

The Bells of St. Giles



*We feed people — body,
mind, and spirit.
Come as you are.*

St. Giles
Episcopal Church
Northbrook, Illinois

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Christmas at St. Giles!

Christmas Lessons and Carols - Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 p.m.

The annual Festival Service of Lessons and Carols will be held on the afternoon of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. One of the most beautiful services of the year, this is a splendid time to bring friends and family to St. Giles to hear the message of Christmas, to sing the hymns and carols of the season, and to be inspired by the choir's special offerings. The choir will sing – All and Some (Byrt), Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree (Poston), Mary's Magnificat (Carter), Prophecy (Pinkham), Quem creavit celum (Martin), And there were shepherds...Glory to God, from "Messiah" (Handel), solo: Sweet little Jesus Boy (MacGimsey).

Christmas Eve

- 4:30 p.m. The traditional Family Eucharist includes the singing of many of the familiar carols, accompanied by a "pick up" instrumental ensemble of musicians, all members of St. Giles. Let Jim Brown know right away if you are interested in joining this illustrious band! (No sermon, no incense)
- 10:30 p.m. Christmas Music from Around the World will be performed on Celtic Harp by Lynelle Kirkwood prior to the 11:00 Festival Eucharist. During the service the choir will sing – And there were shepherds...Glory to God, from "Messiah" (Handel), and Mary's Magnificat (Carter).
- 11:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist with hymns, choir anthems, and sermon celebrates the mystery of the Incarnation. During the service the choir will sing – And there were shepherds...Glory to God, from "Messiah" (Handel), and Mary's Magnificat (Carter). (Incense will be used.)

Christmas Day

- 10:15 a.m. Spoken Eucharist with homily. A quiet, reflective service on the morning of the Savior's birth.

Contributions to the Instrumental Musicians Fund:

Your contributions to the Instrumental Musicians Fund are especially appreciated at the Christmas season. Your gift in honor or memory of someone may be registered on the sign up sheet in the narthex. Thank you.

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Our Schedule

Sundays

Choral Eucharist - 10:15 AM

2nd Sundays of the Month

Community Breakfast - 9 AM

3rd Sundays of the Month

Healing & Anointing

Thursdays

Evening Prayer — 4:30 PM

(prayer room, ed. bldg.)

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Monday: Office closed
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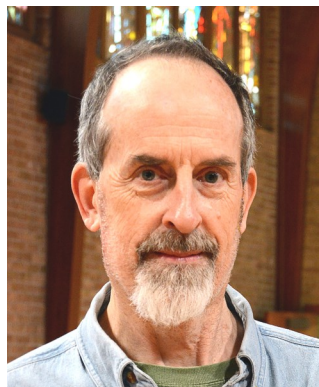
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~Parish Profiles~

(by Jim Brooks)

Meet Jim Brooks

I have been attending St. Giles since September 1999. This is my third tour on the “Good Ship Vestry” and my second as a warden. I wanted to help lead the Vestry, and I was looking forward to working with Kay—and Cynthia. Little did I know what I was getting myself into!

Meredith and I chose to attend St. Giles because we could walk or bike to it. We also liked the fact that there were a lot of families with children at that time.

What I enjoy most about our church is that we are a friendly, open group and we respect and care for each other. We also try to engage our larger community in different ways, and I have enjoyed being a part of different outreach ministries over the years.

Three items always in our fridge:

- coconut water
- fresh vegetables (lettuce, zucchini, carrots)
- frozen raspberries and, blueberries

Three “fun facts” about me:

1. I love playing tennis.
2. I enjoy getting my hands dirty (and watching plants grow) in the garden.
3. Beneath my gruff exterior, I’m a romantic who loves “Casablanca,” “The Princess Bride,” and the “Star Wars” saga, among other tales.

I earned a B.A. in English at Lawrence University (Appleton, Wisconsin) and an M.A. in literature at Northeastern Illinois University. I’ve been teaching high school English since 1990, and I am currently teaching at a charter high school in Chicago (Instituto Health Sciences Career Academy).

In addition to teaching, I love traveling and sampling new cultures, customs and culinary treats. My retirement dream is to own and run a small café located on the east side of a large lake or other body of water. The menu would be short and change seasonally, and it would feature dishes made with local produce. We would offer visitors board games, newspapers and music played on vinyl albums to while away their time.

Come talk to me if you have any questions about Vestry or church issues. You’re always invited to any of our Vestry meetings (7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month).



December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 1 Erick Cervený
- 2 Margaret Pearson
- 4 Merle Lehman
- 5 Lynne Adams
- 8 Warren Pearson
- 14 Huw Williams



Anniversaries:

- 10 Bob Robinson & Ellie Bonebrake

Second Sunday Community Breakfast, Dec. 8

9–10:30 a.m. in the undercroft; Free and open to all!
Join us for food, conversation, and fun.

Our invitation is open to everyone, so be sure to invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

“Men’s Night Out” is Tuesday, December 10

All St. Giles men, and their male friends and family, are invited to gather at Grandpa’s in Glenview, at 7:00 pm, for Men’s Night Out. To arrange for transportation, contact Bill Perley, 847-272-6114.

December Lectionary Readings

December 1 — 1 Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44
Psalm 122

December 8 — 2 Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

December 15 — 3 Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11
Psalm 146:4-9

December 22 — 4 Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

December 24/25 - Christmas Eve/Day

Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
Psalm 96

December 29 — 1 Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
John 1:1-18
Psalm 147:13-21

A message from Fr. Tom Scott: Dear friends,

The year feels as if it is racing to a close, and the relatively late date for Thanksgiving and 1 Advent emphasizes this. We will keep to our established time and pattern for worship, using our most familiar resources with the addition of the seasonal themes. I hope that this will help to “ground” us in this busy time.

Two thoughts to hold for the season. Since at least the 12th century when Bernard of Clairvaux wrote, Christians have thought about Advent as a time to focus on the three-fold coming of Christ: at Bethlehem in the Incarnation, daily in the hearts of each of the faithful (that’s us), and at the end of time when “all things will be brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made”.

To make our way through this four week season in a way that lets us move through the Scripture and prayers with a deliberate intention, we can think of a progression: anticipation, preparation, declaration, and celebration.

I look forward to this time with you.

TCHS

For the sixth year in a row, Virginia Theological Seminary invites Anglicans from all over the world to participate in the global online Advent Calendar, AdventWord. You can find it at Adventword.org.



Senior Warden Report:

Greetings All Saint Gileans:

Our Stewardship Campaign has been launched, and we are all looking forward to a prosperous holiday season and new year. This is also a critical time for all of us to strive to fulfill our church mission, and I would like to thank those who regularly deliver food to various food pantries throughout Cook County: Tom Collins, Linda and Dan Jariabka, Tracy and Nick Solano, Mike Piskel, and Bob Robinson.

In early November, many of us enjoyed the dulcet voices of our amazing choir at the Evensong service and the exquisite performance of Maurice Duruflé's "Requiem". This event also featured our own James Brown at the organ, as well as guest organist David Jonies, associate organist/director at Holy Name Cathedral. It was a musical treat, and as several audience members pointed out, the sound was not only beautiful, but also rich and full (one would never have guessed that there were just 12 singers in the choir loft!).

As of this writing (November 20), our delegates for the Diocesan Convention are Tom Scott, Meredith Brooks, John Hanzel and Kay Okoli. The convention was scheduled for November 22-23, and we hope they had a pleasant and enlightening experience. We look forward to their report, if they haven't already reported to us by now.

Speaking of our priest-in-charge, Tom Scott, he seems to be holding up well. He led the Evensong service, and he continues to deliver engaging sermons on Sundays.

The Vestry conducted an informal, brief survey about our liturgy, and the results are in:

- Members are divided between a service that is "too long" and "just right."
- Members are also divided between starting our service at 10 a.m. or 10:15 a.m.
- Most members favor a 60 minute service.
- There were many interesting comments, and the only repeat was, "Start the service on time."

Father Tom and Brother Jim Brown have already made a couple of changes: Omitting the presentation hymn and condensing the Prayers of the People. They will review the survey results and consider other variations to our liturgy.

On December 22 at 3 p.m., we'll be treated to another musical feast: Christmas Lessons and Carols. Please plan on joining us for this annual celebration of our Christmas season.

We're approaching our first year anniversary since Cynthia Hallas's departure, and we are mindful of, and hopeful for, our rector search committee and the hard work it has been doing. We look forward to even more progress and updates. Let's all have wonderful Advent and Christmas seasons, spending time with family and friends. Get outdoors, play in the snow, go sledding with grandchildren, throw snowballs, walk in our labyrinth (which looks beautiful after a light snowfall).

Peace and Christmas Blessings,
James Brooks, Senior Warden

Diocese of Chicago Convention November 22-23

The 182nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago was Friday November 22 and Saturday November 23. You can look forward to more details and insights in the January 2020 Bells. Way too much happened to sneak it into this issue.

Casper ter Kuile, a researcher and fellow at Harvard Divinity School, gave the keynote address. He advocates innovating based on tradition to "liberate" religious rituals. Meredith Brooks and John Hanzel were our delegates, Kay Okoli was our alternate and Rev. Tom Scott was our clergy representative. So feel free ... driven ... to ask us about what happened. From my readings two days before the Convention, it looks like a very interesting event.

You can find a link to more information from the Diocese on the St. Giles website.

- John Hanzel



All Saints' Sunday

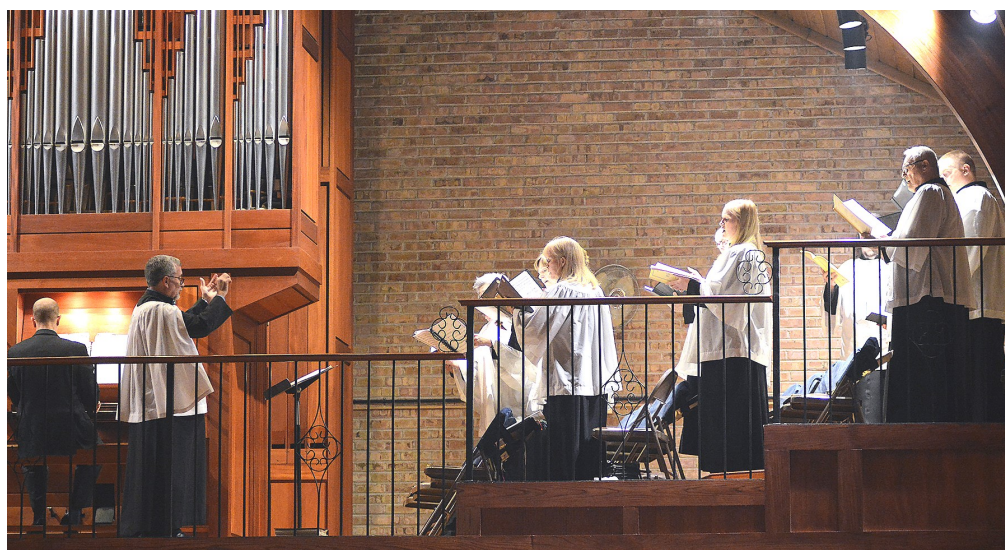


Garden Work Day in October





Evensong



Photos
courtesy of
John Hanzel



ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH • DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1 Advent 10:15 AM: Choral Eucharist	2 Office Closed	3 Yoga Class 9AM Campanella 5:15–7:15 PM	4 Campanella 5:30–8:00 PM	5 Yoga Class 9 AM Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Rm) Campanella 5:30–9:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM	6 Office Closed Campanella 5:00–6:35 PM	7 Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM – 12:15 PM Campanella 9 AM – 3:00 PM
8 2 Advent 9 AM: Community Breakfast 10:15 AM: Choral Eucharist	9 Office Closed	10 Yoga Class 9AM Campanella 5:15–7:15 PM 7 PM—Men's Night Out (at Grandpa's in Glenview)	11 Campanella 5:30–8:00 PM	12 Yoga Class 9 AM Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Rm) Campanella 5:30–9:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM	13 Office Closed Campanella 5:00–6:35 PM	14 Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM – 12:15 PM Campanella 9 AM – 3:00 PM Campanella Concert, 5:00 PM
15 3 Advent Litany of Healing 10:15 AM: Choral Eucharist <i>January Bells submissions due</i>	16 Office Closed	17 Yoga Class 9AM Campanella 5:15–7:15 PM 7 PM—Vestry Mtg.	18 ReVive Pickup Campanella 5:30–8:00 PM	19 Yoga Class 9 AM Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Rm) Campanella 5:30–9:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM	20 Office Closed Campanella 5:00–6:35 PM	21 Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM – 12:15 PM Campanella 9 AM – 3:00 PM
22 4 Advent 10:15 AM: Choral Eucharist Christmas Lessons & Carols—3 PM	23 Office Closed	24 Christmas Eve (Office Closed) 4:30 PM Eucharist 10:30 PM: Special Music; 11 PM: Festival Eucharist	25 Christmas Day (Office Closed) 10:15 AM: Spoken Eucharist	26 Yoga Class 9 AM Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Rm) NO Choir	27 Office Closed	28 Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM – 12:15 PM
29 1 Christmas 10:15 AM: Choral Eucharist	30 Office Closed	31 Yoga Class 9AM	Sundays: <i>Tree of Life Community Church uses the church 12:30-3:30 p.m.</i> <i>Campanella Choir uses the church on Sundays from 4:00-6:00 p.m.</i>			



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Hunger Resource Outreach Day

