

Worship & Ministry Leaders

	Today	Next Week
Usher/Greeter	Charles Tuttle, II	Phyllis & Jim Foster
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Fourth Advent

December 22, 2024, 9:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Welcome to worship at St. James' or on Facebook Live.
Please use this Service Leaflet along with your
Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal to join our hearts
and minds in thanks and praise to our Lord God.*

THE WORD OF GOD

At the lighting of the Advent Wreath

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1)

Hymnal 56

Processional: The angel Gabriel from heaven came

Hymnal 265

Opening Sentence

BCP 355

The Gloria

BCP 356

The Collect

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.

The First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Canticle 15

BCP 91

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *

Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.

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he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

The Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God” (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’ When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), then he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gradual Hymn: How bright appears (vs 1)

Hymnal 497

The Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-46

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

The Sermon

The Rev. Laura Miller

The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form II	BCP 385
The Confession of Sin	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: Come thou long expected Jesus

Hymnal 66

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The Sanctus

BCP 368

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

*All baptized persons are welcome
to receive communion at God’s holy table.*

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I pray you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affection of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in your servant in the fullness of your strength, in the perfection of your ways, and in the holiness of your spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit, and to the glory of your Father.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul into everlasting life. Amen

Post Communion Hymn: Creator of the stars

Hymnal 60

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Recessional: Tell out my soul

Hymnal 437

The Dismissal

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in
loving memory of Victor & Adele Boyd by Barbara A. Mitchell*

Music with permission CCLI # 1152334

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to our guests this morning! We are delighted you've joined us for worship in person or on FaceBook Live. Visiting? Please sign our guest book on the welcome table and join us for coffee after the service. If you join us on FaceBook, please like or share us that we might know that you have joined us for worship.

Prayer request cards are located in the bell tower window. Please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the office. Names will stay on the prayer list for six weeks.

Daily devotional: For only \$1 you can begin each day with a short reading and meditation on the word of the Lord. Pick up a *Forward Day by Day* from the welcome table to use in your daily prayers.

To keep in your prayers

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We give thanks for the diocese of Wyoming. In our Diocese we ask God's blessing and favor on all clergy families.

We pray for protection and keeping for Douglas, Jody, Lindsey, and all our men and women who have served or are now serving in our Armed Forces, here and abroad.

We pray for comfort, strength, and healing for all who are in sickness, trouble or need, especially Duane, Heidi, Mikela, Sharon, Bill, Sally, Carol, Jack, Al, Joe, Judy, Jamie, Denise, Rebecca, Bonnie, Susi, Dori, Jackie, Vicki, Marion, Pam, Holly, for all those affected by violence, wars, and natural disasters, for all those still struggling from the effects of COVID and those known only to God.

We pray for wisdom and discernment for our Vestry: Barbara, Bonnie, Kitty, Michele, Mick, Scott, Betsy and Elaine.

We give thanks for Dave Mitchell who celebrates a birthday on Christmas Day.

Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest

This week at St. James'

Today: Join us for coffee hour after the service.

Pledge cards - if you have not yet turned your card in, please do so today. Cards are on the welcome table.

Christmas Flowers - please have your form in to the office by today. Forms are on the welcome table.

Our Christmas service will be at 4 PM on Christmas Eve. Plan to join us for this festive and joyful service! Coffee and cookies will be served after the service.

Looking for a way to help? Join a committee on fundraising and event planning. See Mtr. Laura.

Weekly at St. James'

AA meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm, and Saturday evenings at 6:30 pm, and AA board meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the parish Hall.

Monday & Tuesday: Living Resources uses Tuttle Hall during the day.

Tuesdays: Knit Wits meets in the Parish Hall from 4:30-5:30 pm. Join us to knit or crochet for social concerns.

Saturdays: Grace Communion International holds services in our Parish Hall from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Coming soon...

Bible Study - stay tuned for our next session.

Community Dinner - January 8 at Sacred Heart, 5 pm. Host to be announced.