.m. | Youth Room

Youth in grades 6-12 meet Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Haden Hall Youth Room with Dean Andy & Deacon Barbara.

Upcoming Diocesan Events

January 16-18 | Miqra
A weekend retreat for grades 6-12 to dive deeper into scripture and grow in faith through study, worship, and community. At Grace Cathedral, Topeka

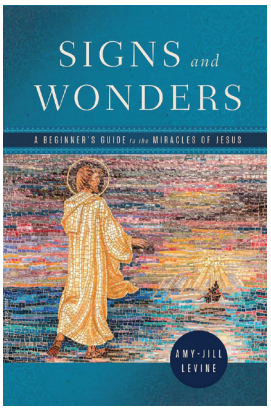
February 5-7 | Sr. High Retreat
Grades 9-12 are invited for a relaxing and faith-filled weekend focused on wellness, healthy relationships, and grounding your faith in times of stress. At St. Philip's, Joplin

April 9-11 | Jr. High Retreat
A weekend for junior-high youth to connect, grow, and explore how God is moving in their lives and relationships. At Trinity, Independence

Adults: Tuesdays

Women's Bible Study • 12:30 p.m. • Zoom
Women's Bible Study (WBS) meets by Zoom every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. for about an hour. As we gather we share joys and concerns followed by discussion of the selected topic or Bible study book. Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. Zoom link: *kccathedral.org/adultformation*

We are studying *Signs and Wonders: A Beginners Guide to the Miracles of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. We'll be exploring selected miracles of Jesus in their historical and theological context, with a focus on the "why" of the miracles instead of the "if." Dr. Levine looks at how the past witnesses would have understood the events while looking at how modern readers can draw meaning from Jesus's acts and words.



Lectionary Bible Study • 6:45 p.m. • Zoom
Join us for a discussion of context which will, with God's grace, lead us to a discussion of how an understanding of scripture can restore us to fullness with God and each other in Christ. Join the Lectionary Bible Study group in Realm or on our website, *kccathedral.org/adultformation*, for more details.

Children: Sundays
10:30 a.m. | Haden Hall

Cathedral Kids
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.

Family Worship Sundays
Once a month, we observe Family Worship Sundays. These Sundays provide an opportunity for families to worship together. Worship Boxes with resources for children are in cabinet in the back cross aisle.



Canceled: Safe Church Training Seminar

The in-person Safe Church training scheduled for Saturday, November 14 has been postponed until early 2027. Safe Church, Safe Communities trainings are intended to aid in creating safe and welcoming communities for all people, and to communicate adopted policies of the church that protect all people, especially those most vulnerable or susceptible to power imbalances in our communities. Safe Church training can be completed online. If you would like to take the training online, contact Julie Toma (jtoma@kccathedral.org).

Outreach

Learn more: kccathedral.org/outreach

Sock and Glove drive for Shelter KC in November & December



During the months of November and December, we are collecting warm socks and gloves for both men and women. These will be donated to Shelter KC at both the men's and women's centers. Bring items to the basket in the Tower entrance.

Help Pete's Garden by Labeling Lids

November 15, December 20
9:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Volunteer with fellow parishioners during coffee hour to put labels on the containers that will be used to package meals for families in need by Pete's Garden. This is a great opportunity to help at Pete's Garden. All ages are welcome; younger children should have a parent present.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program

Saturday, November 21, December 19 | 8 a.m.-noon

We help St. Paul's on Main organize and distribute food as part of TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program). Friendly volunteers are needed to break down pallets of shelf-stable and frozen food from Harvesters, repackage the food into family-sized portions and then hand out the food. To volunteer or for more information, contact Deacon Barbara 816.739.8032 or bwegener@kccathedral.org.

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

True Righteousness

"Joshua Anthology "Illumination (Book of Joshua)

Lectionary readings for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost address the themes of covenant choice, true righteousness versus empty ritual, and spiritual preparedness. In the first Old Testament Reading, Joshua recounts God's faithfulness to the Israelites, then challenges them to abandon traditional and cultural idols and to renew their covenantal commitment to God. In the alternate Old Testament Reading, Amos reminds the people that God rejects acts of worship when they are disconnected from genuine righteousness and social justice. The Gospel Reading reminds us that faith requires from us personal and ongoing cultivation, patience, and spiritual resourcing (oil). The Epistle Reading grounds the Christian community's eschatological waiting not on fear, but on the promise of resurrection and reunion with Christ. Readers are challenged to choose wisely, live righteously, practice justice, and live in preparation, endurance, and alertness for the Lord's coming.

Following decades of wilderness wandering under Moses' leadership, the task of guiding the Israelites to take possession of the Promised Land fell to Joshua. Many hard-fought battles requiring the loss of life were necessary to achieve this. That conquest and occupation is symbolically depicted in the "Joshua Anthology" illumination.

Donald Jackson's portrayal of the conquest of the land begins in the lower right corner where we find fragments of the "Ten Commandments" illumination from Exodus. Joshua brings the Ark of the Covenant containing the Commandments and the Law across the Jordan, but the people have difficulty following it. The golden archway stamp represents the Ark of the Covenant. This will reappear periodically throughout the Historical Books volume of Saint John's Bible. The flames on the right side of the Jordan represent conquered cities and the bloodshed of conquest.



On the left side of the Jordan are images from the wilderness including two lions surveying the scene. Other images appear: the golden calf from the Mount Sinai apostacy, a scarab beetle, and an Egyptian Eye. These are all set to lead the Israelites in the wrong direction. The Jordan River is full of drowned bodies, reminders both of the drowning of pharaoh's army and of the deaths yet to occur as the conquest proceeds.

Donald Jackson's threefold visual scheme is introduced here – gold, indicating divine presence and activity; green, emphasizing the presence and work of the prophets; and purple, representing the earthly kingdom where people will strive to put kings and political leaders in place. Note the quantity of purple in this illustration. What does that suggest to you? Also note the striped border. This will be found repeatedly throughout this and other volumes of the Saint John's Bible as a reminder of where the Israelites come from and their frequent temptation to follow false gods.

Who or what are some of the false gods appealing to us today? What are some of the lessons you have gained from the "Joshua Anthology" regarding choosing God?

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JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL OBSERVANCE!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15



Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Tartans
Bagpipes
Drums

WEAR YOUR COLORS, PUT ON YOUR KILT AND CELEBRATE WITH US!



Bring your favorite shortbread recipe to share with the parish and our special guests at coffee hour.



BISHOP'S *Visitation*

The Rt. Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, Bishop of West Missouri, will preside and preach at the morning services at the Cathedral Sunday, November 15.

Bishop Amy will also lead the 9:15 a.m. formation class.

Upcoming Events | Announcements

For more info and RSVP links: kccathedral.org/events

Stewardship Gatherings This Month

You are invited to a stewardship gathering for fellowship, conversation, and reflection on our shared life as a parish. These casual gatherings are an opportunity to come together, ask questions, and think about what lies ahead for Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Please sign up at kccathedral.org/stewardship.

Wednesday, November 11 | 6-7:30 p.m.
Andy & Beth Keyse's house, KCMO Northland

Thursday, November 12 | 6-7:30 p.m.
Steve & Kristy Moore's house, Leawood

Wednesday, November 18 | 6-7:30 p.m.
Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Common Room

Office Closed: Wednesday, November 11

The Cathedral office is closed in honor of Veterans Day. If you have a pastoral emergency, contact Dean Andy at 256-762-5889, Canon James at 816-739-2930 or Deacon Barbara at 816.739.8032. *There will be no 12:05 p.m. service but Noonday Prayer will be online.*

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Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Sunday, November 15 | 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Dust off your kilts and join the tartan-tastic fun at our annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan! We display the tartan banners and enjoy listening to a piper at the 8 a.m. service and the Kansas City St. Andrew Pipes and Drums at the 10:30 a.m. service. The celebration honors the Scottish Church's contribution to the Episcopal Church. So put on your kilt and come celebrate with us!

Coffee Hour after Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Bring your favorite shortbread recipe to share with the parish and our special guests at coffee hour.

Choral Evensong

Sunday, November 15 | 5 p.m.

Sung by our own Trinity Choir, Choral Evensong is a centuries-old Anglican musical service of sung Evening Prayer that combines music, prayer, and scripture into a contemplative experience providing a peaceful and reflective pause as the day closes. Following the service, all are welcome to take communion in the Chapel.

Family Feud Game Night

Friday, November 20 | 6 p.m.

Get ready for the grand debut of Cathedral Family Feud! Bring a snack for sharing and dive into the fun to find out what the survey has to say! Let us know you're coming at kccathedral.org/events.

Thanksgiving Day Service

Thursday, November 26 | 10 a.m.

Join your church family to celebrate and express gratitude on Thanksgiving Day at our 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist service. *The Cathedral office will be closed November 25-27.*

Deck the Halls for Advent!

Saturday, November 28 | 9 a.m.

The joyous season of Advent is almost upon us, and we invite you to help make our Cathedral ready for Advent, spreading cheer and anticipation as we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth. All ages are welcome! The Altar Guild will also meet for their pre-Christmas workday. For any questions or further details, please reach out to Joan Bergstrom at sacristan@kccathedral.org or Julie Toma at jtoma@kccathedral.org.

Save the Date

December 4-6 | The Nativity Puppets
December 6 | Advent Workshop, 11:45 a.m.
December 12 | Messiah Singalong, 2 p.m.
December 13 | Advent Lessons & Carols, 5 p.m.
December 14 | City Come Again, 12 p.m. prelude at 11:30 a.m.
December 20| Outreach: Pete's Garden Lid Labeling
December 24 | Christmas Eve, 5 p.m. & 10 p.m.
December 25 | Christmas Day, 10 a.m.
December 24, 25, 28, 31, January 1 | Office Closed