



# SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

*For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

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A WELCOMING  
CHURCH WITH A  
HEART FOR MISSION

*Please Join Us for Worship this Christmastide*

## **DECEMBER 23, 2018, THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **• WORSHIP AT 8, OR LESSONS & CAROLS AT 9:15 & 11 AM**

This Sunday features the story of the visitation of Mary with Elizabeth in Luke 1:39-55. Elizabeth's child (John the Baptist) "leaped in her womb." Mary responded with the poem Magnificat: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

- 1pm, Sunday, December 23, help decorate the church for Christmas Eve!

## **DECEMBER 24, 2018, MONDAY: CHRISTMAS EVE**

### **• 3 PM CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

### **• 5 PM FAMILY SERVICE**

Our popular 3 & 5 PM services are especially child friendly in content and length. They feature participatory Gospel Tableaus with Eucharist at each service, and a homily by Rev. Jill. Children may come dressed as shepherds, angels, animals (or bring stuffed animals), stars or townsfolk (regular dress). Christmas Carols are sung as the Gospel story progresses. Soloists provide music during communion. Age-appropriate *Light-Stix* illuminate the singing of *Silent Night*.

### **• 7:30 AND 10:30 PM CANDLELIGHT EUCHARIST**

The 7:30 and 10:30 PM services are Classic Christmas services with traditional music & candlelight. Fr. John is the preacher. Expanded choir, violin and organ. After Holy Communion at each liturgy, we will light our candles for the congregational singing of *Silent Night*.

## **DECEMBER 25, 2018, TUESDAY: CHRISTMAS DAY,**

### **• 10:30 AM CHRISTMAS DAY EUCHARIST**

Fr. John leads worship on Christmas Day with an informal sermon and Christmas Hymns.

## **DECEMBER 30, 2018: 1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT 8 & 10 AM (COMBINED 9:15 & 11 SERVICES!)**

Ponder the Gospel of John's theological commentary on the Incarnation: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Baptism at 10am. Rev. Jill is Preacher and Celebrant.

## **JANUARY 6, 2019: EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

### **• WORSHIP AT 8, 9:15 & 11 AM**

The Feast of the Epiphany features the Journey of the Magi (*We Three Kings*, Hymnal 128). Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar join us. Fr. John, Celebrant and Preacher. Sunday School.

*Since 1702, we've been celebrating Christmas at Saint John's*

**The Flower & Music Fund:** To remember a loved one in the Christmas bulletin, or offer thanks for God's presence in your life, please contribute to the Saint John's Flower and Music Fund. The suggested donation is \$20. This helps us purchase decorations at Christmas and Easter, and to provide special holiday musicians. Contributions received after December 17 will be in the Epiphany bulletin..