

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 4, 2026 10:15 a.m.

All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Service music, marked with an 'S', may be found in the front portion of the hymnal.

PRELUDE: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Stefan Trenner

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 497: How bright appears the Morning Star

Wie schön leuchtet

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

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. **Amen.**

HYMN 96 v. 1, 4: Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

THUS says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will

gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84:1-8 (sung by all)

Robert Knox Kennedy



1 How dear to me is your dwelling O Lord of hosts! *

 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house

 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
 by the side of your altars O Lord of hosts,
 my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

 they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *

 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *

 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *

 and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts hear my prayer; *

 hearken O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender O God; *

 and look upon the face of your Anointed.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 480: When Jesus left his Father's throne

Kingsfold

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

IN the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream

not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Jared Grant

THE NICENE CREED

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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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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, FORM III

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Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Priest adds the concluding prayers and collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*please kneel*)

People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

THE PEACE (*please stand*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: The Magi's Dream

James Whitbourn

Night has come to Bethlehem, the family is asleep,
Exhausted by the wonders seen, The news outrageous, deep.
'That I may come and worship him.'

Ox and ass have closed their eyes, Their ears now hear no sound.
Shepherds have gone back to their flocks, The mouse still noses around.
'That I may come and worship him.'

Kings have left for their distant lands, Fractious camels moan.
At a desert spring they make their farewells. 'It's a mighty way to home!'
'That I may come and worship him.'

Later that night their heads are filled with a dream-drenched holy ray.
'Do not return to Herod the king, Go back another way.'
'That I may come and worship him.'

And so our Christ is saved from death His mission to complete
To change the world by selfless love
Satan's legions to beat.

-Robert Tear

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God 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.

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface.

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: Hymnal S128

William Mathias

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues...

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

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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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Hymnal S165

William Mathias

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Communion at Christ & St. Luke's:

- At the indication of the usher, please move to the center aisle and proceed up the altar rail. Move to the open spot filling in from the center of the rail to the wall.
- Kneel as you are able and place one hand over the other, palms up, to receive the bread.
- To sip from a chalice to receive the wine, consume the bread leaving your palms empty.
- To instinct (dip) your wafer into the wine, hold it between your thumb and forefinger.
- Once the chalices have passed, exit out the side and back down the side aisles to your pew.

Gluten free wafers are available, simply let the priest know you require one. If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine but would like a blessing, gently cross your arms across your chest.

A standing station is also available in front of the pulpit.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: Sing lullaby

arr. David Willcocks

Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now reclining, Sing lullaby!

Hush, do not wake the Infant King.

Angels are watching, stars are shining

Over the place where he is lying: Sing lullaby!

Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now a-sleeping, Sing lullaby!

Hush, do not wake the Infant King.

Soon will come sorrow with the morning,

Soon will come bitter grief and weeping: Sing lullaby!

Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now a-dozing, Sing lullaby!

Hush, do not wake the Infant King.

Soon comes the cross, the nails, the piercing,

Then in the grave at last reposing: Sing lullaby!

Sing lullaby! Lullaby is the babe awaking? Sing lullaby!

Hush, do not stir the Infant King.

Dreaming of Easter, gladsome, morning,

Conquering death, its bondage breaking: Sing lullaby!

-Sabine Baring-Gould

COMMUNION HYMN 119: As with gladness men of old

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*please stand*)

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Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 128: We three kings

Three Kings of Orient

THE DISMISSAL

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Stefan Trenner

WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS

If you would like to be added to the Prayer List, please contact a member of clergy or BJ Taylor, Facilitator for Pastoral and Congregational Care (taylorasc@aol.com).

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Emmanuel, Hampton and St. John's, Hampton.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Peggy Jo Arnold, John Bradshaw, Sarah Harrison, Nancy Hoffman, Elmer Morales-Torres, Autumn Vandehei, and Ann Voight. We pray for all who are deployed, especially Michael Ortiz. We also continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and a sustaining of peace in the Holy Land.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Carter Bernert, David Black, David Durica, Marilyn Gindroz, Valerie Harrington, Frank Kirchner, Wayne Lundie, Ceil McCoid, Mary Helen McCoy, Leon Parham, Allen Shaffer, William Swan, Jake Tobin, and Marie Ward.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Mary Baldridge, Ron Baldridge, Ryker Bellamy, Marian Butler-Shaw, Brittany Clark, Ellen Coffman, Joseph Graif, Calvin Horsley, Dean Kershaw, James Kilavey, Henley Lanphere, Wesley Lupo, Shawn Morlock, Leslie Pugh, Mavis Stapleford, Christine Szeligowski, Auris Torres, and Carl Welch.

Recent & Upcoming Birthdays: Dec. 29 – Jan. 11

Kelly Bauer, Susannah Cantanese, Rabecca Deng, Charles Ford, Gray Grandy, Meridyth Hollingshead, Robin Ingram, Rod Ingram, Stephen Irock, Evelyn Lee, Gloria Murphy, Ray Norton, Jennifer Palmer, Lynn Pierce, Will Poynter, Maria Schertz, Catherine Sides, Chacona Stokes, Stephen Taylor, Mike Vecerkauskas, Joey Welch, and Thomas Yuill.

Recent & Upcoming Anniversaries: Dec. 29 – Jan. 11

Debbie & Hank Jarrett, Cameron & Billy Poynter, and Melissa & Bill West.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

Coffee Hour Today – Sunday, January 4, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service

Be sure to stop by Lloyd Hall for our first coffee hour of the new year brought to you by the Christ & St. Luke's Choir. Their voices feed our soul each Sunday and today they're feeding our tummies!

Midday Music resumes with Messiaen! – Friday, January 16, 12:00 p.m.

Organist Daniel Stipe plays Olivier Messiaen's *La Nativité du Seigneur*, a nine-movement work reflecting on the themes of Christmastide. This hour-long work will combine the beautiful colors of our organ with Messiaen's post-Impressionistic harmonic language. Daniel Stipe is an incredible organist and serves at All Saints Episcopal Church in Richmond. Fun fact: Our Director of Music Kevin Kwan and Mr. Stipe shared a "Rising Stars" recital at the AGO National Convention in Chicago two decades ago. And now look at the pair of them, shining bright! This is a free-will offering.

FORMATION

Sunday Childcare, Children's Formation, and Children's Chapel Fall Schedule

- 9:00 a.m. - *Children up to 3 years old* gather in the blue room in the Parish House at the end of the hallway before the stairs for childcare if their parents are attending adult formation or sing in the choir.
- 9:00 a.m. - *Children's Formation for children 3-8 years old* gather in the meeting room (the gold room) for what was formerly known as "Sunday School." We will explore scripture and the traditions of the Episcopal church through stories, music, and art response.
- 9:00 a.m. - *Children's Formation for children 9-12 years old* gather in Lower Lloyd for discussion of scripture, the Episcopal Church, and Christ & St. Luke's. Participants are invited to join their families for the 10:15 a.m. service.
- 9:00 a.m. - *Formation for youth ages 12-16* gather in the Mezzanine office, up the parish house stairs.
- 10:15 a.m. - *All children through 8 years old* participate in developmentally appropriate worship during Children's Chapel in their respective rooms. Older children will be brought into church to rejoin their families at the Peace. If you would like your child under 3 to join you at the Peace, please come to the Children's Room at that time to sign them out.

Rector's Book Club – Friday, January 23, 4:00 p.m., the gold room

The depths of winter offer no better opportunity to curl up with a good book and then have a generative discussion about it with your fellow parishioners. This month we'll be reading "*Being Disciples*" by Rowan Williams. The former Archbishop of Canterbury offers a short — you could probably read the book in two days at a push — but theologically hefty look at what it means to live as a follower of Christ in the modern world. Our other picks:

- **January 23, 4:00 p.m.:** "*Being Disciples*" by Rowan Williams. The former Archbishop of Canterbury offers a short but theologically hefty look at what it means to live as a follower of Christ in the modern world.
- **February 27, 4:00 p.m.:** "*Humbler Faith, Bigger God*" by Sam Wells. Wells, the Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields in London, takes the major criticisms of the Christian faith and offers a different, humbler story for us to live by.
- **March (Lenten Series):** "*Jesus and the Disinherited*" by Howard Thurman. In place of our usual group, we will join our friends at Second Calvary Baptist Church for a collaborative Lenten study of this foundational text of the civil rights

Women of Wisdom – Tuesday, January 13, 3:00 p.m., the gold room

Women of Wisdom will meet on Tuesday, January 13th for fellowship and discussion of the first half of Richard Rohr's new book, "The Tears of Things." Please come, even if you haven't had a chance to read the book.

FAITH IN ACTION

Save the Date - Norfolk Winter Shelter: March 8-15

The Norfolk Winter Shelter begins soon! This important ecumenical ministry helps provide emergency shelter for those experiencing homelessness during the coldest months of the year. This year's "NWS" runs from December 21 – March 22. Christ & St. Luke's is teaming up with Freemason Baptist to host a week of the NWS from March 8 – 15. Please save the date, and keep an eye out for the volunteer registration form, which will open soon. We need your support to make this vital ministry possible.

Elizabeth River Project Tour – Tuesday, January 13, 5:00 p.m., Ryan Resilience Lab, 4610 Colley Avenue

You're invited to join Caring for Creation on a guided tour of the Elizabeth River Project's Ryan Resilience Lab, highlighting innovative resilience and restoration work happening right here in our neighborhood. We hope you'll join us for this inspiring opportunity to learn more about creation care and our parish's ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship. Reach out to Brad Robinson (robinson.bradley.g@gmail.com) with questions.

FELLOWSHIP

Epiphany Potluck – Tonight, January 4, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The three magi trekked more than 800 miles to Jerusalem to offer their treasures to the Christ child, but for our Epiphany Potluck, your journey to Lloyd Hall this Sunday will be, we hope, much shorter. We also hope that your potluck treasures, in the form of a dish to share for eight to ten people, will be slightly more affordable, even at today's grocery prices, than gold at \$4,000 an ounce, frankincense, or myrrh! This potluck is a beloved Christ & St. Luke's tradition, and we hope you come along for fellowship and to enjoy some Epiphany traditions. If you would like to help with setup, cleanup, or both, please contact Kathy Hanna (kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org).

New Year Art Tour and Lunch, Saturday, January 10, 11:00 a.m., The Chrysler Museum of Art

Join Natalie Henry, CSL Art Guild member and Chrysler Museum docent, as she shares about Susan Watkins and Women Painters of the Progressive Period. Meet at the museum front desk. There is no cost to you for the tour, and this will be the last weekend of the special exhibit. Bring a friend, and Natalie suggests lunch together afterwards at the museum's Zinnia cafe.



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WORSHIP SERVICES AND FORMATION

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)
Sunday, 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum & Children's Formation
Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)
Thursday, 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

The Reverend Noah Van Niel, Rector
The Reverend Jared Grant, Associate Rector
The Reverend Vince Connery, Assisting Priest
Kevin Kwan, Organist & Director of Music
Marjorie Setnick, Associate Organist
Kathy Hanna, Director of Family, Youth and Children's Ministry
Judie Belka, Director of Parish Operations
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