

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1307 North Main Street, Mount Airy, Maryland

ENCOUNTER Christ ~ ENGAGE the World



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 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

The Prelude: *Prelude on Picardy*

Douglas E. Wagner

Processional Hymn: *Watchman, tell us of the night*

Aberystwyth

You are invited to stand

(10:30)

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise
2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -
3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo - ry -
scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its
dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray
course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone
are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in three columns corresponding to the three parts. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is primarily homophonic, with chords and simple melodic lines.

aught of joy or hope fore - tell? Trav-eler, yes; it
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav-eler, a - ges
 hie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav-eler, lo! the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

The Acclamation

You are invited to stand

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

The Lighting of the Candles on the Advent Wreath

The first, second, and third candles are lighted.

Lord Jesus, light of the world, John told the people to prepare, for you were very near.

As Christmas grows closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome you now.

Amen.

The Song of Praise

(8:30)

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

(10:30)

Paraguayan

C F G C

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

A7 Dm G7 C

e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son! ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son! *repeat Kyrie*

The Collect of the Day

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

WORD

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 146:4-9

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Letter of James

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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)

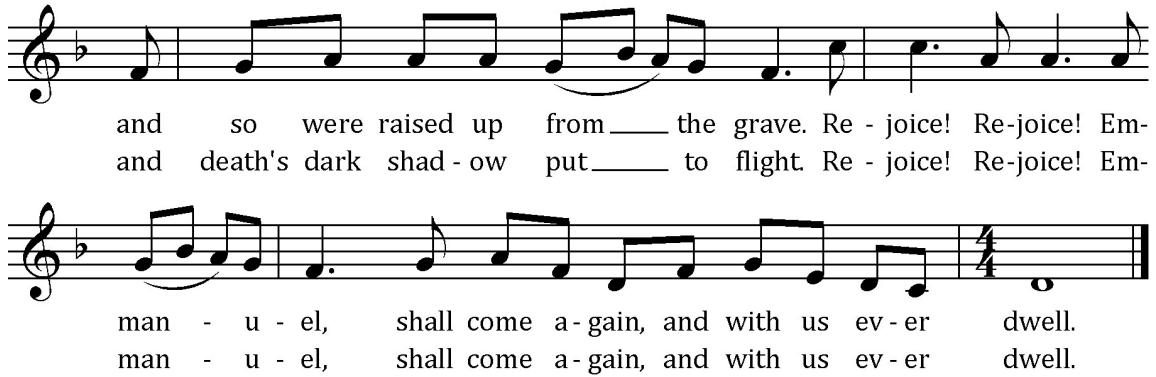
The first verse is sung as the Gospel is processed into the midst of the community, and the



1. O come, In - car - nate Word ___ re - vealed. Your peo - ple you both
2. O come, O Lamb of God who was slain. You un - der went our



taught ___ and healed. You trus - ted Ab - ba's love _ would save
hu - man pain. Dis - pel our fears of end - less night



and so were raised up from the grave. Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Em -
and death's dark shadow put to flight. Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Em -
man - u - el, shall come a - gain, and with us ev - er dwell.
man - u - el, shall come a - gain, and with us ev - er dwell.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

You are invited to stand

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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.**

The 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 the Way*

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, 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

The musical score consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The vocal line is simple and homophonic, focusing on the text. The piano accompaniment uses block chords and simple rhythmic patterns. The overall mood is solemn and reverent.

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*

Jacques Berthier

(10:30)

Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, Lau - da - te Do - mi - num om - nes

1. gen - tes, Al - le - lu - ia. 2. Al - le - lu - ia. D.C.

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.**

The 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.

Processional Hymn: *Prepare the way, O Zion*
(10:30)

Bereden väg för Herran
(See Next Page)

The Dismissal

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

The Postlude: *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*
(10:30)

Michael Praetorius arr. Robert Lau

Hymn: *Prepare the way, O Zion*

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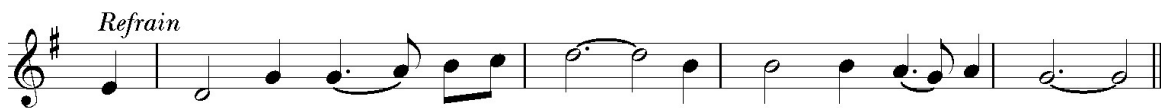
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

December 11, 2022

The Third Sunday of Advent

Celebrant	The Rev. Kristin Krantz	
Altar Guild	Kathy Grumbach	
Counters	Heather Albertson	Rainey Stafford
	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Ushers	Cheri McClanahan	Lynda Ellis
Reader	Aline Sautter	Jane Barger
Chalice	Aline Sautter	Chris Henyon
Coffee Hour	Dave Rak	Gabby Markham
Livestream	-----	Cory DelRegno

Calendar This Week	Office Hours: Mon. -Thurs. 10am to 4 pm.	
TODAY SUNDAY	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist
Third 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 13	4:00 pm	Thrift Shop Christmas Party
	7:00 pm	Nursery School Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 14	7:15 pm	Choir
Thursday, December 15	7:00 pm	NA—Lower Level
Friday, December 16	6:00 pm	BSA 829
NEXT SUNDAY December 18		
Fourth 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
	6:00 pm	Youth Group

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:

Erin Schwartzbeck
Randall and Sally Severy (Paul, Sam)
Andrew and Adrienne Smith (Marion)

A member of the Daughters of the King will be contacting you this week for special prayer requests.

Pledge and Plate Summary as of October, 2022

	<u>Year-to-Date Amount Budgeted</u>	<u>Year-to-Date Actual Received</u>
Pledge	\$ 162,500.00	\$ 158,923.00
Plate	<u>12,500.00</u>	<u>13,121.00</u>
	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 172,044.00

OCTOBER 2022 YTD FINANCIAL REPORT*

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Total Income	\$306,395.32	\$305,977.23
Total Expense	<u>-\$309,616.17</u>	<u>-\$318,050.19</u>
Net Income	-\$3,220.85	-\$12,072.96
Principal Payment/loans		<u>-\$62,040.37</u>
ADJ Net Income		-\$74,113.33
Mortgage-Beginning Balance	\$2,042,273	
Mortgage-Current Balance	\$1,512,908	

Total income for the month of October 2022 was \$31,160.38. Of this amount, \$5,904.07 was provided by St. James' Nursery School and St. James' Thrift Shop provided income of \$3.665/21 totaling \$9.569.28 or 31% of total income in October.

BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY
An Advent Exploration

Sundays at 9:30 am
December 4, 11, and 18

What is wanted is not that we should find ultimate truth,
nor that we should become secure, nor that we should have ease,
nor that we should be without hurt,
but that we should love.

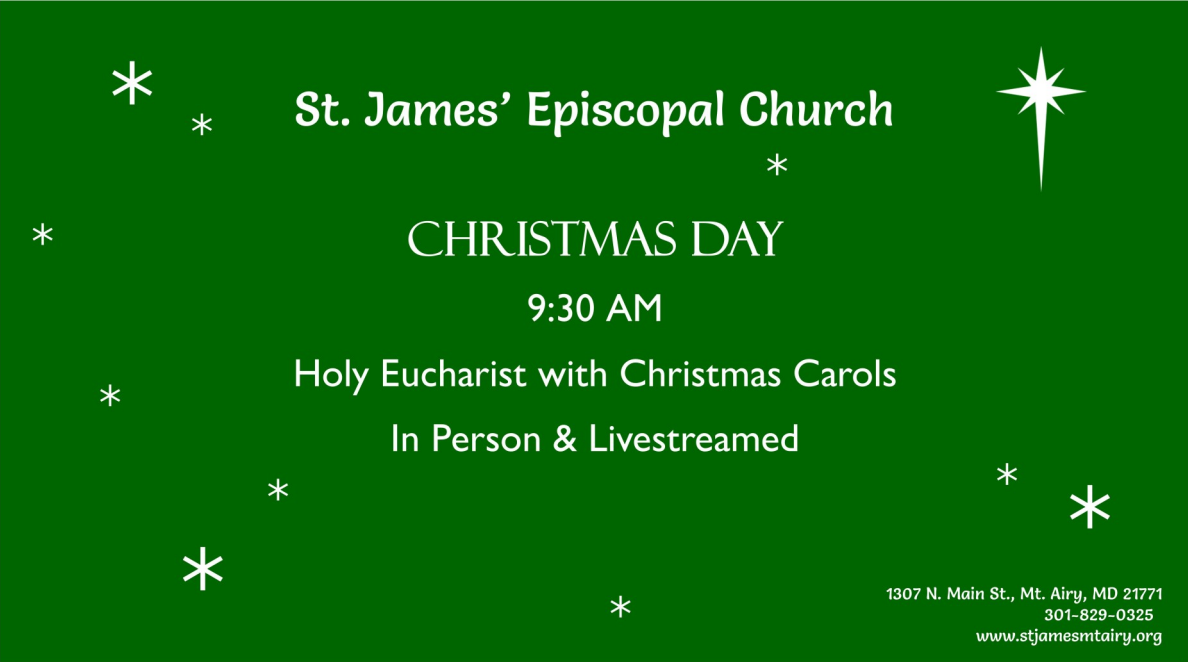
~From Always We Begin Again—The Benedictine Way of Living

* * **St. James' Episcopal Church** * * 
 * * **CHRISTMAS EVE** * *
 * * **4:30 PM** * *
 * * **Holy Eucharist with Christmas Pageant** * *
 * * **In Person** * *
 * * **8:00 PM** * *
 * * **Choral Prelude followed by Candlelight & Carols Holy Eucharist** * *
 * * **In Person & Livestreamed** * *
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Come As You Are
Christmas Pageant
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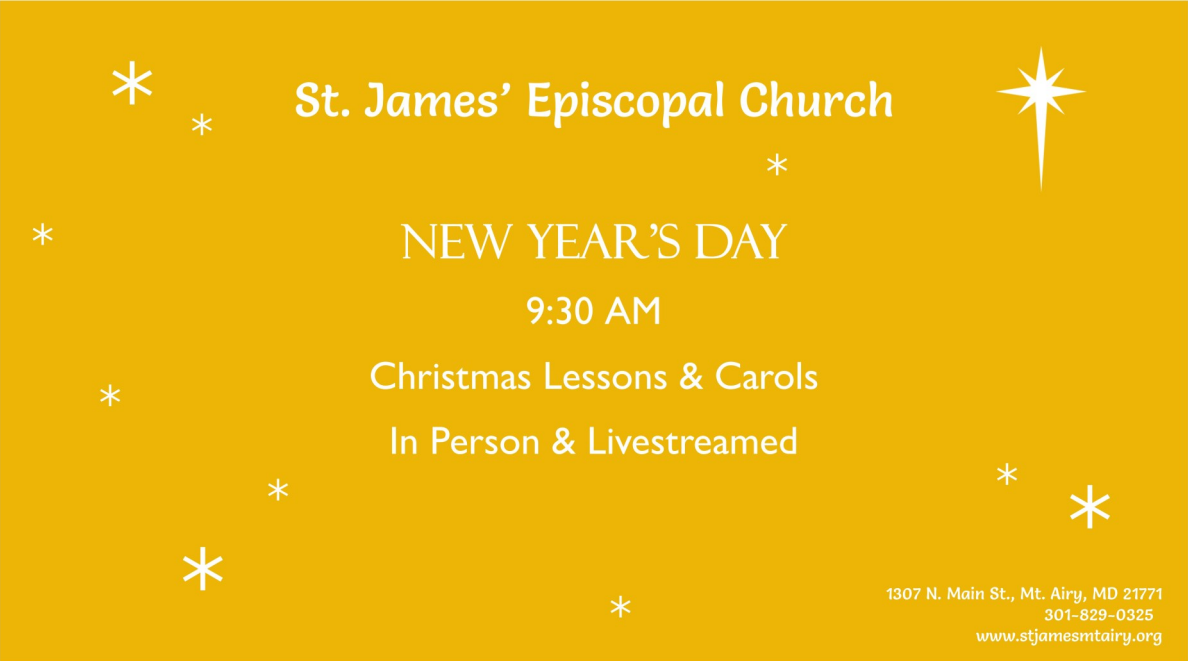
St. James' Episcopal Church

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30 AM

Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols
In Person & Livestreamed

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NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:30 AM

Christmas Lessons & Carols
In Person & Livestreamed

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Angel Tree

GRATEFUL!!

Many families in our community will be oh so grateful to our very generous parishioners on Christmas morning! For most of these recipients through the Carroll County Department of Social Services, Mt. Airy NET and Pleasant View Nursing Home, our gifts will be the only ones they receive during this holiday season.

The Outreach Committee would like to sincerely thank each of you for providing more gifts than ever during this unusual year of requests for 153 gifts. We feel sure your thoughtfulness and generosity will be appreciated and remembered for many years to come!



**DON'T TRASH YOUR BAGS!
PLEASE DONATE HOLIDAY GIFT BAGS
ALONG WITH TISSUE PAPER**

(GENTLY USED OR NEW)

FOR NEXT YEAR'S CHILDREN'S SECRET SANTA SHOP

St. James Thrift Shop



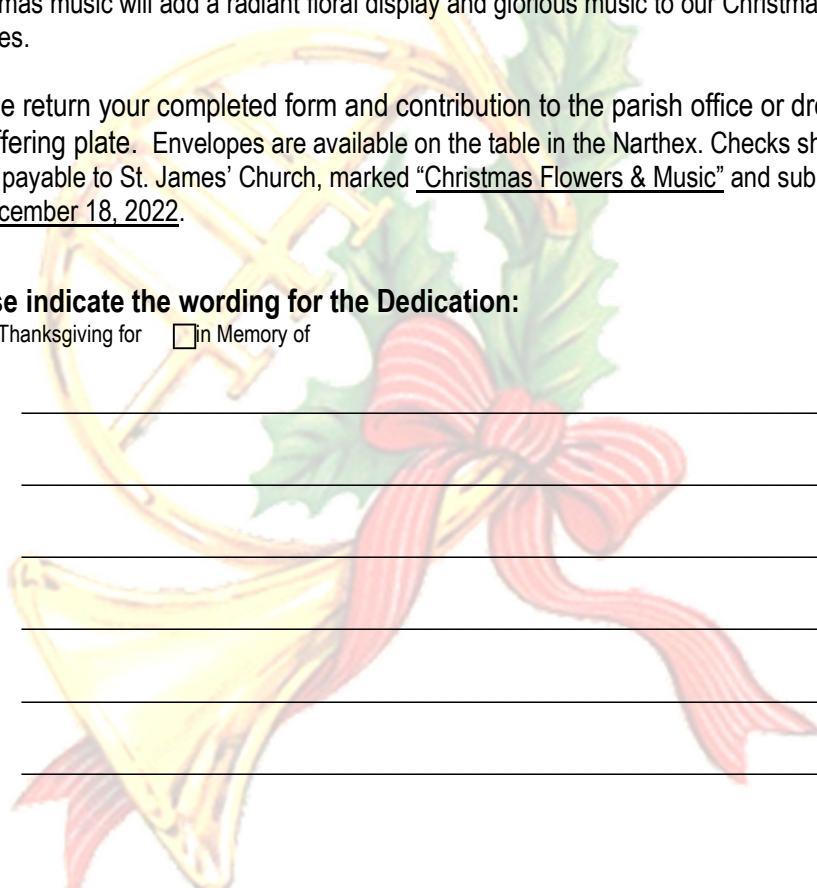
Christmas Flowers & Music Memorials & Thanksgivings

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.

Please indicate the wording for the Dedication:

in Thanksgiving for in Memory of



Contributed by: _____

for Christmas Flowers for Christmas Music for Both Flowers and Music

Please accept my/our donation in the amount of \$_____.

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

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

13 Lucy (Lucia), Martyr at Syracuse, 304

14 Juan de la Cruz (John of the Cross), Mystic, 1591

15 John Horden, Bishop and Missionary in Canada, 1893 or Robert McDonald, Priest, 1913

16 Ralph Adams Cram, 1942, and Richard Upjohn, 1878, Architects, and John LaFarge, Artist, 1910

17 William Lloyd Garrison, 1879, and Maria Stewart, 1879, Prophetic Witnesses

Lectionary readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2022 (Year C, RCL)

Isaiah 7:10-16

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

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