



December 1, 2024
The First Sunday of Advent

This Sunday

**7:45 a.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion, Rite I
Traditional Language.**

**8:00-9:30 a.m. – Parish Breakfast in Grace Hall.
Suggested donation of \$5.**

9:00 a.m. – Family Service with Holy Communion

Childcare is available. Children's Chapel. Contemporary music provided by St. David's Basement Band

10:15-11:00 a.m. – Intergenerational Advent Wreath Making

Adults, Youth, and Children
Jeffords Hall

10:15-11:00 a.m. – Formation (Sunday School)

Adults only today. Children and Youth are invited to the Intergenerational Wreath Making in Jeffords Hall.
Childcare is available.

11:15 a.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion, Rite II

Childcare is available.
Traditional Music with the St. David's Choir.
Online and in-person.

1:15 p.m. – Santa Misa en Español

4:30 p.m. – Walking the Mourner's Path
Grace Parish Hall

Livestream Link Here

Bulletin and Prayer List Here

Music Rehearsals This Sunday

- 7:45 a.m. – Basement Band Rehearsal in Jeffords Hall Basement
- 9:00 a.m. – Handbell Choir in the Bell Room
- 10:15 a.m. – Adult Choir in the Choir Loft
- 6:00 p.m. – Basement Band Vocal Rehearsal in Jeffords Hall Basement

If you are interested in learning more about any of these groups, please contact Sue Wallace at Music@stdavidchurch.org or Susie Clements at susie@stdavidchurch.org. All are invited and welcome to get involved.

Grow This Sunday

Rector's Forum:

10:15-11:00 a.m.
Grace Hall

Rector's Forum

Angels of Advent in Art and Text

Join Fr. Remington and Jessica Fisher in an exploration of angels as they appear in art and the Biblical narrative. All are welcome!

Conversations in Christ:

10:15-11:00 a.m.
Bethany Room

Conversations in Christ

Conversations in Christ is a Small class that meets Sunday mornings, 10:15-11:00 a.m. in the Bethany Room to discuss the lectionary readings of the day. Each member of the class takes turns facilitating the group.

Children and Youth Sunday Morning for December 1 10:15-11:00 a.m.

All Children's and Youth Sunday School will be participating in the Advent Wreath Making in Jeffords Hall. Regular Sunday School programming for Children and Youth will resume December 8. Nursery care is available for children infants to 3-year-olds, St. David's Nursery, (St. Anne's Room) located in the main church building.

Annual Giving 2025 Update



As of Wednesday, November 20, pledges **totaling \$1,150,180.27 have been received, which is 75% of the goal.** Our Annual Giving Campaign is off to an excellent start with 203 households having pledged their support for 2025. For those that have completed their pledge, your clergy, vestry, and stewardship committee thank you for your financial support.

For those who have not yet made their pledge, we ask you to prayerfully consider making a financial commitment. Everything we do as a St. David's faith community is funded by your pledges. With your support, we will walk in love within our parish and out into the communities we serve.

[2025 Online Pledge Form](#)

Grow in Advent



ANGELS OF *Advent*

IN ART AND TEXT

Rector's Forum

Sundays, 10:15-11:00 a.m.
December 1, 8, 15 and 22

ST. DAVID'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Advent Healing Eucharist

11:00 a.m., Wednesdays
December 4, 11, and 18

As we journey through the coming Advent season, join us each Wednesday morning for a quiet and reflective Healing Eucharist. This

service offers a time for prayer, healing, and renewal amid the busy preparations of the season. In the spirit of Advent's hope and anticipation, we gather to seek God's grace, pray for healing in mind, body, and spirit, and to draw closer to Christ's light coming into the world. All are welcome to experience God's presence and to receive anointing and prayers for healing. And in the spirit of unity and fellowship, we will depart from worship, if you have time and are willing, to meet at a local restaurant for lunch. Questions? Contact Fr. Chip Broadfoot, chip@stdavidchurch.org.

Healing 
EUCCHARIST

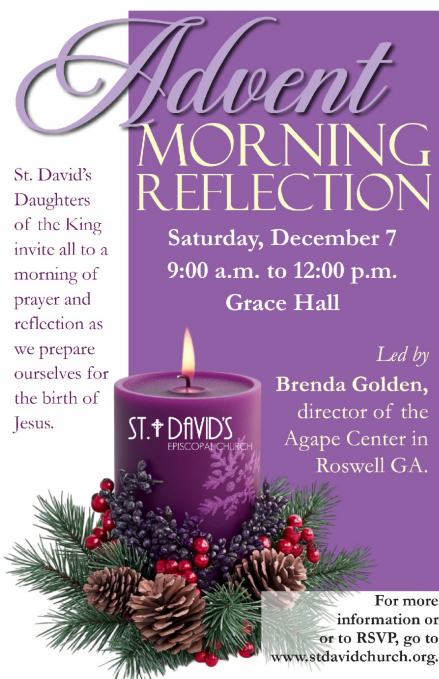
December 4: Luke 1:26-38

The Annunciation to Mary

Theme: Divine Announcement and the Incarnation

Collect: O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness that our weakness may be banished and our strength restored; and that, our health being renewed, we may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reflection: The presence of the angel Gabriel and Mary's acceptance of God's will set the stage for the greatest healing of all—the healing of the rift between God and humanity through the coming of Christ. This story also shows how angels are directly involved in bringing good news and God's healing plans.



Advent
MORNING REFLECTION

St. David's Daughters of the King invite all to a morning of prayer and reflection as we prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus.

Saturday, December 7
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Grace Hall

Led by
Brenda Golden,
director of the
Agape Center in
Roswell GA.

For more information or to RSVP, go to www.stdavidchurch.org.

Advent Morning Reflection

Saturday, December 7

9:00 a.m. to noon, Grace Hall

St. David's Daughters of the King invite all to a morning of prayer and reflection as we prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus. Leading this year's Reflection is Brenda Golden, director of the Agape Center in Roswell GA. To help us plan, please RSVP below.

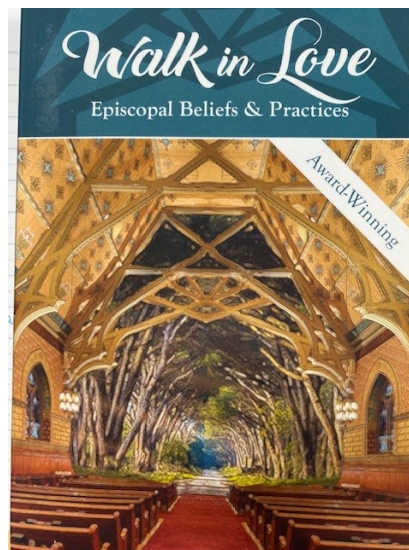
RSVP Advent Reflection

Grow in 2025

Walk in Love: Episcopalian Beliefs and Practices January 8, 15, and 22 with Instructed Eucharist on January 29

Join The Rev. Remington Slone in a four-week discussion about the history, beliefs, and practices of The Episcopal Church. This course is great for those seeking to learn more about our tradition, for those who are desiring to be confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church, and for those who are looking to refresh their engagement in our way of being together.

Meetings will be hybrid, meeting in person in Grace Hall and via zoom beginning Wednesday, January 8, 6:00-7:00 p.m. The series will conclude with an instructed Eucharist on Wednesday, January 29, in the Nave. For more



information, please contact [Fr. Remington](#). To register, please click the link below.

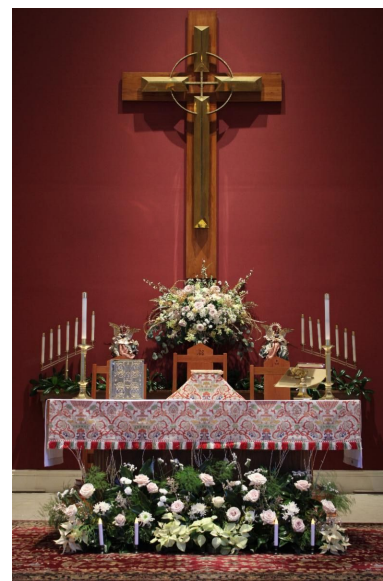
Register Here

Christmas Flowers

Flowers and greens for Christmas services are made possible by your generous donations. The amount is voluntary, but the suggested contribution is \$50.00.

You may sign up online using the button below or by using an envelope which may be found on the Welcome Desk and placed into the wooden box there. **Entries must be received by Sunday, December 15, to be included in the Christmas Bulletin.**

Christmas Flowers



From the Finance Office

We want to thank you for your financial support of St. David's ministry in 2024. Please refer to the list below for deadlines to claim a charitable tax contribution for 2024.

- **Gifts by Check** that are mailed and postmarked by Tuesday, December 31 will be deductible in 2024. However, checks that are received by St. David's after the 31 will not qualify for a 2024 donation, even if the check has been backdated to 2024.
- **Online gifts** must be initiated no later than December 24. Per the IRS these gifts must be fully processed by the online provider before the last business day of the year.
- **Gifts of stock** should be initiated no later than Friday December 20. Please contact the finance office at finance@stdavidchurch.org for the proper broker routing information. Also let us know the name of the stock and number of shares you are transferring, so we can be on the lookout for it with our broker, Raymond James. Your name will not appear on the transfer, so help us identify your contribution.
- **Gifts by Qualified Charitable Donations (QCD)** from an IRA also require advanced processing by your broker. Please process these requests by Friday, December 20.
- **Recurring/scheduled payments.** If you have recurring payments recorded in the Realm system, please take a few minutes to log into your Realm account and review the amount, frequency, and the end date for your 2024 pledge payments. (To view: Log into your Realm account and select "Giving". Then select "Scheduled".)

IMPORTANT: You must create a new scheduled payment for "Pledge 2025". Select "Give" and enter the amount you would like to give. Select the Fund "Pledge 2025" and then select "once or multiple times". Select the frequency and a start and end date for 2025.

If you have any questions regarding the end of the year deadlines or online giving, please

contact the finance office at finance@stdavidchurch.org for assistance.

Please note that the church office will be closed the week following Christmas and will not reopen until Thursday, January 2. Thank you for your financial support to the mission and ministry of St. David's in 2024 and for helping us Walk in Love!

Serve

As we walk together in love and deepen our faith, we are continually reminded of the importance of serving others, in alignment with the teachings of Jesus. We invite you to engage with the various service opportunities available within St. David's Church and our surrounding community.

Several volunteer opportunities are listed below. In addition, [click here](#) to find the a complete list and full description of volunteer opportunities. Thank you for your willingness to serve and for your commitment to living out our faith in action.

Please Support the 2024 NFCC Toyland Shop

North Fulton Community Charities has helped families with holiday assistance for over 30 years, and St. David's will again be supporting the Toyland Shop program which provides toys and gifts to local children in need at the holidays. This program is unique because unwrapped, donated toys are arranged in a toy store format and qualified parents can pick out their child's holiday gifts. Last year, this annual program served more than 1,300 hundred children in our community. This holiday assistance relieved the additional financial stress for families living in poverty or from paycheck to paycheck. All the families live in the cities of Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park and Roswell.



There are two ways to participate. First, gift "stars" will be posted in the sanctuary hallway sorted by various categories on Sunday, November 24 through Sunday, December 15. Browse the gift categories and select as many stars as you and your family desire. Gifts should be returned to the church beginning Sunday, December 1st, and continuing until Sunday, December 15. **They must be turned in by Sunday, December 15.**

Second, you can support this effort by making an online donation through the [NFCC website](#). From online giving page, put in whatever amount you want to donate, select "NFCC Toyland Shop" from the drop-down list and select "One Time" frequency. You can also send a check to St. David's and please add "NFCC Toyland Shop" in the memo line. Contact [Robert Ward](#) via email if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support!

Family Promise Host Week December 8-15

Family Promise of North Fulton/DeKalb is an organization dedicated to helping families who are experiencing housing insecurity. St David's serves as a host congregation for Family Promise several times each year. We will welcome 3 families to the Sinclair House during the week of December 8-15, where we will share the love of Jesus by providing each family with a comfortable room of their own and nourishing meals. Contact [Claudia Zimmerman](#), for more information.

It takes a lot of volunteers to make the week a success, so please click this [signup link](#) or use the QR code to see where your strengths can be used.



Path to Shine Mentors Needed!

Path to Shine is St. David's one-on-one mentoring program for kids from Mimosa Elementary. We've made a commitment to 18 children this year, but we're losing 3 full time mentors in January. That means we need at least 3 caring souls to step up for a child. The only requirements are a loving heart and availability on Wednesdays from 2:30-5:00 through May. This gift of yourself is the best Christmas present these kids will get. Please pray about it then contact [Patty Ormsby](#), talktopao@comcast.net, or call or text 678-925-1422.



Stephen Ministry NEW Classes Begin in January

Stephen Ministry is a confidential one to one Ministry at St David's. We walk with people in our congregation as they go through a personal crisis. We want to do it well, so it requires training. Stephen Ministry Training is a life changing experience. As one of our trainees wrote of the current experience of Stephen Ministry Training: "This has been and is the most rewarding experience I have had at St. David's. I am looking forward to years of working with you and the members of our group." If you did not get a chance to begin classes here at St. David's this fall, classes for new trainees will begin in January at Roswell Presbyterian Church. Don't miss out. For more information contact [Don Baggett](#) (Head of Stephen Ministry), or call or text at (770) 714-2830.



Intergenerational Advent Wreath Making Sunday, December 1 10:15-11:00 a.m., Jeffords Hall

St. David's invites you to an intergenerational, parish-wide, Advent Wreath making! Celebrate the beginning of a new church year, learn a little more about Advent, and join in the fun and

fellowship! Bring a wreath from home if you have one. We will have extra wreaths, greenery, and candle decorating supplies.

Questions? Please contact [Rebecca Cline](#), Director of Parish Life.

Club Carpe Diem Christmas Trivia and Lunch

Wednesday, December 18
12:00-1:30 p.m., Jeffords Hall



Join us for a festive holiday lunch and trivia game with prizes! This luncheon will be a fun afternoon of fellowship and connection for those 60+ years old and friends. You may sign-up by scanning the QR code or by clicking the link below. Cost: \$10.

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

PJ Sunday! Sunday, December 22

Let your spirit for the Season shine! Wear your favorite Christmas pajamas or sweater to church! Join us in the fun and fellowship as we show our excitement and celebrate the joy of the season together.





Women's Divorce Support Group

Beginning January 12, 2025 through May
Sundays, 4:30-6:00 p.m., St. Gabriel Room

This small group is for anyone who is divorced (no matter how long ago), or is going through a divorce, and would like the support of other women also experiencing the myriad of changes that accompany a divorce. If you are interested in learning more, please email Marilyn Hedrick, marilynhedrick@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Lessons and Carols 5:00 p.m., Sunday, December 15

This beloved candlelight service of music and readings will begin with the traditional "Once in Royal David's City" and includes handbells, hymns, and carols for all to sing plus anthems sung by our choir. Short readings by members of our congregation are included, as candles are lit to light the way to the birth of Christ. This celebration in song and word will be followed by a festive Reception in Grace Hall.



St. David's Episcopal CHRISTMAS SERVICES



CHRISTMAS EVE

2:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

- This simplified, traditional service is designed for all ages and is perfect for those who have plans in the evening.

4:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

- Family Service with Pageant.
- Nursery is available.
- This service will have both traditional and contemporary music provided by the St. David's Basement Band.

6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION EN ESPANOL

8:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

- Festival Choral Service with no incense.
- This service will be live-streamed.

10:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

- High Mass with incense and chanting.

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:45 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION, RITE I

10:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION, RITE II. Nursery is available. With Children's Chapel.

1:15 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION, RITE II EN ESPANOL

(Breakfast will not be served this Sunday.)

Christmas Eve Pageant December 24, 4:00 p.m.

Calling all families, children, and young at heart! You are invited to join us for a festive St. David's Christmas Eve Family service. You will be welcomed by the animals of the Nativity as sheep, goats, a donkey, and a camel will be grazing on the front lawn, and you will follow a luminary lit path into church as we gather to celebrate together the love, joy, and wonder of this special night.

All children are invited to be in a Christmas Pageant. Just follow the signs down the church hallway to the costume room. There will be special speaking roles for children 3rd-5th grade. The children will practice in Sunday School during Advent.

Following the service there will be hot cocoa for all and another chance to visit the wonderful animals. Contact: Judy Hine, Director of Children's Ministries: judy@stdavidchurch.org.



Youth Events



Christmas Card Picture and Fun December 8, 10:15-11:00 a.m. Jeffords Hall Lobby

Calling all Youth! Come Sunday, December 8th during Sunday School Hour to get ready to spread some holiday cheer! Join us for our Christmas picture day, where we'll capture the festive spirit in a fun and memorable photo. Please meet in the Jeffords Hall lobby right after the 9:00 a.m. service. Ms. Susie will be there to help us get the perfect shot.

What to wear?

Your cheeriest, holiday attire—think Christmas sweaters, Christmas pajamas, sparkles, and your brightest smiles! We'll share the photos with our St. David parish and families, so let's make it merry and bright.

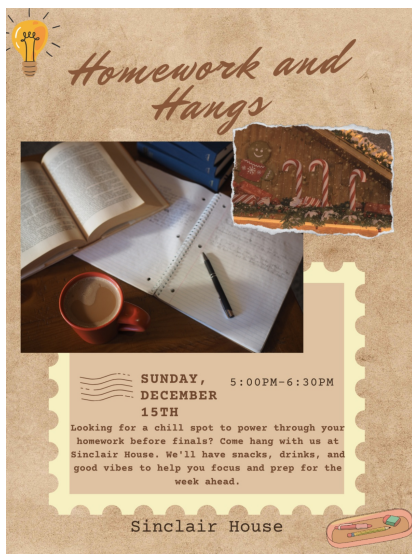
We can't wait to see you there! Questions? Contact [Karen Juarez](#).

The 4th Annual Great St. David's Bake-Off: Christmas Cookie Special! December 8, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Jeffords Hall Kitchen

Calling all bakers, sweet-tooths, and holiday enthusiasts! We're excited to announce the return of the 4th Annual Great St. David's Bake-Off. Get ready for a festive celebration of creativity, flavor, and holiday spirit. Join us on Sunday, December 8, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Jeffords Hall Kitchen. All you need to bring is your best baking skills, a whole lot of holiday cheer, and don't forget to wear your favorite Christmas sweater. Contact [Karen Juarez](#).



[Sign Up Here](#)



Homework and Hangs!

December 15, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Sinclair House

Looking for a chill spot to power through your homework before finals? Come hang with us at Sinclair House on Sunday, December 15th from 5:00-6:30 PM! We'll have snacks, drinks, and good vibes to help you focus and prep for the week ahead. Whether you're tackling last-minute assignments or reviewing for finals, it's the perfect place to get stuff done and relax.

See you there!

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