



Der Nachtwächter, Carl Spitzweg

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

8:00am In Person Worship

10:15am Online/In Person Worship

St. John's Episcopal Church, Royal Oak MI



St. John's Welcome Statement

Welcome! We are St. John's, a parish that invites you be a part of our community and warmly embraces you when you do.

At St. John's, our history has taught us that accepting and embracing true diversity is challenging. As a result, we have come to claim a firm, undying commitment to inclusion. So here is our invitation to you: regardless of your cultural background, ethnicity, gender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or heterosexual identity, economic status, physical or cognitive ability – you will not be labeled, singled out or excluded here. You will be welcomed, affirmed, embraced and celebrated! We will be better because you are here.

Adopted by unanimous vote at St. John's Annual Meeting, January 31, 2016

Everyone is Welcome! Everyone Belongs! Welcome Newcomers!

Young Children – *with all their sounds and wiggles* - are very welcome in this church!

If you are here for the first time, please help us to get to know you by signing our Guest Book (clipboard in the entry of the church) and/or filling out a green card found in each pew. Place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. We are so pleased that you are here and want to do everything we can to help you make the most of St. John's Episcopal Church and its resources for your spiritual journey.

All are welcome to communion, where we share one bread, one body. To facilitate this, our communion bread is all **Gluten Free**. All are welcome to St. John's programs and events.

Sunday Morning Schedule at a glance:

- 8:00am – **Worship**
- 10:10am – Children age 4 through 5th grade gather at the stairs on second floor in the entry/narthex) and sign in before going up to the third floor for Sunday School. Children are also welcome to stay with family in church if they prefer.
- 10:15am – **Worship**
- 10:15am - 10:45am – **Sunday School** (age 4 through 5th grade) meets on the third floor
- 10:45am – Sunday School children join their families for Communion
- 10:45am - 12:00 noon – **Youth Group** (grades 6-12) is to receive Communion, leaves to meet on the third floor with youth leaders

Advent

Music and Liturgy during the Season of Advent

Waiting, watching and hoping are three of the words most commonly associated with the season of Advent. It is almost ironic that the ancient traditions of the church call us to these things in the midst of what has become, at least in the U.S., a season in which most of us try to avoid waiting. In the various ways, we are observing the season of Advent here at St. John's, but particularly in liturgy and music, we hope to create spiritual space in which we can all have the chance to slow down, listen, watch and hope for what Christ may be doing among us.

In addition to engaging in more intentional periods of silence, we'll sing and listen to music that has a sparser, chant-like texture. Other music, such as some of the choir's anthems and the Psalms will evoke the plea we hear in Advent readings and hymns for Christ to come quickly. The minor (but not mournful) keys of much of our music will help to create a sense of anticipation and unresolved tension that calls to mind the Advent hope of the redemption of all things in the fullness of time.

The Seasonal Color of Advent - Blue

The Vestments and adornments of the sanctuary, including the candles for the Advent Wreath at St. John's are blue in the tradition of the Sarum rite (i.e., the traditions associated with Salisbury Cathedral, England) – practiced in Great Britain from the 11th century through the Protestant Reformation. The vibrant colors symbolize the jubilant cry, "Rejoice in Expectation!" and also represent the darkened sphere of earth, our living in darkness, awaiting Christ.

The Lessons – Notes on the Lectionary beginning in Advent

The Readings in the Episcopal Church (and in most liturgical Christian Churches around the world) are taken from a three-year cycle of scriptural passages known as the Revised Common Lectionary. This Advent season (which marks the beginning of the liturgical year), we begin year C and as such the majority of our Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Luke. In year A the readings come from Matthew's Gospel and in Year B they come from Mark's Gospel. Readings from the Gospel of John are inserted periodically in all years.

PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

Great Litany Advent Setting

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*In honor of first responders and watchpersons everywhere
who always remain alert, selflessly ready to serve.*

For St. John's Episcopal Church, Royal Oak Michigan

Dr. Stephen McGhee, Organist and Music Director
Will Wittig, Cantor

“Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night” lyrics by Sir John Bowring, 1825
Set to "Aberystwyth" tune, composed by Joseph Parry, 1876

OPENING ACCLAMATION

At the ringing of the bell, the people stand, and the presider says, from the back of the church.

Presider The days are surely coming, says the Lord when I will fulfill my promise
to my people.

Wake from your slumber, for the dawn is coming soon.

People **All lands will be lit by the dawning of your light, and all people will
live in peace. Amen.**

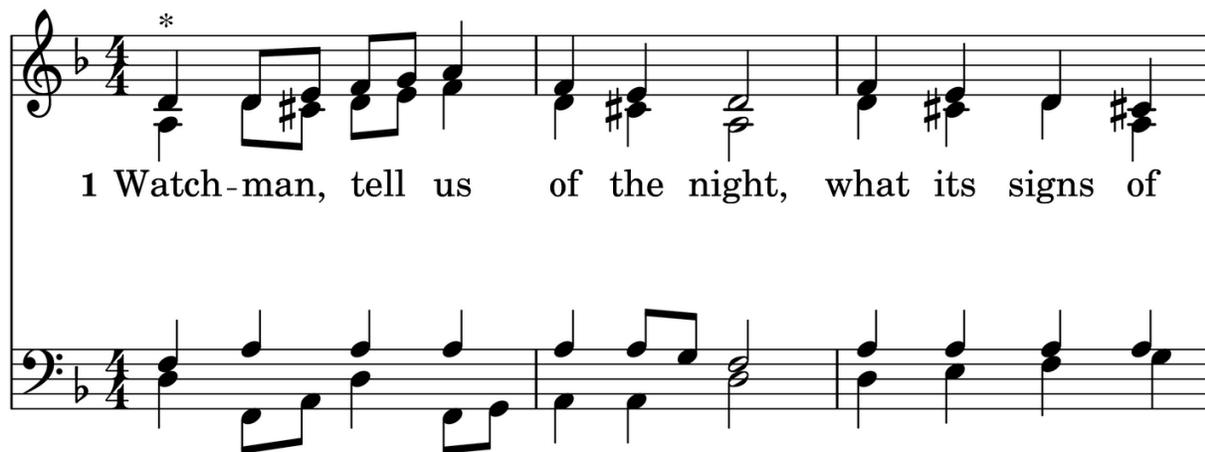
THE GREAT LITANY

Notes on the Great Litany: *The Great Litany is sung on the first Sunday in the Season of Advent. The original meaning of “litany” in Greek was “prayer” or “supplication” but its modern connotation is a particular type of prayer in which the people make a fixed response to short biddings or petitions sung by a lay person, deacon, or priest. The use of Litanies that include prayers of invocation (“Have mercy on us, Lord”), prayers of deprecation (“Deliver us, Lord”), and prayers of Intercession (“We beseech you to hear us, Lord”) date back to the time of Pelagius 1 (492-496 CE).*

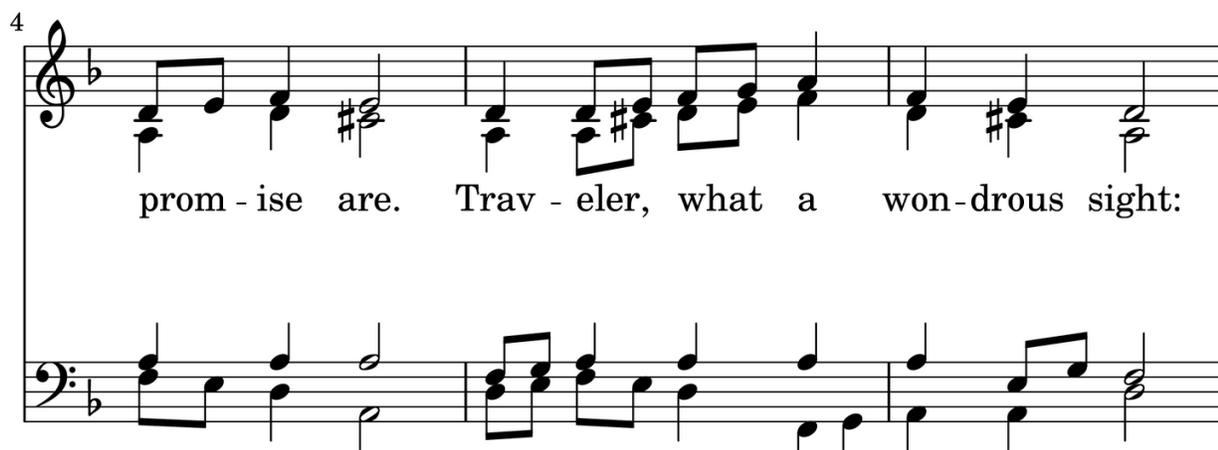
OPENING HYMN

Watchman, tell us of the night The Hymnal, 1982, 640, v. 1

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1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of



4
prom - ise are. Trav - eler, what a won-drous sight:



7
see that glo - ry - beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its



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10

beau - teous ray news of joy or hope fore - tell?

13

Traveler, yes; it brings the day, prom-ised day of Is-ra - el.

I. INVOKING THE TRINITY

Cantor

Response

Holy God, Creator of heaven and | earth,

All sing responses throughout:

Have | mer-cy on | us.

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the | world,

Have | mer-cy on | us.

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the | faithful,

Have | mer-cy on | us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One | God,

Have | mer-cy on | us.

Answer our advent prayer, come o come Emmanu | el.

Have | mer-cy on | us.

Antiphon (all sing)

13

Traveler, yes; it brings the day, prom-ised day of Is-ra - el.

II. PETITIONS FOR COMMUNITY

Cantor

Response

Prepare us for your presence among us, and for your | reign of | peace.

Hear us O | Christ.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth, enliven it for your mission, and grant it that unity which | is your | will.

Hear us O | Christ.

Guide and inspire the leaders of all nations into the ways of | peace and | justice.

Hear us O | Christ.

Be here now with all members of St. John's, those who are present, and those | who are | absent.

Hear us O | Christ.

Bless and | keep your | people.

Hear us O | Christ.

Antiphon (all sing)

13

Traveler, yes; it brings the day, prom-ised day of Is-ra-el.

III. PETITIONS OF INTERCESSION

Cantor

Response

Open our eyes and our hearts, to be ever watchful for the | needs of | others.

Hear us O | Christ.

Comfort the sick in body, mind or spirit, and all those we lift up to you now, and help us provide for the homeless | and the | hungry.

Hear us O | Christ.

Guard and protect all children, especially those who | are in | danger.

Hear us O | Christ.

Show your compassion on the oppressed, the prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who | are in | trouble.

Hear us O | Christ.

Hear us as we remember all those who have died, † and grant us and them a share in your e- | ter-nal | glory.

Hear us O | Christ.

Antiphon (all sing)

13

Traveler, yes; it brings the day, prom-ised day of Is-ra-el.

IV. ADVENT PETITIONS FOR RENEWAL

Cantor

Response

Forgive us all and | turn our | hearts.

Hear us O | Christ.

Open the gates of our hearts, to make way for | your new | covenant.

Hear us O | Christ.

Wake us from our sleep, and cast away darkness, so we may perceive the light of
the | ho-ly | Child.

Hear us O | Christ.

Answer our advent prayer, come o come Emmanu | el.

Have | mer-cy on | us.

Watchman, tell us of the night **The Hymnal, 1982, 640, vv. 2, 3**

(Next page – all sing)

*
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high-er yet that
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing

4
 star as-cends. Trav-eler, bless-ed-ness and light,
 seems to dawn. Trav-eler, shad-ows take their flight;

7
 peace and truth its course por-tends. Watch-man, will its
 doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn. Watch-man, you may

10
 beams a-lone gild the spot that gave them birth?
 go your way; has-ten to your qui-et home.

13
 Traveler, a-ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Traveler, we re-joice to-day, for Em-man-u-el has come!

ADVENT WREATH

The people remain standing. The first candle of the Advent Wreath is lighted.

Notes on the Advent Wreath: *This custom of candle lighting was derived from the Jewish Sabbath practice and was a regular occurrence in the early Christian house churches. As time went on the practice was carried over to the larger assemblies outside of homes. The candles are the Sarum blue for marking three of the four Sundays of Advent.*

On the third Sunday of Advent, sometimes called Gaudate Sunday or "Rejoice", we light a pink candle. The white candle, or Incarnation candle, in the center is lit on Christmas Eve signifying the Incarnation, The Light and The Word, coming to dwell among us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9

The Lectors read as the traditional Advent hymn, "O Come Emmanuel", is played. The Choir and people join in singing the final antiphon.

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
**let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 Gracious and upright are you, O LORD; *
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- 8 You guide the humble in doing right *
and teach your way to the lowly.
- 9 All your paths, O LORD, are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

All (sing) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and sing as the Gospel book is processed among the people for the reading of the Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

Deacon †The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Beth Taylor

Note on the Prayers of the People and the Confession: *The Great Litany encompasses the prayers for the church, the world and the people, as well as a confession of all our sins. Therefore, the Prayers of the People and the Confession are omitted.*

THE PEACE

Presider Sisters and brothers in Christ, we stand in hope and make peace with one another. The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Peace is shared.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

An usher will pass an offering plate through the congregation for offerings, or you may place your offerings in the basins at the base of the altar steps. Your pledges and financial gifts support the mission, the many ministries, the outreach, and the fellowship offered through St. John's.

Give online: stjohnsroyaloak.org and click on GIVE

Text: Text "StJohnsRoyalOak" to 73256

Mail: St. John's, 26998 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067

During the Offertory, the Christ's table is set for the meal offered to everyone. Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your life's journey, you are very welcome to receive communion here.

OFFERTORY MUSIC (at 10:15)

Creator of the stars of night

Joe Cox

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The people stand.

Presider

At this Eucharistic meal, we pray for all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, and their families; especially Scott, Greg, Gloria, Jackie, Veronica, Sandor, Kathy, Alex, Toni, Barbara, Nancy, Edward, Charlie, Cindy, Linda, Marilyn, Elizabeth, Madiba, Holly, Scout, Arthur, Gwen, Tim, Aaron, Bill, David, Lonnie, Allyson, and those we now name either silently or aloud_____. We pray for all those who have †died, and for those who are known to you alone.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Scottish Episcopal Church, 1982 Liturgy

Presider God 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 our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

Worship and praise belong to you always and everywhere, God our maker. Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be, and still you draw the universe to its fulfillment. Dawn and evening celebrate your glory till time shall be no more.

In Christ your Son the life of heaven and earth were joined, sealing the promise of a new creation; given, yet still to come.

As children of your redeeming purpose who await the coming of your Son, we offer you our praise, with Angels and Archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

SANCTUS

(Spoken at 8:00am)

**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.

SANCTUS *(Sung at 10:15am)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. _____

The people stand or kneel. The Presider continues

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God. In Jesus you showed us your mercy and love. Our hope is built on him; the First, the Last, the Living One. Obedient, even to accepting death, He opened the gate of glory and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, and at a feast that heralded a kingdom yet to come, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.

All **We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.**

Made one with him we offer you these gifts of bread and wine, and then we offer ourselves, a single, holy living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful God, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and that †we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Make us gentle, joyful, thankful people, serving our neighbors, and worshiping you alone. Keep us in the peace of Christ until you gather us at your table in glory. Even now, a voice is crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. ***Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/FRACTION ANTHEM

Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Presider These are the gifts of God.

People **And we are the people of God.**

Presider And in union and solidarity with your faithful people who are not able to be present at this table, we pray together.

People **May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed. The wafers are gluten-free.

St. John's youth (6th-12th grade) are the first to receive communion, and then leave immediately following Eucharist to meet with their leaders. All youth are invited to participate – you are very welcome here!

COMMUNION HYMNS

Blest be the King whose coming

The Hymnal 1982, 74

Descant

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of

God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
 God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All

barred! Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

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things are in his hand, all a - ges and all

power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 bear it so he can make us free!

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SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Deacon In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand and pray

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The people are seated

BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

Presider †May the God of mercy keep you;
May the Holy Spirit guide you;
May Christ in glory greet you,
now and in the day of his coming. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN (*Next page*)

How bright appears the Morning Star

The Hymnal 1982 497, vv. 1, 3

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace, live in love, seek to be holy in all that you do.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Altar Memorials and Thanksgivings

In thanksgiving for
all the volunteers
who have prepared our worship space,
liturgies, and events for Advent.

Baptism, Confirmation, Reception in the Episcopal Church

If you are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church, and being **'received'** into the Episcopal fellowship or **confirmed**, please contact one of the clergy at 248-546-1255. Inquirers Classes will begin in January 2022. Confirmation preparation for youth will begin in January.

If you are seeking **baptism** for yourself or for your child, please contact one of the clergy for preparation. The next available dates are:

Feast of Baptism of our Lord, January 9, 2022

Easter Vigil, April 17, 2022

Ministers of Today's Service

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| Rector | The Rev. Beth Taylor |
| Associate Priest | The Rev. Stacy Salles |
| Deacon | The Ven. Tim Spannaus |
| Musicians | Brynn Ward, Staff Singer; The St. John's Chancel Choir |
| Altar Guild | Denise Barnett, Bob Davis, Lisa Dion, Martie Falconer, Allyson Frank, Ray Kwiatkowski, Maryann LeComb, Pam Lupinski, Barbara Moran, Joyce Morey, Mary Ann Morrow, Kathy Stricker, Bette Ann Wright |
| 8:00am | Barbara Lugger – First Lesson and Psalm; Joey Spano – Second Lesson; Brian Craft – Acolyte |
| 10:15am | Will Wittig – First Lesson; Marie Donigan – Psalm, Bob Davis – Second Lesson; Dan Martin – Acolyte |
| Tech Team | Chris Bosley, Erica Clites, Holly McNeal, Mark Miliotto, Tim Spannaus, Mark Valenti, Will Wittig, Laurie McLaughlin, Sarah Muth |
| Ushers | Chuck Tucker, Linda Tucker, Janice Pedersen |
| Greeter | |
| Opener | Tim Morgan |
| Closer | Chris Moran |

A Note about the Temporary Food Storage/Packaging in the Church

Open Hands Food Pantry is a 501c3 nonprofit organization housed at St. John's that provides hunger relief by distributing emergency groceries, toiletries, and household supplies. When the pandemic hit in March 2020, Open Hands moved its entire operation upstairs out of a church basement where the food pantry operated and into a "drive through food pantry" in the parking lot.

As soon as the Capital Campaign project is completed and a new elevator is installed, the food packaging operation will be moved back into the lower level of the church. Until that time, the food will be received and packaged in the West Transept.

In the last year, Open Hands' client base and need increased and it served approximately 20,000 people in 2020.

Additional Prayer List

Persons being prayed for:

Sarah
 Carrie
 Dottie
 Janet
 Michele, Tracy
 Briana, Wettona, Tony, Ezra, Vic, Jackie, Joe
 Geri
 Lois, Willa
 Edward
 Matthew, Heather, India, Joann, Jim
 Larry, Lois
 Gary, Patrick
 Jeanette, Phyllis, Leslie, Bob
 Donna
 Pat, Janet
 Angelina
 Cameron
 Donna, MaryPat, Linda
 Karen, Larry, Jenny, Eric, Cristy, Dorothy
 Romaine, Donna, Diedre & family, Terry, Sonya
 Donna
 Angie
 Payton and her family
 Mike, Meghan, Marie, Jim, Adam
 JoAnn, Edgar, Mary Lou, Natalia
 Rachel
 Linda, Kathryn (Kelly's mother)
 Bill
 Arthur
 Lois, Maryann, Lorie, David, Ron, Katie, Rosa, Beth
 Patty, Jim, Ron, David, Maria
 Jennifer, Terry
 Dave, Kate, Evie, Caroline, Rhonda
 Gail, Phil, Steven, Joe, Paul
 Larry
 Jeanne, Danny
 Adam, Don
 Patti, Collette, Dan, Bob, Lilly, Marilyn, Sara, Scott
 Barbara
 David, David
 Dominic, Pam, Eily, Noelle, Bob, Dave, Dan & Family,
 Ken, Marie, Tom, Wally, Linda, Maria, Paul, Sally
 June
 Vickie
 Mark
 Max, Foster
 Debbie, Marion

Requested by:

Rachel Andrews
 Krystn Aversa
 Anne & Pete Baird
 The Barnett Family
 The Bennett Family
 Gloria Brown
 Christine Carline
 Janet Craft
 Sandy Curtis
 Carolyn Darling
 Chris Davis, Lonnie Shelton
 Ann Davis
 Cheryl Donigan
 Ellen Ehrlich
 Mary Fairman & Sue Brown
 Allyson Frank
 The Gilbertsons
 Diana Graor
 Melanie Hill
 Jeffernell Howcott
 Ann Johnson
 Patty Johnston
 Pete Kelly
 Barbara Killinger
 Kathy Kustowski
 Lynne Lambert
 Kelly Mankin & Michael Tonda
 Barbara & Chris Moran
 Janice Pedersen
 Maryann LeComb & Kathy Stricker
 Mapley Extended Family
 Lee Ann & Tim Morgan
 Mary Ann Morrow
 Bob & Trudy Nagaj
 Annie Ruggirello
 Scout Osborn & Kris Sprague
 Jeff & Nancy Sever
 Joey Spano
 Bob Stevens
 Elizabeth Swanchara

 The Sykes Family
 Barbara Thornton
 Chuck & Linda Tucker
 Bob Walsh
 Jan Warren
 Tamra Zakar

Parish Calendar

November 28 – December 5, 2021

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| Sunday, November 28 | 8:00am | Holy Eucharist |
| | 10:15am | Sunday School |
| | 10:15am | Holy Eucharist |
| | 11:15am | Youth Group |
| Monday, November 29 | 7:00pm | EfM |
| Tuesday, November 30 | No Meditation (fifth Monday) | |
| Wednesday, December 1 | 10:00am | Bible Study |
| | 7:00pm | Adult Forum, <i>Advent Practices</i> |
| Thursday, December 2 | 7:00pm | Choir |
| Friday, December 3 | 9:00am | Open Hands Food Pantry Set Up |
| | 11:30am | Healing Service |
| Saturday, December 4 | 9:00am | Open Hands Food Pantry |
| Sunday, December 5 | 8:00am | Holy Eucharist |
| | 10:15am | Sunday School |
| | 10:15am | Holy Eucharist |
| | 11:15am | Youth Group |

Mark your calendars

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| Tuesday, December 7 | 1:00pm | St. John's Reads Book Club |
| Thursday, December 9 | 1:30pm | Legacy Tea |
| Wednesday, December 15 | 7:00pm | Blue Christmas |
| Sunday, December 19 | 10:15am | Christmas Pageant/ Greening of the Church |

With Thanks

Pledged gifts help the Vestry create and adhere to a 2022 budget for staff, programs, and outreach. With those estimates, we will be able to plan for St. John's mission and ministry with confidence. Stewardship is not limited to financial pledges; it is also the commitment of time, ministry team participation, and volunteering that we offer to God through the church. The following households have made 'pledges' for the coming year* Thank you for your participation. *This list is current as of Wednesday, November 24, 2021. It will be updated again in the next bulletin. Pledge cards are available in the church, in the office, or can be mailed to you by request.

Carol Aaron
James & Mary Adams
Charles and Shelley Baker
Safyan Afzal & Robert Stevens
Rachel Andrews & Kathleen Battles
Kris Avery & Bob Gibb & family
Askari Asante
Paulynn Auger
Krystn Aversa
Michael Bahorski
Anne & Peter Baird
Gregg & Denise Barnett & family
Erich & Jennifer Bartleman
Carol Berousek
George Blair
Rosalie Boerkoel
Christopher Bosley
Mary & Andy Boyle & family
Dayton & Stasi Brown
Gloria Brown & Kathy Kustowski
Christine Carline
Janet Clark
Megan & Matthew Clark & family
Ann Davis
Peg Coury & Lisa Dion
Janet & Clarence Craft
Sandra Curtis
Jamiel Dado & Elizabeth Isaakson Dado
Carolyn Darling
Bob Davis & Linda Watkins
Bruce & Cheryl Donigan
Marie Donigan & Kevin McLogan
Leesa & Keith Elkins & family
Ellen Ehrlich & Linda Northcraft
Bernadette Ethridge
Mary & Steve Fairman
H. Michael Falconer
Martie Falconer
Cheryl Fehan
Cynthia Fellner
Allyson Frank
Keith & Anjela Freeman & family
Elle Fromm
Aubrey Garfield
Dale & Barbara Gilbertson
Greg Gmerek
Cara Gonzalez & Beth Masserang
Gail Gordon
Diana Graor

Veronica Griffith
Abby Gustafson
Barbara Heath
Cathy Holcomb
Waymon & Maedell Howard
Stephen & Patricia Johnston
Barbara Jones
Mark Jones & Jessica Worden-Jones
Paula & Karen Jones
David Kaiser
Barbara & James Karchon
Pete & Maureen Kelly
Barbara Claire Killinger
Mary Kimber
Jon Kingsepp
Sandor Kiss
Annie Klunk
Kellie & Erik Kornmiller & family
Ray & Diana Kwiatkowski
Jalynn Lassic
Robert Lazich
Maryann LeComb & Kathy Stricker
Kayleigh Long
Jill Lowing
Barbara Luggen
Melanie & Ned Macey & family
Dan & Lisa Machesky & family
Kelly Mankin & Michael Tonda
Heidi & Rob Mapley & family
Ricky A. Marinco
Dan Martin
Sharon Martin
Brent & Joan McFeaters
Brian and Holly McNeal & family
Mark Miliotto & Beth Taylor & family
Justina Misuraca
Barbara Mitchell
Barbara & Chris Moran
Joyce Morey
LeeAnn & Tim Morgan
Mary Ann Morrow
Sarah Muth
Bob & Trudy Nagaj
Gary & Kelly Neighbors
Nadine Nichols
Cynthia & Bill Nixon
Lisa Oakes & family
John & Jelane Oginsky & family
Scout Osborn & Kris Sprague

Collette Pariseau & Tim Spannaus
Janice Pedersen
Lisa Phillips
Anne Marie Piwonski & Maria Walter
Mark Poston
JoAnna Prudden
Mozhgon Rajae
Marilyn Robinson
T. Bruce Robson
Ann Ruggirello & Marsha Tuck
Thomas S. Russell
Linda Sauchak & family
Bobbie Schillag
Nancy & Jeff Sever
Martha Gibiser Shea
Deborah & Jackie Smith
Joey Spano
Dennis & Rosemary Spatafora
Jackie Speer
Nicole & Andy Stewart & family
Nick & Kristen Swan & family
Elizabeth Swanchara
Melissa Thompson & family
Barbara Thornton
Beth & Perry Threatt
Susan Tower
John Trace
Sara Troyer & family
Chuck & Linda Tucker
Valerie & John Tucker
Mark & Becky Valenti
Liz & Alycsa Valentine
Dustin Walker
Bob Walsh
Bill & Kate Weide
Bob & Mary Beth Weigel
Carl Weiler & James Whipple
Cheri Whalen
Kathy Whyard
Kathy White
Kari Wilson & family
Timi & Will Wittig & family
Paul & Bette Ann Wright
Christopher & Daniel Wright-Cuschieri
& family
Jennifer Wofford & family
Tamra Zakar & family