

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2024



*Saint David's
Brandywine Hundred*



WELCOME TO

Saint David's

BRANDYWINE HUNDRED

ABOUT SAINT DAVID'S

Saint David's is a Christian community that believes in the power of God to transform lives and to change the world. All races, genders, and sexual orientations are welcome and cherished. We are committed to building up the justice-filled world Jesus taught his disciples to hope and live for. We believe that the Holy Spirit calls us together for prayer, study, celebration and worship. If you'd like to know more about our mission and ministry, or become a part of it, there is room for you!

GUEST INFORMATION

You are welcome in this place and community. The following information is provided to make your experience more comfortable and meaningful.

- **CHILD CARE** is available during the 10:15 am service. Please ask an Usher to direct you to classroom 4 where certified staff members of the Day School wait to greet you and your child(ren)!
- **ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS** are available by passing through the wooden double doors and around to the right.
- **A DEFIBRILLATOR** is available on the wall in the long hallway to the Day School.
- **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**, please call 911. The church's address is:
St. David's Episcopal Church, 2320 Grubb Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19810

If you are looking for a spiritual home, please speak to Fr. Pete.
He would be glad to talk with you about your journey.

ADVENT—PREPARING THE WAY

The season of Advent comprises the four Sundays preceding Christmas Day and are set aside to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ into the world and into our lives.

The two liturgical colors associated with Advent are purple and blue. Purple refers to the coming of the royal King, Jesus Christ. Through the years purple has come to be associated with repentance (think of the season of Lent). In Blue honors Jesus' mother, St. Mary, as that is the color long associated with her.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP

Children bring richness to the community gathered at worship. They bring new ways of seeing familiar rituals and often show an understanding of the mystery of the sacraments lost to many adults. Children also bring movement, questions, and wonder. Their presence is essential to the life of the church. Here are some tried and true tidbits for parents and children:

- **COME EARLY** to get a good seat, preferably in front where children can see the action. Children (and adults!) are more likely to fidget if they can't see what's going on.
- **SHARE** your service bulletin or prayer book with young readers, and help them follow along. Even the youngest like to 'hold the book' like their parents.
- **IF YOUR CHILD IS HAVING A MELTDOWN**, feel free to take a break from worship. There is a rocking chair in the lobby!
- **COLORING PAGES** reflecting themes of the day are available in the display in the hallway.
- **A CHANGING STATION** in the Accessible Restroom located across from the small kitchen, by the Memorial Room. Please, ask an Usher if you need assistance.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

People have a variety of special needs, and St. David's hopes to be sensitive and responsive to them. To that end, we provide the following information:

- **COMMUNION** can be brought to you in your seat, should you have mobility issues. Please let the clergy or an usher know of your need.
- **THOSE WITH ALLERGIES:** The bread contains gluten and the wine contains alcohol. You may receive the Sacrament by receiving both, either, or neither and still receive the full spiritual benefit.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** are available at the Ushers' stand at the rear of the worship space.
- **GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE**
Gluten-Free Communion wafers are now available. Just let Fr. Pete know at the time.

THE ADVENT WREATH

An Advent wreath is a ring that is usually decorated with greenery and holds four candles *(one for each Sunday of the season and the days that follow)*.

The circle of the wreath symbolizes God's everlasting love for God's creation and the evergreens represent Christ's gift of eternal life. The light of each candle represents the light that Christ brings to the world and gets brighter as we draw closer to Christmas.



Before Worship...

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Prayer before worship

Merciful God,
you come into our midst
longing for communion with us,
becoming one of us.
Break our resistance to life with you,
show us the path toward just relations,
and bring us into your unimaginable peace;
in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Word,
you are our guide and ultimate assurance.
By your Holy Spirit,
open us to your promises and commands
and shower us again with the fire of your love.
Amen.



Resources for today's liturgy

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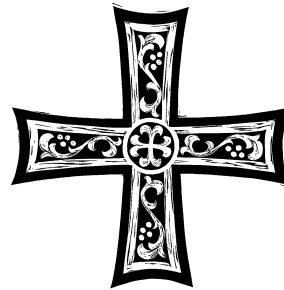
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WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF GOD




SONG IN PROCESSION (at 10:15 am service)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.

ACCLAMATION

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

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

KYRIE *[spoken at 8:00 am]*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

KYRIE *[sung at 10:15 am]*

Ky-ri-e E-lei-son on our world and on
our way Ky-ri-e E-lei-son ev'-ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all.

For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,

Let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! **[Refrain]**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family,

For life and for love, for our work and our play,

Let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! **[Refrain]**

For your spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the word,

That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,

Let us pray to the lord! Let us pray to the Lord! **[Refrain 2x]**

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The people are seated for the reading of God's word.



THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Rejoice, the Lord is in your midst

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH *(spoken at 8am)*

Ecce Deus

Surely, it is God who saves me; Trusting God, I shall not fear.
For God is my stronghold and my sure defense, and will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, Give thanks and call upon God's Name;

Make God's deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that God's Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of our God, who has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH *(sung at 10:15am)*

Ecce Deus



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

THE SECOND LESSON
Rejoice, the Lord is near

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SONG (at 10:15 am service)

Comfort, comfort, O my people

1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

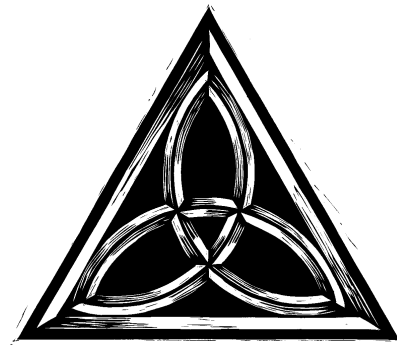
THE SERMON

The Rev. Pete Nunnally

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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 worshipped 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we begin a new church year, let us pray for the church,
the world and all in need.

Promise-keeping God, as we watch and wait for your Son's long-expected return,
make us aware of your very real presence in our lives each and every day.
Bless all who worship and praise you on this day.
Shape us to serve your purposes, and renew your light within us.
God of past, present and future, stir up your power among us.

God of Great Expectations and Endless Possibilities, help your church
and this congregation to put our trust and confidence in you. Help our search process
to move forward with calm and discerning hearts, knowing that you, God, go before us.
Fill us with faith as we prepare the way for our next Rector.
God of quiet reassurance, stir up your power among us.

Reconciling God, we long for a world in which simple decency, respect for others
and justice would reign so that all might live in safety.
To that end, may leaders in every context bring integrity and compassion
to all deliberations and decisions.
God of justice and peace, stir up your power among us.

Providing God, help us recognize you as the source of every good and perfect gift. Make us generous in sharing our abundance with others, especially those who might be cold or hungry in the coming season. Bless all who work to provide aid to those in need including Episcopal Relief and Development and all other relief organizations.

God of boundless generosity, stir up your power among us.

Renewing God, restore hope to all who have lost it. Embrace and shelter all who are facing major life transitions, whether the changes are difficult or welcome. Bring your healing power to all who are ill, especially those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, or dealing with “invisible” illnesses such as depression, addiction or chronic pain.

We especially ask you to be present with those we name now, silently or aloud: _____

God of hope, stir up your power among us.

Timeless God, we give thanks for the generations of your faithful servants who have gone before us, especially _____, who lived in the knowledge that no matter what happens in our world, your Word will not pass away. Keep us alert during our time of preparation and expectation for your return.

God of enduring love, stir up your power among us.

Providing God, raise up worthy candidates and their families as you prepare to send them to St. David's — opening hearts and minds to the possibilities ahead.

Guide them on your path, O Lord, to be our faithful pastor and to shepherd us, proclaiming the love of God and St. David's to all people.

God of provision, stir up your power among us.

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

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God,
ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Grant us steadfastness and patience, as we wait in joyful
hope for the fulfillment of your promises;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

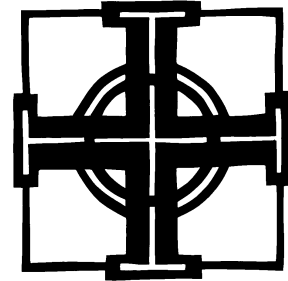


CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Christ is coming soon.
Let us prepare our hearts
As we confess our sins against God and one another.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess our failure to watch for your coming
and to make ready your way.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed;
We have not welcomed one another
as we have been welcomed.
Restore us, O God.
Open our hearts to receive you.
Clothe us in Christ
that we may live in the light of your day. Amen.



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

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.*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE HOLY COMMUNION



THE OFFERTORY

Gifts of canned goods, food staples, paper products and cleaning supplies may be placed in the large basket in front of the altar. This offering is delivered to the Claymont Community Center Food Pantry to be distributed to those in need.

OFFERTORY SONG *(sung at 10:15 service)*
[All sing the Chorus; Cantor sings verses]

God of our journeys

God of our jour - neys, day - break to night:
lead us to jus - tice and light.
Grant us com - pas - sion, strength for the day,
wis - dom to walk in your way.

1. God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the lame to walk,
Bring us dancing into day, lead your people in your way.

2. Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind:
"Strong" is your name, Lord, "Gentle" and "Kind."

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All things come of thee, O Lord.
And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 him 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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 & BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow - er and
might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry:
Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second and third staves contain triplets of eighth notes. The fourth staff concludes with a double bar line.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption,
O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

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

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

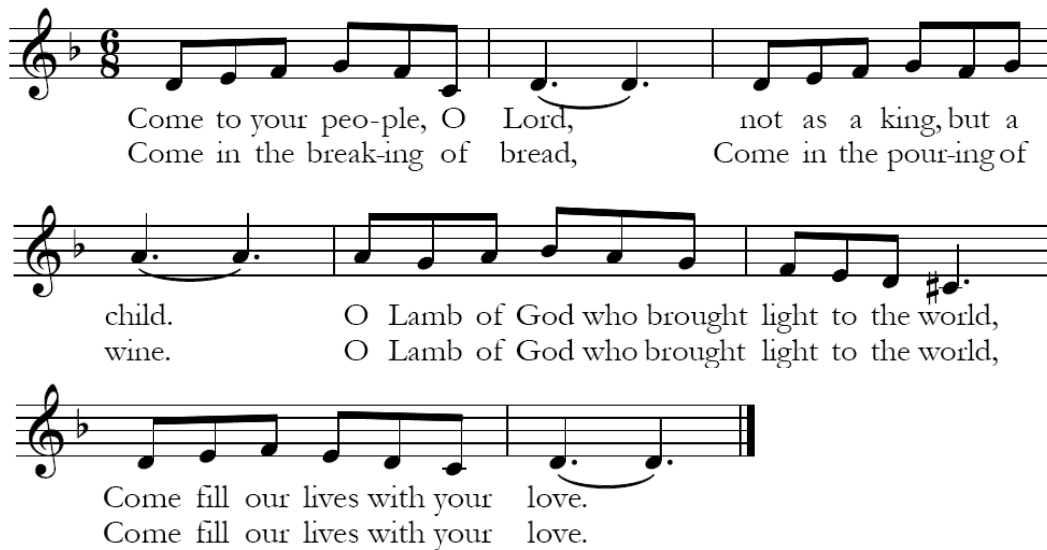


THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!
Therefore, let us keep the feast!

FRACTION ANTHEM *(at 10:15 am)*

Come to your people, O Lord



Come to your peo-ple, O Lord, not as a king, but a
Come in the break-ing of bread, Come in the pour-ing of
child. O Lamb of God who brought light to the world,
wine. O Lamb of God who brought light to the world,
Come fill our lives with your love.
Come fill our lives with your love.

*This is the Lord's Table;
All are welcome.*



SONG AT THE END COMMUNION *(at 10:15 am)*

Praise to God

Praise to God, the One who made us. Praise to Christ, the new-born Son.
Praise the Spir - it, ev - er with us. Praise the God - head, Three in One.
Clear a path! Pre-pare the way! Ad - vent leads to Christ - mas Day!

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR *(as needed)*

In the name of God and Saint David's, we send you forth
bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share
with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
**We who are many are One Body,
because we all share One Bread, One Cup.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

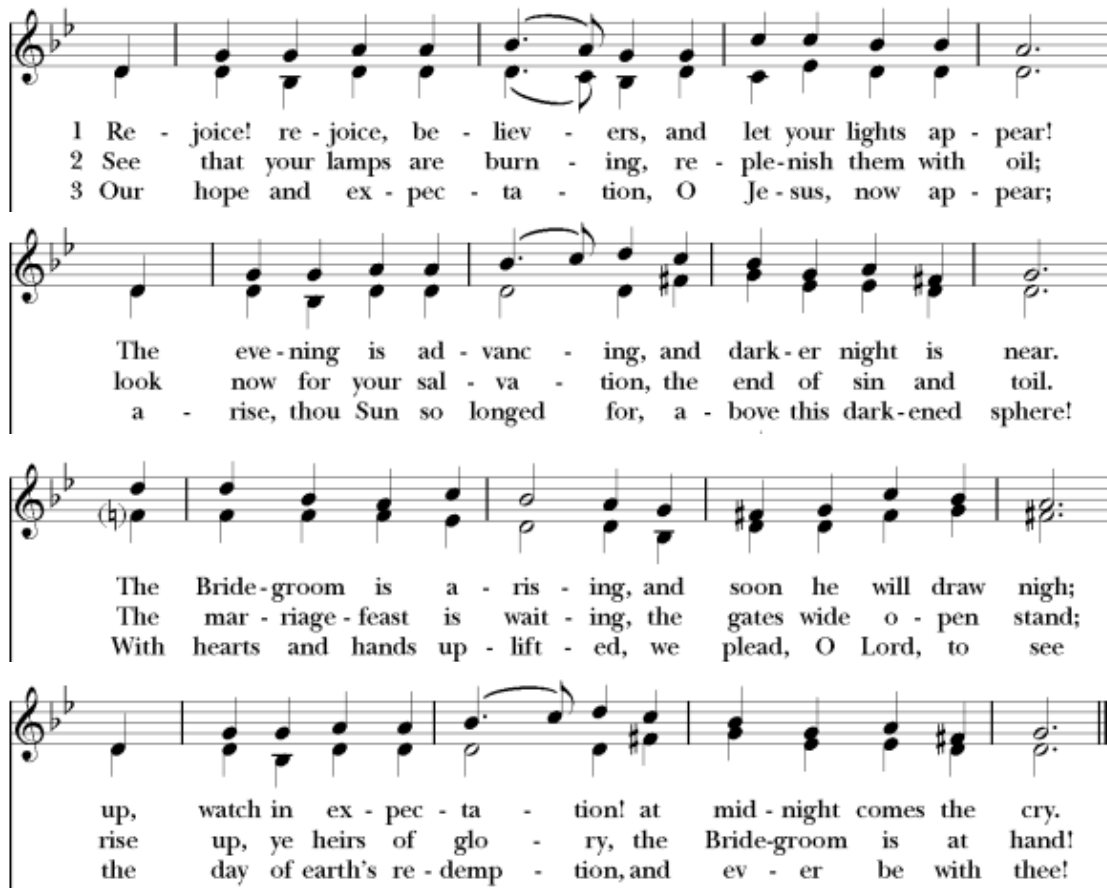
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

I bless you, people of God, this Advent, in Jesus' name.
I bless you that the Christ-child finds a welcome place in your heart.
I bless you that you may bless others and live in the fullness
of being a royal priesthood, a holy nation.
I bless you that Jesus, the word made flesh, may dwell among you.
And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SONG (at 10:15 am service)

Rejoice, rejoice, believers



1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, walking in the light of the Holy One.
Thanks be to God.

We are so glad that you are here this day!
You are invited to a time of hospitality in the Great Hall
following the 10:15am worship service.



During the week...

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Questions for Reflection

Imagine that you are in the crowd listening to John the Baptizer. You hear people in the crowd asking him "What should we do to prepare?" How might John instruct you, or your church, to prepare for the coming of God's reign?

Morning Devotion

God, surely you are my salvation.
I begin this day without fear, trusting you,
for you are my strength.
Help me to meditate all day
on the thought that you are rejoicing in me!
And keep me keenly aware, as I travel through this day,
of ways that I may help others, especially those with special needs.
Then bring me home to you at the close of the day.
Amen.

Evening Devotion

Thank you, God, for the gift of today
and for guarding my heart and my mind in Christ Jesus.
All that I did and all that I left undone,
I now give over to your safekeeping,
trusting in your peace that surpasses all understanding.
Be my rest as I sleep tonight,
and renew me in your love for another day.
Amen.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take the bulletin home with you for your reference.

Caroling at Ingleside This Afternoon

Please help us bring some holiday cheer to Ingleside Assisted Living. We will do some caroling and chatting with residents during their Sunday dinner hour. Meet us at Ingleside at 4pm, caroling will start at 4:15pm. We are limited to 20 participants.. Parking is limited. Please consider car pooling with other participants.

Time: 4pm - 6pm **Location:** Ingleside 1005 N Franklin St., Wilmington DE 19806

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

TODAY—Sunday, December 15 at 12 pm—Run through + music

Sunday, December 22 at 12 pm—Run through + music and costumes

Tuesday, December 24 3 pm Pizza, Full Dress Rehearsal

On Sunday, December 24th, pageant participants should plan to arrive at church by 3 pm for pizza, costume check and quick run-through. Contact Carol Van Zoeren at cmvzl@comcast.net with any questions and to let her know you are interested in participating.

Christmas Flower & Greens Dedications Due This Week

Envelopes for Christmas altar flowers and decorations are available in the Narthex. Flowers can be given in memory of, or thanksgiving for, loved ones. All dedications are due in the Parish Office by 12 noon on Thursday, December 19th, to be printed in the Christmas Eve worship bulletins.

Sign-Up Today for Christmas Cheer!

All are welcome to celebrate the birth of our Lord at a reception following the 5pm Christmas Eve Service in the Great Hall. Andrea Kane is hosting this event, and asks that people sign-up on the parish webpage to bring whatever snacks or sweets they care to bring. Look for this and all sign-ups on the "Sign-Ups" page on the parish website. stdavidsde.church or click the link in the Weekly E-Pistle.

End-Of-Year Donations

All donations for the year 2024 must be received in the Parish Office by Friday, December 27 before 1pm to be credited to 2024. Many thanks for your faithful generosity!

2024 Reimbursement Requests Due by End of Year

All reimbursement forms must be turned into Jackie Somers, the Parish Administrative Assistant by Monday, December 22 before 1pm to be processed. Reimbursement forms can be found in the lobby and in Jackie's mailbox in the parish office.

Blessing Bag Items Needed

In this season of giving, please remember our friends who are unhoused. It's mighty cold outside. Our blessing bags are in need of toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, hats, gloves, and thick socks. Many thanks!

New Parish Website!

Many thanks to Bonnie Burkert, Primus Poppiti, and the members of the Communications Committee for getting the new website up in such a short timeline. It is now up and a worthy home for the lovely Parish Profile created by the Search Committee! The Parish Profile is one of main tools necessary to advertise the Rector position in any parish. Good news: THE WEB ADDRESS IS THE SAME! It hasn't changed. Go take a look, poke around, and kick the tires.

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2025 Sunday Flower Dedications Sign-Up is Live on Parish Website

People give flowers for many reasons: in honor of friends, children, and spouses, and in memory of a loved one who has passed away. The cost of giving flowers in 2025 is \$50.00. Simply sign-up for any date listed on the Sign-Up Genius link found on the parish webpage, and leave your check in a timely manner in the parish office or designate it clearly on an envelope in the Offering. When signing up, please, fill in all information. This insures the dedication will be correctly printed in the bulletin.

Saving Seats for Christmas Eve

Dear Friends in Christ, the build-up to and the excitement surrounding Christmas Eve can be palpable. It is natural for everyone to want a "good seat" to SEE the Christmas Pageant. In order to give everyone a more equitable chance to save choice seats, we ask that no one 'reserve' or 'save' seats in the worship space until you arrive for rehearsal at 3 pm on December 24th itself. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in this matter.

Keep in mind that there will be a specific opportunity during the pageant for photo-taking of the entire group. It would also be okay to take candid, non-posed photos during the rehearsals.

The Convenience of Electronic Giving

Electronic Giving enables every household or individual to give their church offering by using electronic funds transfer (EFT). There is no cost to you for this giving option. You won't need to write weekly or monthly checks as the amount will be withdrawn from your checking account. It is fast, easy, and safe. If you would like to participate, please contact the Parish Office at 302-475-4688 for more information on how to enroll.



Christmas Cheer

CHRISTMAS EVE
FOLLOWING THE
5 PM SERVICE

PARISHIONERS SIGN UP TO BRING A TREAT AT
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Christmas at Saint David's

Advent Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 10th
7pm in the Nave

Day School Chapels

December 18th & 19th
9:15am in the Nave

Christmas Eve

December 24th
Pageant & Candlelight Service
with Holy Eucharist
5pm

*Reception follows in the
Memorial Room*

Festival Candlelight Service
with Holy Eucharist
Pre-service Music at 10pm
Service at 10:30pm

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Please keep these people in your prayers and in your hearts...

Carron Ingham	James Khan	Joe Bubble
Carolyn Luttrell	Emily Gibson	Steve Frederick
Sheila Coffin	Terry Doll	Anna Waid
John Van-Catledge	Maureen Brickley	John Misch
Jimmy Myers	Olga Slocum	Lawny Davis
Dick Mickles	Lori Wentzel	Margaret Williams
Pete Winnington	Richard Crossan	Walt & Barbara
Viola Walters	Lorraine Boker	Mitchell
Carol Robinson	Matthew Chambers	Patricia Looby
Liz Wehle	Deva Scheel	Ethan Sibert
Anthony Ruggiero	Patty Curlett	Kathy Pluck
David Payne	Patti D.	Vicki Cargill
Kiri Snyder	Bret Peltier	Ryan Edmiston
Tom Krause	Ron Hartmann	
Pauline Gently	Marguerite Hutt	<i>Deceased</i>
Jane Harvey	Raymond A. Callahan	Chris Kleckner
The Coda Family	Linda Hunter	Steve Quillen
Kristen Waltz	Bill Waid	Carmela Ianni
Caroline Bell	Anna Winslow	Alexandra Ergon
Frank Mercante	Cacky Paraskewich	
Don Somers	Beth Winnington	



Serving Today

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Alyson Poppiti in loving memory of Louise C. Poppiti

Hospitality Hour — Host: Bonnie Burkert Sponsor: Jeanne Marie Yohe

Eucharistic Ministers — Ernst Hellriegel, Barb DeHaven, and April Starkey

Lectors — Jane Bordzol, Paul Archer, and Rebecca Rebalsky

Intercessor — Doreen Turner

Online Host/Moderator — Gen Van-Catledge

Sacristans — Barbara Sutton, Amy Harra, Gail Palumbo, Glenda Ruggiero and Walt Johnson

Greeters — Rob Carver and Janet Leishman

Counter — Barb Emmel

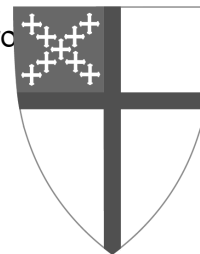
Vestry Member of the Day — Carlene Deschaine



Thank You To Those Who Served as Acolytes Today

Ushers— Susan Marengo, Michelle Sobczyk, and Sandy Sierzenski

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries this week are—

Linda Foschi, Luke Byrne, Liz Porter, Gabrielle Ford, and Jason Roux



Today <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> 	8am	Holy Eucharist in the Nave
	10:15am	Holy Eucharist in the Nave and Livestreamed on YouTube
		Hospitality Hour in the Great Hall
	12pm	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal in the Nave
	4pm	Caroling at Ingleside Assisted Living
	7pm	Rector Search Committee via Zoom
Monday, December 16	9am	Day School Chapel Rehearsal in the Nave
	7pm	School Board via Zoom
	8pm	AA Meeting in the Great Hall
Tuesday, December 17	9am	Day School Chapel Rehearsal in the Nave
	10am	Wisdom Seekers via Zoom
	11am	Staff Meeting in the Office
	8pm	AA Meeting in the Great Hall
Wednesday, December 18	9:15am	Day School Christmas Chapel I in the Nave
Thursday, December 19	9:15am	Day School Christmas Chapel II in the Nave
	7pm	Choir Rehearsal in the Nave
	7:30pm	AA Meeting in the Memorial Room
Friday, December 20	11am	Day School 2s Christmas Program in the Nave
	7pm	AA Meeting in the Memorial Room
Saturday, December 21	7pm	AA Meeting in the Memorial Room
Sunday, December 22 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 	8am	Holy Eucharist in the Nave
	10:15am	Holy Eucharist in the Nave and Livestreamed on YouTube
		Hospitality Hour in the Great Hall
	12pm	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal in the Nave



A Community of Disciples Loving & Serving the World

Staff of Saint David's

The Rev. Pete Nunnally, *Interim Rector*
Jackie Somers, *Administrative Assistant*
Steven Weatherman, *Director of Music/Social Media*
Janet Leishman, *Day School Administrator*

Assisting Clergy at Saint David's

The Rev. David Andrews, *Priest, retired*
The Rev. Anna Waid, *Priest, retired*
The Rev. Dcn. Tom Deschaine, *Deacon, retired*

Vestry of Saint David's

Bob Rhodunda, *Sr. Warden*
Jolene Baddick, *Jr. Warden*
Barbara Emmel
Patty Curlett
Robyn Pierce
Carlene Deschaine
Deva Scheel
Steve Hutt
Bob Wright
Karen Olmstead, *Treasurer*
Janet Leishman, *Clerk*



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Mondays through Thursdays 9 am until 12 pm
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