

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1307 North Main Street, Mount Airy, Maryland

ENCOUNTER Christ ~ ENGAGE the World



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 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: *Savior of the Nations, Come*

Douglas E. Wagner

Processional Hymn: *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

Stuttgart

You are invited to stand

(10:30)

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

The Acclamation

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

All four candles are lighted.

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. **Amen.**

The Song of Praise

(8:30)

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

(10:30)

Paraguayan

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.

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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

WORD

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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



1. O come, O Bread of Heav'n___ sub-lime, who comes to us in
2. O come O come, Em-man - u - el, and with your peo-ple



bread___ and wine. Still sac - ra - ments will one__ day cease
al - ways dwell who mourn in mor - tal ex - ile here



in God's e - ter - nal Reign___ of Peace. Re - joice! Re-joice! Em-
un - til the Lord of Life___ ap - pear. Re - joice! Re-joice! 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 1:18-25

You are invited to stand

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

The 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: *O Come to Us, Emmanuel*

Joseph M. Martin

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and" and ends with a fermata. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord," and ends with a fermata. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C).

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

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.*

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.**

Music at Communion

(10:30)

Sacred Song: *Laudate Dominum*

Jacques Berthier

(10:30)

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 3/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, Lau - da - te Do - mi - num om - nes gen - tes, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." The score includes a first ending (1.) and a second ending (2.) marked "D.C." (Da Capo).

Translation: Praise the Lord, all you peoples.

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.

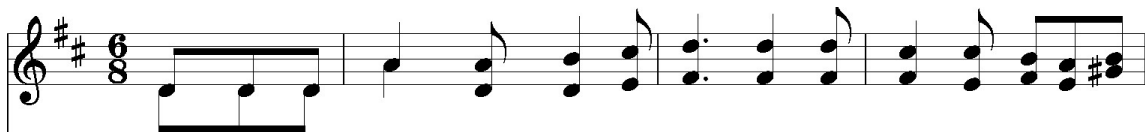
SENDING

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: *People, look East* (10:30)

Besançon Carol



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
 2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
 4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
 5. com-ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

The Dismissal

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

The Postlude: *Alleluia, Lord Most High!*
 (10:30)

Paul Taylor

December 18, 2022		
<u>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</u>		
Celebrant	The Rev. Kristin Krantz	
Altar Guild	Jeannie Pellicier	
Counters	Natalie DelRegno	Vic Pellicier
	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Ushers	Vic Pellicier	Cory DelRegno
Reader	Peter Sabonis	Cheryl Windsor
Chalice	Peter Sabonis	Lynda Ellis
Coffee Hour	Peter Sabonis	Denise Warren
Livestream	-----	Zach Krantz





Calendar This Week	Office Closed Friday, Dec. 23 through Tuesday, Jan. 2	
TODAY SUNDAY	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist
Fourth Sunday of Advent	9:30 am	Sunday School
	9:30 am	Advent Series: Benedictine Spirituality
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/Music & Livestream
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
Tuesday, December 20	3:00 pm	Girl Scouts
	7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, December 21	5:00 pm	Nursery School Christmas Program
	7:15 pm	Choir
Thursday, December 22	5:00 pm	Nursery School Christmas Program
	7:00 pm	NA—Lower Level
Friday, December 23	6:00 pm	BSA 829
Saturday, December 24	4:30 pm	Holy Eucharist and Christmas Pageant
Christmas Eve	8:00 pm	Choral Prelude
	8:30 pm	Candlelight & Carols Holy Eucharist w/Livestream
NEXT SUNDAY December 25		
Christmas Day	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist & Christmas Carols w/Livestream

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:

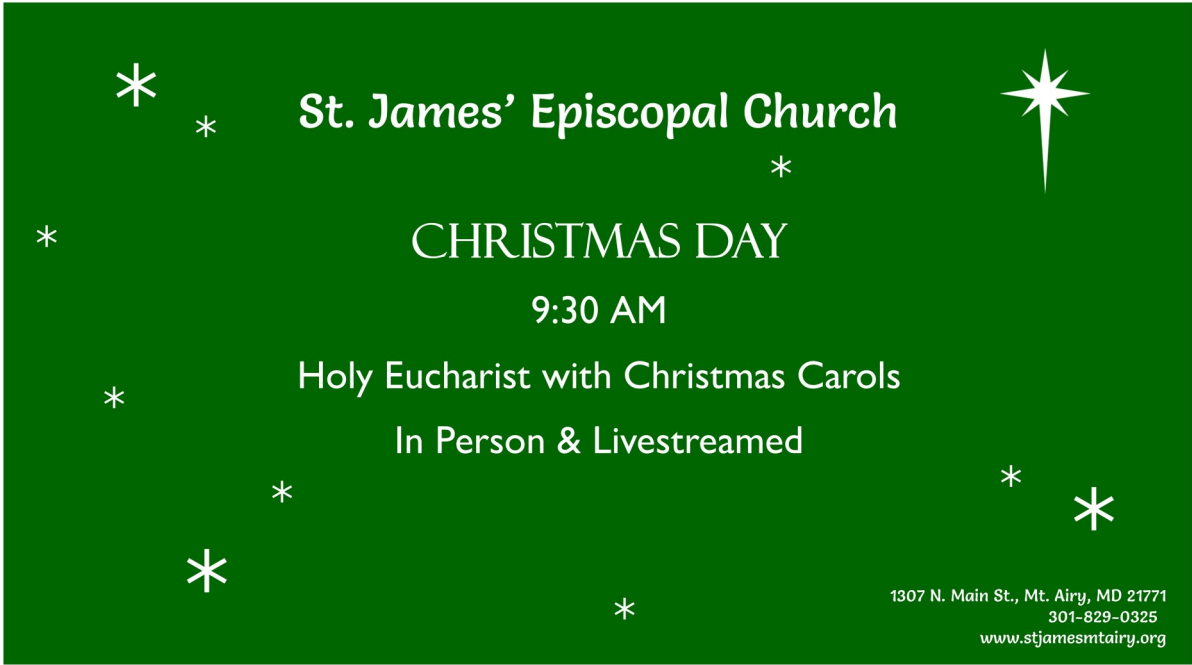
Joseph and Mara Snyder (Liam, Keara, Alana)
 Lisa Sorna
 Steve and Rainey Stafford (Quinlan, Henry, William)

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

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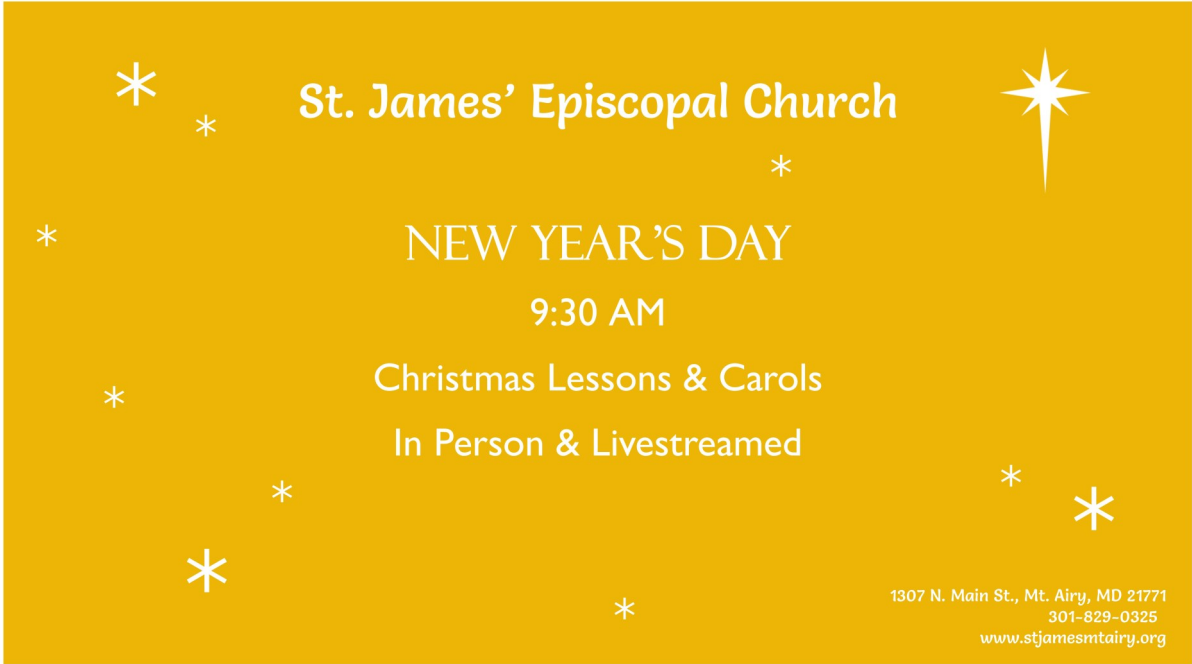
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CHRISTMAS DAY

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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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

**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)

19 Lillian Trasher, Missionary in Egypt, 1961

21 **Saint Thomas the Apostle**

22 Charlotte Diggs (Lottie) Moon, Missionary in China, 1912 or Henry Budd, Priest, 1875

Lectionary readings for The Nativity of Our Lord, December 25, 2022 (Year C, RCL)

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-4,(5-12)

John 1:1-14

Psalm 98

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