

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**11:15 a.m.**

**The First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2024**

*Texts for the service are contained in this bulletin and are drawn from the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) or blue Hymnal, both found in your pen.*

*Please stand, if able, at the opening chimes.*

*Please be seated.*

**Welcome to St. David's!** We are so happy you're with us this morning! If you'd like to learn more about getting involved at St. David's, please fill out the online visitor card using this QR code. You can also complete the visitor's card found in the pew rack and turn it in to an Usher or place it in the box on the Welcome Desk. Thank you for being here and for your offering of praise and thanksgiving.



**Nursery:** Children of all ages are invited to participate in our worship services at St. David's. Nursery care is also available for infants to 4-year-olds from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## The Word of God

### Prelude

“Sleepers Awake! (Wachet Auf)”

Johann S. Bach

### Processional Hymn | Hymnal 73

“The King shall come when morning dawns”

*St. Stephen*

### Opening Acclamation

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

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

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Celebrant On this first Sunday in Advent, we light one candle for hope. We have hope in God's promises for us and the world.

**People: Our King and Savior now draws near; come let us adore Him.**

Hymn 56 (vs 1): O Come, O come, Emmanuel

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel;  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

### The Collect for the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson | Jeremiah 33:14-16

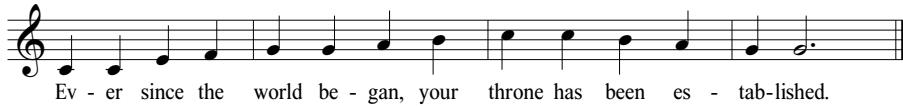
The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25:1-9 | BCP page 614**

*Antiphon (sung by all)*



- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

*Antiphon*

- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

*Antiphon*

**The Second Lesson | 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Lector           The Word of the Lord.

People           **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn | Hymnal 601**

“O day of God, draw nigh”

*St. Michael*

*Please stand, if able.*

**The Gospel | Luke 21:25-36**

Gospeler       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People         **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that

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your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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

*Please be seated.*

### The Sermon | The Rev. Remington Slone

*Please stand, if able, and  
say the Creed in unison.*

### The Nicene Creed | BCP page 358

**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.**

*Our long-term prayer  
concerns can be found in  
the Weekly Prayer List  
at the end of this service  
booklet.*

### The Prayers of the People

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

*Silence*

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Please pray for Leigh,  
Marilyn, Brian, Eileen,  
Ed, Danny, Diana,  
Tracy's family, Robert,  
Billy, Kaye, Ann's family,  
Jonathan, Anna Marie,  
and Helen.*

That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father: *Silence is kept.*

*The Celebrant concludes:*

Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Absolution*

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 Celebrant says to the people:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Anthem

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Gustav Holst  
St. David's Choir

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our Lord to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.*

*King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of Lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads his vanguard on the way,  
As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.*

*At his feet the six wing'd seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high. Amen.*

### Presentation Hymn | Hymnal 72

“Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes”

*Richmond*

### The Great Thanksgiving | BCP page 372, Eucharistic Prayer D

*The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

*Please stand, if able.*

*After the Peace, please be seated.*

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*Please stand, if able.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

### The Sanctus | Hymnal S-125

“Holy, holy, holy, Lord”

Richard Proulx



*The Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,

*Please kneel or stand,  
as able.*

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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*      **We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with David and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 | BCP page 364**

*Celebrant:*      Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People*            **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Please pray together in  
unison.*

We welcome you to receive communion at the altar. An usher will guide you forward at the appropriate time. If you prefer a gluten free wafer, please let the minister know. If you would like to come forward, but not receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest in the form of an "X" and the minister will offer a prayer of blessing.

Please notify an usher if you or a family member desire that the Sacrament be brought to you in the pew rather than at the altar rail.

When present, Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to bring the Bread and Wine of Communion from the Altar to those who for illness or some other reason could not join us for the service today. Please contact the pastoral care office for more information: [chip@stdavidchurch.org](mailto:chip@stdavidchurch.org).

## Fraction Anthem | Hymnal S-164

"Lamb of God"

arr. Richard Proulx

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

### The 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.

### The Distribution

### Communion Hymn | Hymnal 496

"How bright appears the Morning Star"

*Wie schön leuchtet*

### The Sending of Eucharist Visitors

**Celebrant** We send you forth bearing these gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**People** We who are many are one body,  
because we all share one Bread, one Cup.



**The Postcommunion Prayer | BCP page 365**

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.

*Please kneel, if able, and pray together in unison.*

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn | Hymnal 66**

“Come, thou long expected Jesus”

*Stuttgart*

*Please stand, if able.*

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant adds closing dismissal*

**People**           **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary**

“How Bright Appears the Morning Star”

J.S. Bach

**Prayer List for Week of December 1**

**Please Pray for:**

Leigh; Marilyn Dougherty; Brian Miller; Eileen Wilburn; Ed Malowney; Danny Vara; Diana Quinn; family of Tracy Pancost; Robert Whitfield; Billy Buchanan; Kaye Davis; family of Ann Peace; Jonathan Childree; Anna Marie Hoffman; and Helen Leach.

**We offer prayers of Thanksgiving for those who celebrate birthdays this week:**

Will Thompson; Sally Goldberg; Herminia Lopez; Maricela Gonzalez; Marisa Perera; Jackie Stephenson; Madelyn Evans; Emily Kennedy; Linda Winter; Jim Seeba; Liz Ward; Jenna Bailey; Anne Parker; Cooper Wright; Graciela Quintana; Clayton Forsten; Mary Sue Taylor; Julia Daniels; Jan Georges; Eric Coats; Ben Bailey; Judi Gullatt; Bruce Thomas; Will Bruggeman; Joyce Tripp Miller; Jessica Fisher; Rebecca Cline; Jill Sutton; Beth Jacob; Becca Kline.

*If your birthday, or the birthday of someone you know, is missing, please contact the office. We may be missing your birthday information.*

**Long Term Prayers Asked For: (this list may only be printed once or twice a month but will be on the church website each week at [www.stdavidchurch.org](http://www.stdavidchurch.org).)**

Joan, Owen and Scott Taylor; Ken Harris; Charlene Hawk; Nikki; Ann; Tom Heilman; Connie Smith; Natalie Smith; Amy Eliza Springer; Ernestine Doane; Sylvia Hine; Sarah Marton; Julie Knop; Daniel; Tiz Alemayehu; Melissa and family; Anne Blomberg; Britton Spann; James; Nancy Thomasson; Timothy Andrew Faber; Todd Williamson; Mike Grogan; Jackie Swartz; Brittany Propis Farrar; Stu and Rick Gardner; Bill Regan; Jan Carlson; Niki Lachica; Dan Smith; Christine Williams; Christian; Barbara Mulcahy; the Avel Family; the Spann Family; Craig; Curtis; Elise Barden Davis; Erin Grismore; Lauren Caldwell; Marilyn Dougherty; Fay Key; Julia; Kim Venable; Tristen Jackson; Todd Mills; Shirley McBurney; Jessica LeClaire; John Rogers; Malone Williams; Linda Reisen-Reitkoph; Dave Farner; Andrew; Jackie Elam; Mike Lord; Michael; Patty Briguglio; Gabrielle Felder; Brian Heyer; and Sue Farner.

# TODAY

at St. David's

**Coffee Station:** Coffee is available after each service at our coffee station in the mailbox hallway.

**Parish Breakfast:** 8:00-9:30 a.m., Grace Hall. All are welcome! Suggested donation \$5.

**Rector's Forum: Angels of Advent:** 10:15-11:00 a.m.  
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 Rm.

**Advent Wreath Making:** 10:15-11:00 a.m., Jeffords Hall. All Children's and Youth Sunday School will be participating. 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.

## **Music Rehearsals:**

- 7:45 a.m. - Basement Band rehearsal in the Jeffords Hall basement
- 9:00 a.m. - Handbell Choir rehearsal in the Bell Rm.
- 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](mailto:Music@stdavidchurch.org) or Susie Clements at [susie@stdavidchurch.org](mailto:susie@stdavidchurch.org).

**Walking the Mourners Path:** 4:30-6:00 p.m., Grace Parish Hall.

# THIS WEEK

at St. David's

**Monday (2nd) .....** **Six Mercies** – 1:00 p.m. St. David's Office. Contact Jan Georges, [jtimothyjanet@bellsouth.net](mailto:jtimothyjanet@bellsouth.net).

..... **Stephen Ministry Training** – 1:00-3:30 p.m., Bethany Room. Contact Don Baggett, [georgeb2d@hotmail.com](mailto:georgeb2d@hotmail.com).

..... **EfM** – 6:15 p.m., Bethany Room. Contact: Steve Cunningham, [sac.rolltide@gmail.com](mailto:sac.rolltide@gmail.com)

..... **Daughters of the King Training** – 6:30 p.m., Jeffords Hall, Hope classroom. Contact Toni Cathcart, [toni.cathcart@yahoo.com](mailto:toni.cathcart@yahoo.com).

..... **Men's Pub Night** – 7:00 p.m., Mac McGee's Irish Pub on Canton Street. Contact Jonathan Golden, [jonathan@drinkcoffeedogood.com](mailto:jonathan@drinkcoffeedogood.com).

**Tuesday (3rd).....** **Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study** – 6:30 a.m., virtual. Contact Ron Felder, [ron.felder@gmail.com](mailto:ron.felder@gmail.com).

**Wednesday (4th)....** **Yoga** – 10:30 a.m., Front Half of Jeffords Hall. Contact Mary Veal, [mdelucciaveal@comcast.net](mailto:mdelucciaveal@comcast.net).

..... **Healing Eucharist** – Nave. Contact Chip Broadfoot, [chip@stdavidchurch.org](mailto:chip@stdavidchurch.org)

..... **Path to Shine** – 2:30-5:00 p.m., Jeffords Hall classrooms. Contact Patty Ormsby, [talktopao@comcast.net](mailto:talktopao@comcast.net).

..... **Path to Shine Dinner** – 4:30-6:30 p.m., Jeffords Hall front half. Contact Patty Ormsby, [talktopao@comcast.net](mailto:talktopao@comcast.net).

**Thursday (5th).....** **St. Francis Burrito Ministry** – 8:00 a.m., Jeffords Hall Kitchen. Contact Tom Ader, [thomas.ader@yahoo.com](mailto:thomas.ader@yahoo.com).

..... **Thursday Morning Bible Study** – 10:00-11:30 a.m., Jeffords Hall Front Half. Contact Kim Freeman, [kimfreeman828@bellsouth.net](mailto:kimfreeman828@bellsouth.net).

..... **St. David's Choir Rehearsal** – 7:00 p.m., Nave-Choir Loft, Contact Sue Wallace, [music@stdavidchurch.org](mailto:music@stdavidchurch.org).

**Saturday (7th) .....** **Advent Morning Reflection** – 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Grace Hall. Contact Nelleke Yarbrough, [nellekeyarbrough@aol.com](mailto:nellekeyarbrough@aol.com).

**Angels of Advent in Art and Text:** 10:15-11:00 a.m., Rector's Forum, Grace Hall, Sundays, December 1, 8, 15, and 22. Join Fr. Remington and Jessica Fisher in an exploration of angels as they appear in art and the Biblical narrative. All are welcome!

**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. For more information or to RSVP, go to [www.stdavidchurch.org](http://www.stdavidchurch.org).

**Advent Healing Eucharist:** 11:00 a.m., Wednesdays, December 4, 11, and 18, in the Nave. 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](mailto:chip@stdavidchurch.org).

**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, [rslone@stdavidchurch.org](mailto:rslone@stdavidchurch.org). To register, please go to [www.stdavidchurch.org](http://www.stdavidchurch.org) and follow the event links.

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, please go to [www.stdavidchurch.org](http://www.stdavidchurch.org) for a complete list and full description of service opportunities.

### **NFCC Toyland Shop, November 24-December 15:**

Please support the 2024 North Fulton Community Charities Toyland Shop! Last year, the annual North Fulton Community Charities Toyland Shop program served more than 1,300 hundred local children, and we are excited to support this great event in 2024. Gift "stars" are posted in the sanctuary hallway as has been our tradition, so make your selections! **Last day to drop off your donation is December 15.** Or you can also make a financial donation using this QR code to link to the NFCC website. Donation checks can be also mailed to the church with "NFCC Toyland" notated on the check. Contact Robert Ward via email at [r\\_ward@bellsouth.net](mailto:r_ward@bellsouth.net) if you have any questions.



**Family Promise Host Week, December 8-15:** 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. It takes a lot of volunteers to make the week a success. To sign up, go to [www.stdavidchurch.org](http://www.stdavidchurch.org) and follow the

links, or use this QR code to access the sign up form. Contact Claudia Zimmerman, [zimmermanncm@gmail.com](mailto:zimmermanncm@gmail.com) for more information.



### **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](mailto: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), [georgeb2d@hotmail.com](mailto:georgeb2d@hotmail.com), or call or text at (770) 714-2830.

**Christmas Lessons and Carols:** 5:00 p.m., Sunday, December 15. This beloved candlelight service of Christmas 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.

**Youth: Christmas Card Picture and Fun:** December 8, 10:15-11:00 a.m., Jeffords Hall Lobby. Calling all Youth! Come Sunday, December 8 during the 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, youth@stdavidchurch.org.

**Youth: The 4th Annual Youth 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 4:30-6:30 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. Sign up at [www.stdavidchurch.org/youth-ministry](http://www.stdavidchurch.org/youth-ministry). Questions? Contact Karen Juarez, youth@stdavidchurch.org.

**Youth: 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! 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! Sign up at [www](http://www).

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### **Club Carpe Diem Christmas Trivia and Lunch:**

Wednesday, December 18, 12:00-1:30 p.m. Jeffords Hall, cost \$10. 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. Beginning December 1, you may sign-up by scanning this QR code or online at [www.stdavidchurch.org](http://www.stdavidchurch.org).

or at the Carpe Diem table in the church hallway. RSVPs are required. Registration will close on Sunday, December 15. If you have questions, please contact Grace Horn at [grace@gmail.com](mailto:grace@gmail.com).



**PJ Sunday!** Sunday, December 22, all services. 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.

**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](mailto:judy@stdavidchurch.org).

**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](mailto:marilynhedrick@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

### **Annual Giving 2025 Rooted and Grounded in Love 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.

# 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 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 at [www.stdavidchurch.org/give](http://www.stdavidchurch.org/give), then click the link for "Christmas Flowers", 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.

