ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1307 North Main Street, Mount Airy, Maryland

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 4, 2022 HOLY EUCHARIST 8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM

Welcome! We're glad you found your way to St. James' today.

Activity sheets for young children are available from an usher.

Please sign our guest book to receive information about the mission & ministry of this community.

St. James' WiFi password on both levels is NorthMain.

We are on Facebook and invite you to check in or use your favorite social media app to let your friends know you are here today!

GATHERING

Prelude: Reflection on an Ancient Plainsong

Michael Ryan

Processional Hymn: On the Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

You are invited to stand (10:30)

Winchester New



Acclamation

All standing, as able

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

Lighting of the Candles on the Advent Wreath

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Lord Jesus, light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

(8:30)

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

(10:30)Paraguayan F G C C e - le - i - son.___ Ky - ri - e _ Ky - ri e - le - i - son._ Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. ___ Čhri - ste e - le - i - son.___ Chri -Chri - ste C G7 Dm A7

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The Collect of the Day

May God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

WORD

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

1 Give the King your justice, O God, *

and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously *

and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *

and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *

he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *

from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *

like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *

there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *

who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *

and may all the earth be filled with his glory.

Amen. Amen.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Revised lyrics Cunningham & Meltz

You are invited to stand (10:30)

The first verse is sung as the Gospel is processed into the midst of the community, and the second verse is sung as it is processed back to the altar



The Holy Gospel

You are invited to stand

Matthew 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of Christ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Kristin Krantz

The Nicene Creed

You are invited to stand

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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

God of the prophets, give your church courage to speak truth, and to tell of your love.

God of the prophets, hear us and help us!

God of the angels, give your church voice to sing your presence into the world. Give the world a freedom song, and help us to speak peace throughout the earth.

God of the angels, hear us and help us!

God of Mary and Elizabeth, give your church grace to be pregnant with hope and to bring forth new life for a barren world.

God of our mothers, hear us and help us!

God of Zechariah and Joseph, give your church dreams and visions, and the courage to follow them.

God of our fathers, hear us and help us!

God of the shepherds, give your church humility, and to all who sit in darkness, alone and afraid, a light from heaven proclaiming peace.

God of the shepherds, hear us and help us!

God of the magi, give your church gifts, and the will to leave home to find you among the poor.

God of the magi, hear us and help us!

God of the Holy Innocents, give your church power to stand against violence and to protect the powerless.

God of the victim, hear us and help us!

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *Here other intercessions are offered.*

The Celebrant prays the closing Collect:

God our Sovereign, you are always coming into the world. Come to us now, soon, and forever, and let us receive you as the Child of holiness and the Wind of change, through whom, this day, we pray. **Amen.**

The Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

May the Almighty God grant you forgiveness of all your sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Exchange of Peace

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

Announcements

Thanksgivings of the Community

You are invited to offer public thanks for the movement of God's Spirit in your own life: thanks for a birthday, an anniversary, a new job, and unexpected act of compassion, or another grace-filled moment in your life. We close this time with the following prayer:

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they mark this day. 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.

TABLE

Please place your offering in the plate when you come forward to receive communion

Choir Anthem: *Prepare, Make Room* Victoria Schwarz, arr. Michael Barrett

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, The Book of Common Prayer

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

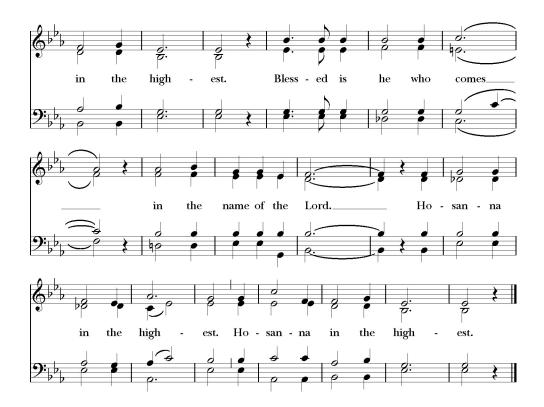
Sanctus & Benedictus

(8:30)

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(10:30) Franz Schubert





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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father, We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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 James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A profound silence is kept

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, or we all share in the one bread.

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Behold what you are, become what you receive.

The Communion of the People

All who seek Christ are welcome at God's table.

We offer both wheat and gluten free wafers; inform the priest of your preference.

If you wish to receive a blessing please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

If you are not receiving communion today you are invited to silently pray

the Prayer for Spiritual Communion found below.

Music at Communion

(10:30)

Sacred Song: *Laudate Dominum* (10:30)

Jacques Berthier





Translation: Praise the Lord, all you peoples.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)

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. And 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.**

Prayer after Communion

You are invited to stand

Let us pray.

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.

SENDING

The Blessing

Lord Jesus, light of the world, blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news; blessed is Mary, your mother and ours. Bless your Church preparing for Christmas; and bless us your children, who long for your coming. In the name of the One, Holy and undivided Trinity. **Amen.**

Hymn: The desert shall rejoice Sterling (10:30) (See Next Page)

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God**.

Postlude: Noël Suisse Louis-Claude Daquin arr. Patricia Lou Harris (10:30)

Hymn: The desert shall rejoice

Sterling



December 4, 2022					
The Second Sunday of Advent					
Celebrant	The Rev. Kristin Krantz				
Altar Guild	Gabby Markham				
Counters	Natalie DelRegno				
	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>			
Ushers	Dave Oland				
Reader	Blix Winston	Deb Schaeffer			
Chalice	Blix Winston	Deb Schaeffer			
Coffee Hour	Carla Kaufman	Joan Fader			
Livestream					

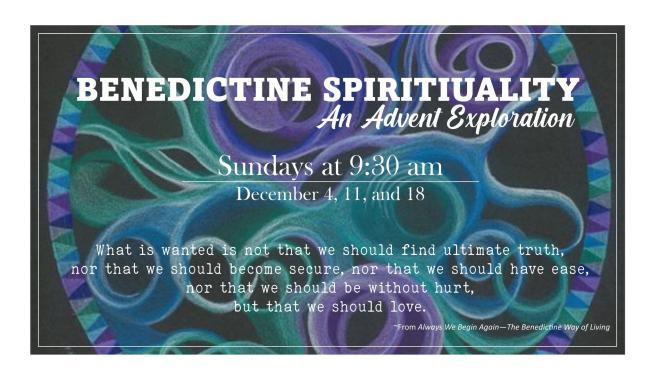
Calendar This Week	Office Hours: MonThurs. 10am to 4 pm.	
TODAY SUNDAY	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist
Second Sunday of Advent	9:30 am	Sunday School
	9:30 am	Advent Series: Benediction Spirituality
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/Music & Livestream
Tuesday, December 6	3-5 pm	Girl Scouts
Wednesday, December 7	7:15 pm	Choir
Thursday, December 8	7:00 pm	NA—Lower Level
Friday, December 9	6:00 pm	BSA 829
NEXT SUNDAY December 11		
Third Sunday of Advent	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	9:30 am	Advent Series: Benediction Spirituality
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/Music & Livestream
	1:00 pm	Vestry—Mutual Ministry Reflection

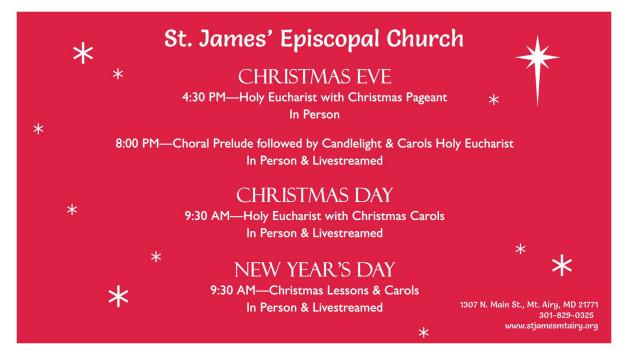
Prayer Rotation

Please join the **Daughters of the King** in praying for each parishioner in rotation during 2022 by taking this notice home and by posting it where it will remind you pray to on a daily basis for the needs and blessings of:

Louise Saulsbury Aline Sautter Deb and Steve Schaeffer

A member of the Daughters of the King will be contacting you this week for special prayer requests. $$_{\rm 17}$$





Christmas Flowers & Music Memorials & Thanksgivings

The glorious Birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, is a time to make offerings in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for a person or an event. These memorials and thanksgivings will be published in the Christmas bulletin. Your contribution toward Christmas flowers and Christmas music will add a radiant floral display and glorious music to our Christmas services.

Please return your completed form and contribution to the parish office or drop it in the offering plate. Envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex. Checks should be made payable to St. James' Church, marked "Christmas Flowers & Music" and submitted by December 18, 2022.

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Please return your submission by December 18.

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Holy Eucharist: 8:30 am, Sunday School: 9:30 am, Holy Eucharist w/Music: 10:30 am

The mission of the churches of the Diocese of Maryland is to ENCOUNTER Christ everywhere and ENGAGE in God's mission of reconciliation in the world.

This Week's Commemorations (A Great Cloud of Witnesses, 2019, Church Publishing Group)

- 4 Iohn of Damascus, Priest, c. 760
- 5 Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210
- 6 Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342
- 7 Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397
- 8 Richard Baxter, Pastor and Writer, 1691
- Thomas Merton, Contemplative and Writer, 1968 or Karl Barth, Pastor and Theologian, 1968

Lectionary readings for the Third Sunday of Advent, December 11, 2022 (Year C, RCL)

Isaiah 35:1-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11 Psalm 146:4-9

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