



ST. DAVID'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
December 25, 2023  
10:30 a.m.

**Celebrant & Preacher**

The Rev. Dr. Carol Petty, Assisting Priest

**Music**

Eric Mellenbruch, Organist and Interim Choirmaster

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## ADULT CLASSES

### SUNDAYS, 10-11 a.m. (2nd Floor)

**Crail C Lectures** Guest speakers, panel discussions, and classes.

- **Dec. 24 and 31** No lectures
- **Jan. 7** St. David's Core Values lecture series begins

### Ongoing Adult Christian Formation Groups

- Going Deeper in the Book of Common Prayer
- Men's Bible Study
- Reading the Bible ToGather
- Sacred Ground
- The Soul of Aging

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join the Rev. Kristin Braun in Guild Parlor.



Learn more on the Adult Classes and Speakers webpage.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Children's Pageant

#### 4 p.m., Historic Church

Children are invited to dress in costume to help tell the story of the Nativity. Extra costumes will be available to borrow!

Please join us for this joyous Christmas tradition.

### Children (Age 3 to 5th Grade):

Sundays, 10-11 a.m. (starting Sept. 10), First Floor classrooms

- Junior Journeys
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

### Youth (Grades 6-12): Meet twice a week

- Sundays, 10-11 a.m., Youth Room 170, First Floor
- Wednesdays: 5:30-7 p.m. Meet in Sumners Hall for Episcopal Youth Community dinner and fellowship.

## St. David's Episcopal Day School

18 month-Pre-K, small class sizes

For 25 years our NAEYC-accredited early childhood education program has been serving downtown Austin.

Schedule a tour: [dayschool@stdave.org](mailto:dayschool@stdave.org)



Get the latest news about our new program year of classes, special events, Episcopal Youth Community, service opportunities, and fun on the Children & Youth webpage.

## HOSPITALITY

### ENJOY COFFEE IN HOLY GROUNDS

#### Sundays, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Lobby)

Our newly-renovated Holy Grounds is open during church hours as a community space. Coffee is served on Sundays.

### Sumners Hall (Third Floor)

#### HAVE SUNDAY BREAKFAST WITH US

##### 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

This isn't your typical church coffee hour.

We serve a homemade, hot meal, prepared by our in-house professional chef. Everyone is welcome.

Large plate 8.00, Small plate 6.00

Donuts/Pastry/Fruit a la carte 1.50

*Let the cashier know if it is your first visit and your meal is on us!*

### WEDNESDAY DINNER

Resumes: Jan. 10

5:30-6:30 p.m., Sumners Hall

All are welcome!

### THURSDAY LUNCH

1st and 3rd Thursdays

**11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (Open to the public)** Take a break from work and come by for Chef Ray's delicious food! Parking is validated for those eating lunch.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### TRINITY CENTER AND NEXT-TO-NEW

Donate cold-weather clothing, travel toiletries, and small household goods in the large lobby bin near the elevator.

### TRINITY STREETS MEAL AND WORSHIP

Sunday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

2 p.m., Trinity Center

St. David's volunteers will prepare a meal for the Trinity Streets Community, bless the Eucharist, and then serve lunch.

People of all ages are welcome.



Learn more on the Community Engagement webpage.

## CHRISTMAS DAY

PRELUDE: Prelude on 'Of the Father's love begotten'

Alfred Fedak

### WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN 83 *(Please stand and sing.)*

✦ O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fideles

(Stanzas 1-3, 6)

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

✦ And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*(Please join in singing.)*

SONG OF PRAISE: HYMN 96

✦ Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

## COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. ✠ **Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Isaiah 52:7-10

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE:** Psalm 98 (*Please read responsively by whole verse.*)

BCP, P. 722

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.

✠ **2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.**

3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

✠ **4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

✠ **6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.**

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

✠ **8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

✠ **10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.**

**EPISTLE:** Hebrews 1:1-4

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand and join in singing.)*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 82**

✠ **Of the Father's love begotten**

Divinum mysterium

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**GOSPEL:** John 1:1-14

The Gospel of the Lord.

✠ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON:** The Rev. Dr. Carol Petty

*(Please stand.)*

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.

*(Please stand.)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus.

*Intercessor*

Gracious God, as a star rose, and drew people from great distances to Bethlehem that they might greet the Christ-child, draw us, your Church, and all of your people to you – that we might be the Church and the People who you call us to be. Lord, in your mercy,

✠ **Hear our prayer.**

As you gave Mary your Holy Spirit, filling her with the delight of your Presence, fill us with your Spirit, and renew our lives. Lord, in your mercy,

✠ **Hear our prayer.**

As Gentiles streamed to Jesus' Light, and Kings to the brightness of his rising, draw our nation, our President, and all in authority, to His brightness. Lord, in your mercy,

✠ **Hear our prayer.**

As angels sang 'glorias' to you and proclaimed peace on earth, and goodwill among all peoples, bring us your peace, and bring an end to and terror and strife. Lord, in your mercy,

✠ **Hear our prayer.**

As shepherds were drawn away from their flocks by night, draw those who do not know you yet to the knowledge and love of you. Lord, in your mercy,

✠ **Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus was born in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn, be especially present with those who have nowhere to lay their head, those who are vulnerable, and those who are hungry. Lord, in your mercy,

✠ **Hear our prayer.**

As the Holy Family gathered together in Bethlehem, and traveled together to far off lands, bless all families, especially the families of our parish, and protect those who travel. Lord, in your mercy,

✠ **Hear our prayer.**

As your son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of Life Eternal, give to the departed eternal rest and let Light perpetual shine on them. Lord, in your mercy,

✠ **Hear our prayer.**

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

For those who are sick, especially those for whom prayers have been requested through St. David's.

*Celebrant*

O Lord our God, may the Light and Hope of this season, and of your Son's Incarnation, reassure our hearts that you are among us, that you hear our prayer, and that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth we pray. ✠ **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY

*(Please join in singing while remaining seated.)*

## Offertory Hymn 99

✦ **Go tell it on the mountain**

Go tell it on the mountain

*Please stand as the ushers bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Altar.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, P. 367

The Lord be with you.

✦ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

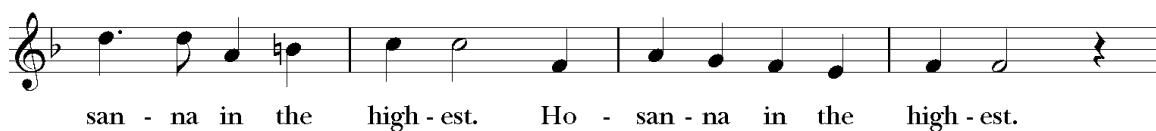
✦ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

✦ **It is right to give our 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, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:





We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

✠ **We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed David of Wales, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

And now, as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to pray,

✦ 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

### Fraction Anthem: HYMN 79

✦ O little town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

(Stanzas 3,5)

3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won-drous gift is given!  
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth-le-hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

3 No ear may hear his com-ing, but in this world of sin,  
5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

## INVITATION

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.

## MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*Please form one line and proceed to the front, if you want to receive Communion or a blessing. Gluten-free is available, by request.*

*(Please join in singing.)*

### Communion Hymn 115

✠ **What child is this, who, laid to rest**

Greensleeves

*(Please stand.)*

### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, P. 365

Let us 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.**

## BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ✠ **Amen.**

### DISMISSAL HYMN 107

✠ **Good Christian friends, rejoice**

In dulci jubilo

### DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Prelude on 'Good Christian friends, rejoice'

J.G. Walther



New lecture series

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Speakers: Rebecca Hall, Director of The Abbey at St. David's, Janet Davis, and Lynda Young Kaffie.

Learn how the work of The Abbey embodies the core values of practicing authenticity and being intentionally connected to God and one another through the love of Christ.



## **ENGAGING BOUNDARIES • JAN. 14**

Holy Conversation: Texas Inmate Families Association

Explore mass incarceration in the Texas prison system and reflect on engaging boundaries. Led by Fr. Chad McCall.



## **SEEKING AND SERVING • JAN. 21**

Speaker: Shawn Welling, Regional Representative for Plant with Purpose

Learn about Plant with Purpose's work in Malawi and its mission to "Restore hope by reversing the interconnected challenges of global poverty and environmental damage."



## **GRACE-FILLED • FEB. 11**

Speaker: Dr. Ben King, Professor of Church History  
Seminary of the Southwest

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*All of us at St. David's wish you and yours a very blessed Christmas season*

**175TH ANNIVERSARY ALL-PARISH PICNIC  
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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE THROUGH JAN. 6

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

*Church building and offices will be closed after this service through Dec. 26.*

**10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Eucharist**  
Rite II, with Organ  
*Livestreamed*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

### **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist**  
Rite II, with Organ  
*Livestreamed, We will offer a service with Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m., replacing our 8, 9, and 11:15 a.m. services.*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1**

### **FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME**

*Church building and offices will be closed before this service on Jan. 1.*

**7 p.m. Holy Eucharist**  
Rite II  
*Livestreamed*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6**

### **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

**7 p.m. Holy Eucharist**  
Rite II, with Organ  
*Livestreamed*

*Celebrate the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ as we bring the Twelve Days of Christmas to an end.*

Hot breakfast resumes Sunday, Jan. 7; Café Divine Lunch resumes Thursday, Jan. 18.



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