

Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

We're glad that you chose to worship with us today!

- Masks are optional for all church activities, including worship. Distancing is still a safer practice.
- Communion is provided for those who would like to consume bread and/or wine as directed. You may participate in spiritual communion if you prefer to not receive either physical element. (*This is sacramentally appropriate any time receiving bread and/or wine is not a possibility for any reason. The bread and wine are the outward and visible signs of the inward and spiritual grace in the communion sacrament.*)

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10AM Worship with Communion – December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent



ST JAMES
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC
An inviting safe community for all

Today's Worship leadership includes...

<i>Ministers</i>	Members of the Congregation
<i>Readers</i>	1 — Skip Cole
	2 — Eleanor Agnew
	3 — Bob Feller
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Mary Green
<i>Rector (Pastor)</i>	The Rev'd Diane M Murray (Amma Diane)
<i>Worship Coordinator</i>	Tony Karl
<i>Pianist</i>	Barb Cook

We are an inclusive community of faith that welcomes and celebrates diversity in age, race, nation of origin, citizenship status, gender identity, sexual orientation, social status, political view, background, ability level, marital status, and anything else that makes us unique. Whatever your reason for coming, we are glad you are here!

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If you would like to know more about the life, mission, or ministries of St James Episcopal Church, please talk to any member of our Vestry (church council):

Rector (Pastor): The Rev'd Diane M Murray *Wardens:* Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green

Vestrypersons: Nick Doszkewycz, Joan Estes, & Tony Karl

Clerk: Tony Karl *Treasurer:* Linda Molitor

All the words you will need are in this bulletin: Text that the people say is prefaced with "People" or "All" and is in a **bold font**. All song lyrics are also in this bulletin.

Wi-Fi access: Look for our networks beginning with **CBCI-77B0** and enter password **build7443guitar**; we encourage you to share pictures and posts on social media.

Worship/Liturgy Sources: Our worship is based on the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP--the red hardcover book in the pew rack), the *Book of Occasional Services*, the *Enriching Our Worship series*—the primary liturgical resources authorized by General Convention of The Episcopal Church—supplemented by occasional other resources. You may find additional prayers in the BCP on pages 832-834 helpful for personal devotion before, during, and after worship (especially prayers 64-69 and 57-61). If you'd like a BCP for your own use at home, the church can provide one for you—please talk to Amma Diane.

Children: Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Activity bags are available in the back of the church. A changing station is available in the restroom in the atrium just outside the sanctuary.

Hearing Loop: Our Hearing Loop system enables people with hearing loss to better hear sounds through our sound system. If you can set your hearing aid to a T or M/T setting, audio from our sound system will be received directly by your device (70% of aids have this feature). If your aid does not have this option, or you do not wear a hearing aid, there are a few portable headsets available in the back of the church.



Please share your prayer requests with us: All are invited to share their prayer requests so that the entire congregation may join in lifting up your needs and thanksgivings. Please add requests to the Prayers of the People clipboard (you can simply use first names on requests... God knows our needs). If you'd like a prayer lifted up for multiple weeks, please fill out a prayer request slip found at the back of the church.

We worship with our bodies: You'll notice that some of us may sit, stand, and kneel at various points in the service. Some of us may make the sign of the cross or bow now and then. Some may clap, raise their hands, or tap their feet. All of these movements are traditions from various parts of our Christian heritage—none are required, none are frowned upon. All are welcome to express whatever movements they might find meaningful in worship. Some instructions are printed throughout this bulletin—you may also observe what others do. None of these movements are a requirement: if you prefer not to use them, don't worry about it—God doesn't.

Restrooms/Layout/Accessibility: A handicapped-accessible restroom is located in the atrium just outside the sanctuary (next to the elevator.) Another restroom is located on the lower level. The atrium gives access to the lower level and upper level by stairs or elevator. The worship space and chapel are located on the upper level. The offices, fellowship hall, library, and classrooms are located on the lower level and marked by signs.

Welcome!

All who are able, please stand.

♪ **Blest Be the King Whose Coming**

[Hymnal #74]

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred!
Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp comes he:
but clad as are the poorest, such his humility!

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
By those who truly listen his voice is truly heard;
pity the proud and haughty, who have not learned to heed
the Christ, who is the Promise, who has atonement made.

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
He only to the humble reveals the face of God.
All power is his, all glory! All things are in his hand,
all ages and all people, till time itself shall end!

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need.
Gentle is he and humble! And light his yoke shall be,
for he would have us bear it so he can make us free!

Words: Frederico J Pagura; tr F Pratt Green ©1974 Hope Publishing. Music: *ST THEODULPH*, Melchior Teschner, 1613.

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free. AMEN!**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **AMEN!**

♪ **Trisagion (Thrice-Holy)**

[Hymnal #S102; sung 3 times]

Ho - ly God, — ho - ly and might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Trisagion, from the Greek meaning "thrice holy". Setting: version *Hymnal 1982*, after Alexander Archangelosky (1846-1924).

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.

People **AMEN!**

Please be seated.

First Lesson

Reader 1 A reading of Isaiah chapter 7, verses 10 through 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."

Reader 1 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Unison Reading

Reader 1 Let us read in unison Psalm 80, verses 1 through 7 and 16 through 18.

All Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name. Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of Romans chapter 1, verses 1 through 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.

Reader 2 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able, please stand.

Gospel

Matthew 1. 18-25

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

All who are able, please stand.

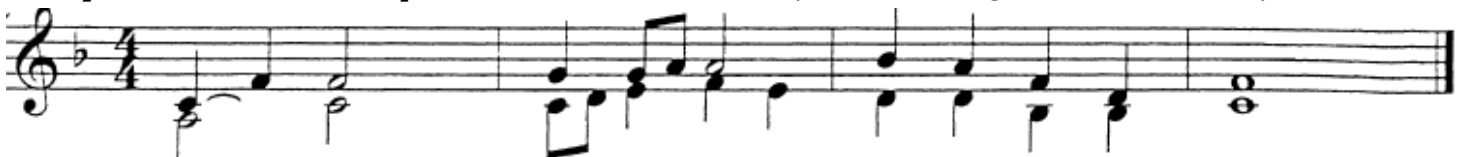
Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us join in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All 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

This musical response is sung once after each petition



Je - sus, _____ come - to - us, _____ lead us to your light.

Reader 3 Stirred to keep watch and keep awake, that we may see the coming of the Lord, let us call all of God's people to watchful and wakeful prayer.

For the holy churches of God in every place, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Matt our Bishop, for Diane our Rector, for all lay leaders and clergy, and for the unity of all, we pray:

All ♪ **Jesus, come to us, lead us to your light.**

Reader 3 O God, the days are surely coming when all your promises will be fulfilled. We pray for the church, that we might fulfill our promises to you, and be forgiven for all our failures. Come, Lord God.

All ♪ **Jesus, come to us, lead us to your light.**

Reader 3 In your time, O Lord, a righteous branch sprang up and you brought justice and righteousness in every land. We pray for our nation and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth. Come, Lord God.

All **♪ Jesus, come to us, lead us to your light.**

Reader 3 You bring your people safety and comfort. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. Come, Lord God.

All **♪ Jesus, come to us, lead us to your light.**

Reader 3 Your great works of redemption, O God, span the ages. We pray for those who rejoice this week that they might be filled with joy and gladness. Come, Lord God.

All **♪ Jesus, come to us, lead us to your light.**

Reader 3 We thank you for your presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer. Come, Lord God.

All **♪ Jesus, come to us, lead us to your light.**

Reader 3 We lift up the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including those on our prayer lists and those we remember now silently or aloud...

The people offer additional prayers at this time.

...Come, Lord God.

All **♪ Jesus, come to us, lead us to your light.**

Reader 3 Come, Lord God: change us and we shall be changed. Come, increase our awareness of your presence, strengthen our love for you, and fill our hearts with holiness. Come, awaken us to be ready and watchful for your coming. Come, Lord God: change us and we shall be changed; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **AMEN!**

Reader 3 Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. AMEN!**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **AMEN!**

Please be seated. Those with birthdays or anniversaries, please come forward at this time. If you would like a prayer for healing, travel, or any other needs, please let Amma Diane know.

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays.

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their anniversaries.

All O God, you teach us through the example of Jesus that love is the fulfilment of the Law; help those couples celebrating anniversaries to persevere in love, to grow in mutual understanding, and to deepen their trust in each other; that in wisdom, patience and courage, their life together may be a source of happiness to all with whom they share it. AMEN!

Celebrant To all of you celebrating milestones: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you to guide and protect you and all those you love, today and always!

All AMEN!

All who are able, please stand.

Passing the Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

We share God's love with others from a distance with verbal greetings, waving, peace sign, etc. Please be seated.

Announcements *All giving announcements: please use a mic for our friends online.*

Celebrating Our Mission, Service, & Ministries *Congregational sharing.*

Offering Our Gifts & Our Selves

Gifts and offerings may be mailed to the church, dropped off in the mail slot, or sent through your bank. There are online giving options on our web site mySJEC.com/donate. We are grateful for your continued financial support of our ministry and mission.

Celebrant Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

People Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.

All who are able, please stand.

♪ Joseph Heard the Troubling News

1. Jo - seph heard the trou-ling news: Ma - ry was ex - pect - ing!
 2. "Go take Ma - ry as your wife; Jo - seph, don't you fear it—
 3. God of love, we too must face times of doubt and trou - ble.

What should he, a just man, do? He sought God's di - rect - ing.
 God has formed a pre-cious life by the Ho - ly Spir - it!
 May we know your dai - ly grace, ev - en when we strug - gle.

Jo - seph thought to send her home— leave her, with - out blam - ing;
 Ma - ry soon will bear a son; you shall name him Je - sus.
 Just as Jo - seph an-swered, "Yes!" with new de - di - ca - tion,

then an an - gel in a dream spoke of joy pro - claim - ing:
 When the pro - phet spoke of him, he said, "God is with us!"
 we re-joice, for we've been blessed by your in - car na - tion.

Invitation to Communion

from the Iona Community, Scotland

Celebrant The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

♪ **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord** *Setting: from A Community Mass, Richard Proulx (b. 1937).* [Hymnal #S125]

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take... Eat... this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection, the ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN!**

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

All **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!**

Breaking Bread

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

All **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

♪ Lamb of God

Setting: from *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b 1950). [Hymnal #S161]

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

At this time, the Celebrant will extend the invitation to communion to all present and give instructions as needed. Visitors are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

All who are able, please stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. AMEN!

Prayer for our Time of Transition

by Linda C Smith-Criddle

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for our time of transition.

All Assist us, Lord, in living hopefully into the future. In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside and to recognize our potential for creative response. Help us to develop a reasonable optimism, when confronted by "the new" and to guard us against our own defensiveness. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time. All this we ask in the name of your Child, our savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN!

Seasonal Blessing for Advent

Celebrant May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

All AMEN!

Celebrant May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

All AMEN!

Celebrant May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

All AMEN!

Celebrant And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

All AMEN!

♪ O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O Dayspring, from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Words: Latin, 12th century; trans John Mason Neale. Music: *VENI EMMANUEL*, 15th century plainsong

Sending

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Thank you for celebrating with us today! After Worship, we will move to the Harrigan Parkside Gathering Center (3 blocks away, near the intersection of Park & 11th) for Amma Diane's farewell party.

Our special offering in the month of December is the Rector's Discretionary Fund; please label gifts accordingly.

ADVENT CALENDAR 2022

18 Worship

Advent 4

Linger before leaving your worship time today. How is God calling you to hear and sing along with Mary's Song? Read Luke 1:39-55.

19 Go

Go out into your neighborhood today. Where is God at work? Ask God to show you how you can celebrate that good work and name God's presence in your community.

20 Learn

Read Habakkuk 2:1-4. Does this reading remind you of Thomas the disciple? Why do you think the folks who organized the lectionary picked this reading from the Old Testament for this friend of Jesus?

21 Pray

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 4, found on page 212 in The Book of Common Prayer. Pick three or four of your beloveds to focus your prayers on today. Make sure to leave some silent space for God to offer you some wisdom about what they may need right now.

22 Bless

Make sure to pick up an extra present or two — a nice candy sampler or a warm pair of slippers or pajama pants, just in case you have extra friends or guests drop by. Ask God to bless those who travel and those who may be alone in the coming days. Take some bottled water and sports drinks over to your local community cold weather shelter. They will be extra glad to have that during the winter months.

23 Turn

If you are gathering with friends and family today, consider taking time during the meal to turn to the folks on your right, and then on your left, to thank them for their love in your life. See how this might spread some joy and comfort around the table — or maybe even ease some potentially prickly guests.

24 Rest

Christmas Eve

The conventional wisdom is that new parents should rest when the baby is resting. Make sure you take some time out to rest with Baby Jesus — and marvel in the wonder of a fresh, new, clean, shiny, tiny, precious start. Take a nap and thank God for the gift of Jesus and for peace at Christmas.



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any pastoral care or other needs.*

Recurring Schedule

Discussion Sundays at 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

Join us as we discuss the season of Advent. Talk to Amma Diane if you have any questions.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 580 876 932 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

Worship—Sundays at 10AM (in-person/online)

Attend in-person at 10AM, or participate LIVE at 10AM or view at any time after on YouTube (*video links are also shared on Facebook*): go.mysjec.com/youtube
12/18 Fourth Sunday of Advent
12/25 Christmas Day
1/1 New Year's Day—Christmas Hymn Sing
1/8 Epiphany 1—The Baptism of Our Lord
1/15 Epiphany 2—Remembering MLK Jr

Fellowship—Sundays at 11:15AM (in-person)

Please join us downstairs after worship each week for refreshments, snacks, and conversation. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. We invite anybody who is interested to bring snacks/treats to share any week.

Mid-Week Worship—Wed at 4:30PM (Zoom)

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/Wednesday
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 670 567 006 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM (Zoom)

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/Friday
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NEW! Mid-week Worship on break after 12/21

Wednesday 12/21 at 4:30PM will be our last mid-week Worship service until further notice. Sundays and Fridays will continue without interruption. As we move through our transition, we'll discuss what other Worship options the congregation would like (or not) during the week.

Christmas Eve Worship 12/24 at 6:30PM; Christmas Day Worship 12/25 at 10AM; Christmas Hymn Sing Worship 1/1 at 10AM

Join us starting at 6:30PM on **Saturday 12/24** for a musical prelude celebrating Christ's birth. Anybody who'd like to sing or play a song is welcome to do so--talk to Worship Coordinator Tony Karl if you are interested or have questions. Worship begins at 7PM, with a Lessons & Carols format and festive music, ending with our Sanctuary softly glowing by candle light.

Gather for Amma Diane's last Sunday with St James, at 10AM on **Sunday 12/25**, as we celebrate Christmas one last time together.

Christmas Season lasts through Epiphany (1/6). 10AM Worship on **Sunday 1/1** will continue the celebration of Christ's birth with a Christmas hymn sing. Barb Cook will be on hand to tickle the ivories for this special celebration. Be ready to request your favorite Christmas songs from our blue *Hymnal 1982* book.

NEW! Donations for poinsettia display were made by:

- ◆ Skip & Karleen Cole - for their parents
- ◆ Sharon Meany - for Paul
- ◆ Kim Kaufmann - for Cindy
- ◆ Mary Green - for Robert & Benjamin Green, Sharen, Ed & Keith Kaatz
- ◆ David Haefke - for Pat Haefke
- ◆ Mary Kaufmann - for Emily Kaufmann, Cindy Connolly, Ava Anelons
- ◆ Glenn Davidowich, Tony Karl, & Chris Couris - for Eleanor Sydlo
- ◆ John & Barb Cook
- ◆ Marian Flint - for Bill, parents, brothers
- ◆ Mike & Sharon Laughrin - for departed family
- ◆ Joan Estes - for Adam & Florence Sobieski
- ◆ Glenn Davidowich - for Paul & Mary Davidowich, George & Eleanor Davidowich, Michael & Susannah Kalinak, Helen & George Korba
- ◆ Sandy Olson - for Olson & Maedke family
- ◆ Richard Hall - for Deacon Sam Hall
- ◆ Anonymous

Cards for Amma Diane

We encourage everybody to make their own expressions of thanks for Amma Diane's ministry with us at St James. We'll have a decorative box in the Sanctuary for those who would like to add cards for Amma Diane.

NEW! Please return 2023 Giving Estimates by 1/1

Please turn in your 2023 Giving Estimates by January 1, if you are able. Extra estimate cards are available in the back of the church. Thank you for your financial support!

NEW! Monthly congregational chat 1/8

The Vestry invites all to stay after worship on Sunday 1/8 for the fifth of our monthly congregational chats. All are welcome to participate. Each month the Vestry will have one or more topics to solicit ideas and feedback from you. The topics on 1/8 will include: 1) Clean Energy Project presentation by Chris Eggert-Rosenthal; 2) Any new updates about our transition process.

We plan these chats to typically last 20-30 minutes, but they could run longer, if needed. Please join us for these chats! **If you are unable to attend in person, please send your thoughts to info@mysjec.com or share them with Clerk Tony Karl.**

NEW! Dine & Discuss starts 1/17

We are bringing back our popular Dine & Discuss monthly series! We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall on the third Tuesday of each month from 6-8PM. This is an opportunity for us to enjoy food and fellowship as well as learning about and discussing various topics of interest. On Tuesday, January 17, 2023, we'll be joined again by our friends from Lakeshore's United Visionaries (L.U.V.). The theme will be privilege and power—we all experience more or less of both as we find ourselves in different settings throughout life. This will be an opportunity to listen to the experiences of others as well as share our own experiences. L.U.V. will be preparing a Pakistani meal for the evening, and we've scheduled Wednesday, January 18 as our snow date.

NEW! Gratitudes

Thank you to....

...All who supported our Adopt a Family (and to Karleen Cole for coordinating)

...All who helped with our cookie project and packet deliveries (and to Tony Karl for coordinating)

...All who helped decorate our building (and to Eleanor Agnew for coordinating)

...All who participated in our Reverse Advent Calendar

Would you like to be a Reader, Acolyte, and/or Eucharistic Minister? Let us know

Would you like to be part of our rotation of Readers, Acolytes, and/or Eucharistic Ministers? We are always happy to add new people to this ministry. If this is something that interests you, please talk to Worship Coordinator Tony Karl for more info. Let us know by December 12 if you'd like to be added to the schedule.



UPDATED! Prayers for the Week

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Steve & Marybeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Geno, Bonnie T, Bonnie & Charlie, Marcia & John, Chip & Janice, Steven G, Mary G, Vicki, Matthew C, Shelley R, Brian M, Sharon L, Karen K., Nancy J, Nancy & Clayton, Richard H, James B., Jenny M, Sean D, Connie, Janet P, Leah S, Carol & family

Guidance & Discernment: Tim K, Kurt H, Ronald B, Alison H, Susie M, Brian & Lisa, Frankie, Deb & Jim, Keagan

Serving in the Military: Jordan, Ian, Logan, Keaton, Marshall, Jacob, Jack.

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Fond du Lac; Cathedral Church of St Michael & All Angels, Masvingo, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church in Korea. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the dialogue taking place among them. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. People at the Warming Shelter. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country, and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to violence, racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury, and deaths. We pray for those in the world who do not have enough to eat, may we help to keep food available to all.

We offer thanks for: Diane our Rector, Chris and Mary, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff, and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matt Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and Bishop Osiward Mapika, 2nd Bishop of the Diocese of Masvingo.

We Pray for the Departed: Bill F, Audrey & Clayton, Pat H, Myrna H, Cindy C, Joe L, Paul M, Deena G, Shirley O, Margaret & Leonard, Jack W, and all who have died.

UPDATED! Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 12/2 Todd Reckelberg, 12/4 Chris Couris, 12/11 Wyatt Franz, 12/20 Nancy Sim, 12/25 Sharon Meany, 12/28 Mary Kaufmann, 12/31 Joy Kuesel

Anniversaries: 12/18 Jack & Ruby Gunderson

If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please send an email (info@mysjec.com) or leave a voicemail (920.684.8256).

FREE CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY DINNER

Wednesday, December 21

Drive-Thru at 5:30PM *(preparing 275 meals)*

- * First-come/first served. Elves bring to-go meals to your car
- * Christmas music playing while you wait
- * Surprises for kids
- * Donations for Community Dinners are welcomed

Dine-In at 6:00PM *(limited to 75 people)*

- * **Reservation required by 12/19:** email info@mcmunited.com or leave a voicemail at 920.682.4688 with name, number of people, and phone number. Please only call/email once, unless you are cancelling (*no need to confirm your reservation*).
- * The Kielbasa Bros LIVE music
- * Surprises for kids
- * Donations for Community Dinners are welcomed

**Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy,
Corn, Salad, Rolls, & Pumpkin Pie**

Community Dinners at First Presbyterian Church started in 2008 for the purpose of feeding body and soul. In 2023 we need \$26,000 to purchase food, pay overhead, and add a paid coordinator. This is a big challenge but we believe your generosity makes our dream possible.

Donations can be mailed to First Presbyterian (memo: Community Dinners) or make secure donations online at www.mcmunited.com



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