



Third Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

December 17, 2023
10 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's!

Advent,
Advent,
The time it runs.
Candles burn
brightly on the wreath,
To show us that very quickly now,
It is approaching, holy night.
Then it is accomplished even faster.
Consider: With calm and contemplation
Do you have much more of this wonderful time.
unknown author

Preparation for Worship

The organ's chimes are a signal that it is time to take your seat in a pew, refrain from talking, and be in prayer and meditation as preparation for our worship together. The organ voluntary is an opportunity when, if we are properly prepared, we may hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in the confines of our mind.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The Congregation joins in the portions printed in **bold italics**.*

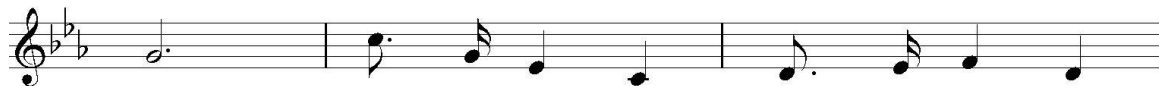
There are no organ voluntaries during Advent.

Hymn 70, "Herald, sound the note of judgement"

Tune: HERALD SOUND



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, warn - ing us of right and
2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; tell the news that Christ is
3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— those re - pent - ing are for -
4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has come to share our



wrong,
here;
given;
life,
turn - ing us from sin and sad - ness
make a path - way through the des - ert
God re - ceives his way - ward child - ren,
bring - ing God's own love and pow - er,



till once more we sing the song.
for the one who brings God near.
and to them new life is given.
grant - ing vic - tory in our strife.

Refrain

Sound the trum - pet!



Tell the mes - sage! Christ, the Sa - vior King, has come!

THE WORD OF GOD

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

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

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

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 ELEISON

Sung by the choir

Viadana

Kyrie eleison - Christe eleison - Kyrie eleison
(Lord have mercy - Christ have mercy - Lord have mercy)

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 for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an

everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

Recited responsively by half verse

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, *
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

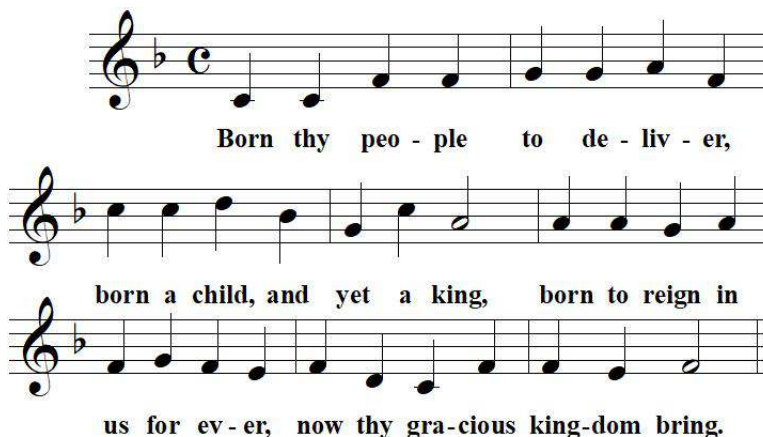
May the God of peace himself sanctify you

entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 66, stanza 3 *All stand, as able*

Tune: STUTTGART



John 1:6-8,19-28

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” And they asked him, “What then?

Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the

prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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

THE SERMON

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able

BCP, p. 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All kneel, as able

Form VI, BCP, p. 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Justin, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. John's, our church, and St. Sebastian's by the Sea, Melbourne Beach.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Anglican Church of Papua, New Guinea.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families, especially, ***David, Luke, Jeremy, Craig, Dobson, Murray, Joel, Mack, Sergio, Ryan, Jimmy, Carl Jr., Matthew, Julian, Andrew, Jim, Brandon, Kyle, Nate, Evan, Patrick, Clay, Ian, Ricky, and Geoffrey.*** *Silence.*

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially ***Barbara, Jan, Bryan, Lilian, Carl, and Brenda.*** And for those

on our weekly prayer list, ***Nancy, Frank, and Richard.*** *Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

God of peace and justice, we pray for all those who live under armed conflict in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan, Iran and other places around the world. We pray for those with power over war or peace and those commanded to fight; for wisdom, compassion and restraint to guide their decisions. We pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. ***Amen.***

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Holy Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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.

Announcements

All sit

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP, p. 361

At the Offertory, Anthem

What is the crying in Jordan?

Norman Mealey

What is the crying at Jordan?
Who hears, O God, the prophecy?
Dark is the season, dark our hearts
and shut to mystery.

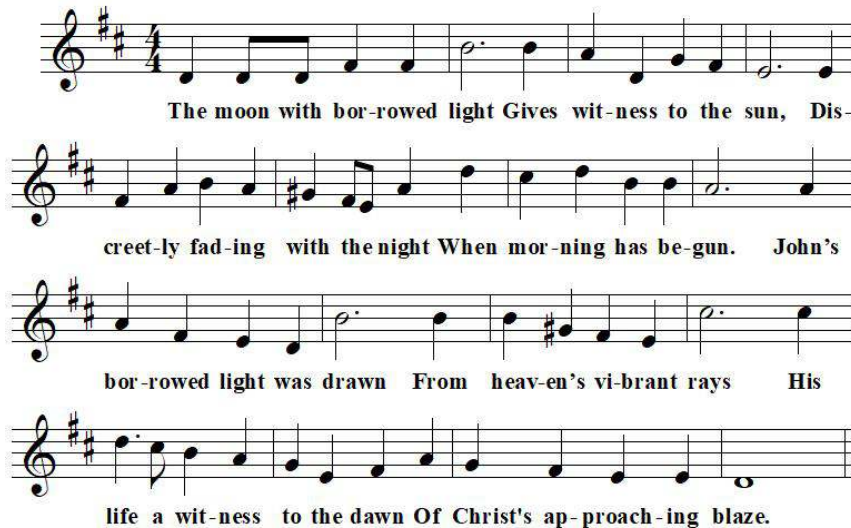
Who then shall stir in this darkness,
prepare for joy in the winter night?
Mortal in darkness we lie down,
blind-hearted, seeing no light.

Lord, give us grace to awake us,
to see the branch that begins to bloom;
in great humility is hid
all heaven in a little room.

Now comes the day of salvation,
in joy and terror the Word is born!
God gives himself into our lives;
O let salvation dawn!

Presentation Hymn, "The moon, with borrowed light"

Tune: DIADEMATA



The moon with bor-rowed light Gives wit-ness to the sun, Dis-
cree-ly fad-ing with the night When mor-ning has be-gun. John's
bor-rowed light was drawn From heav-en's vi-brant rays His
life a wit-ness to the dawn Of Christ's ap-proach-ing blaze.

All things come of Thee, O Lord.
And of Thine own have we given Thee.

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 and Benedictus Viadana
(sung by the choir)

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus*

Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coelli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel, as able

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.**

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

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

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

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 usher will indicate when it is time for your row to come forward to the altar rail to receive Communion. If you wish to receive Communion in your pew, please let the usher know and it will be brought to you. When you go forward, an usher will indicate where to kneel at the rail, then hold your hands in front of you, one on top of the other, to receive the bread. Due to COVID restrictions, wine is by “intinction” only. No one sips from the common cup. If you wish to receive the wine, after the clergy places the bread in your hand, just hold it out for the chalice bearer, who will dip it in the wine and place it on your tongue. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the bread and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer comes by, then return to your seat.

At the Distribution, Chorale, “Savior of the nations, come” Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
(Organ settings by Gael Liardon and J. F. Davidson)

The Postcommunion Prayer

All kneel, as able

BCP, p. 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 56, “O come, O come, Emmanuel”

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL

(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us

5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of

5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with “The Song of Mary” on the dates given.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.;
adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

LM with Refrain

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God!



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as “stirrup” Sunday because of the first words of the Collect for the day. It is also more properly known as “Rose Sunday” and/or “Refreshment Sunday.” Prior to the liturgical reforms of the 1960s Advent was a season of fasting with the third Sunday in Advent as a lessening of the fast – hence the “refreshment” name and this was symbolized by a lightening of the purple liturgical color (used with penitential seasons) to a rose color. This survives today only in our Advent wreath.

“Herald, sound the note of judgment” comes to us from the *Hymn Book* (Canadian) of 1971. The distinguished Canadian author Moir A. J. Waters (1906-1980) was born in India, studied and was ordained in Canada, served churches in Scotland and Canada before returning as a missionary to India. He was a popular radio pulpiteer in British Columbia. The hymn was written for the dedication of a new window at Robinson Memorial Church in London, Ontario, with the subject of Jesus’ baptism. The text reflects John the Baptist as the herald trumpet prophesying Christ as foretold in Isaiah 40:3 (“A voice cries: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord.”) We included this hymn (which was new in our *Hymnal* 1982) in our liturgy last year but we suspect it’ll still be a “new hymn” to most. Give it your best shot!

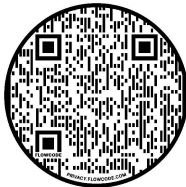
Our hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” comes from the seven antiphons sung in the medieval Roman Church at Vespers before and after the Magnificat (Song of Mary), just prior to Christmas. Sometime in the 13th century five were selected for a hymn and the “Rejoice, rejoice” refrain added. Biblical references to the Great “O’s” are: O Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:14), O Root of Jesse (Isaiah 11:10), O Dayspring (Malachi 4:2), O Key of David (Isaiah 22:22), and O Lord (Adonai) (Exodus 3:15). (From *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)



VISITORS AND GUESTS: Welcome to St. John's! We hope you will stay after the service for an opportunity to chat. Nibbles, coffee and bottled water will be provided in our Parish Hall. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please call the Church Office at: 321-254-3365. And if you wish to know more about this church or to be included on our weekly and newsletter mailing lists, please call the office or email us at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

SIGN OUR VIRTUAL GUEST BOOK!

Scan the QR code at right or visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Virtual Guest Book to let us know you were here and pass on any comments you would like to make!



THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE may be given in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate some occasion. Contact the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org or 321-254-3365.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None known.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Paul and Lorraine Burleson, Hasty & Julie Miller.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Brunch

Sunday, Dec. 17, following 10 a.m. service

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, Dec 24, 10 a.m.

No Christian Ed. Resumes Feb 4.

Christmas Eve Festival Worship

Saturday, Dec. 24, 8 p.m. Carols, 7:45 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship, Rite I, with music.

Monday, Dec. 25, 11 a.m.

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 31, 10 a.m.

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH: TODAY, following the 10 a.m. service. St. John's will provide the entrée and parishioners encouraged to bring a covered dish to share. Sign up sheet in the parish hall.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS are due TODAY to remember or give thanks for a loved one who has gone home to the Lord, or one still living. You may use the insert in today's bulletin. They may be dropped in the offering plate. There is no set cost, please give as you are led.

ADULT AND YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. The adults continue our study of the epistles of Peter in the Parish Hall. **Youth** will meet in the chapel.

TGIF: Men's Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m., at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. 321-254-8559.

COFFEE HOUR. A sign-up sheet to bring snacks, or assist with set-up/clean-up, on Sunday morning is in the Parish Hall.

MILITARY MEMBERS: Help keep our military personnel up-to-date on the Prayers of the People. Let us know before the end of the year if a member now on the list is still active, or if you have a new one to add. There is a form available in this bulletin for you to do that. You can put the form in the offering plate, or hand it to one of the ushers. **We will remove** all others starting in January.

THANK YOU FR. TERRY! Fr. Terry Highland will retire from his official position as Priest Associate here at St. John's effective Jan. 1. No, the Highlands aren't going anywhere! Fr. Terry is focusing his time and energy on serving as the Diocesan Chaplain to the Daughters of the King. We will have a special coffee hour to thank Fr. Terry and Mary on Sunday, Jan. 7. Fr. Terry will preach that morning.

RECTOR'S VACATION: Fr. Eric Turner, Rector, will be on vacation Jan 13 through Jan 20. The Rev. Susan Davidson will preach and celebrate on Sunday, Jan. 14.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	Dec 17	Dec 24 10 a.m.	Dec 24 8 p.m.
Greeters	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks Rev. Davidson	A. Weeks
Ushers	J&J McLaughlin	J. Bond L. Miller	J&S Hamilton
LEM	J. Bond	J. Hamilton	R. Huffman
Altar Gld	M. Salmon	D. Miller- Caldwell	TBD
Daughter	J. McLaughlin	J. Miller	
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

ST. JOHN'S CHAT is a great way to keep up with St. John's news and information! If you are not subscribed to this list, please email office@stjohnsmib.org. Note that this is separate from the weekly "**St. John's eNews**" which comes out every Thursday at 4 p.m. You may request a subscription to that list as well!

DAILY BREAD: If you can help serve please contact the office or Jackie Bond. The next service day is Jan 4.

PRAYER IS AVAILABLE at the altar rail immediately following the service.

A PRAYER REQUEST BOX is now available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the votive candles. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. In lieu of access to the prayer box, please give prayer requests directly to any

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38, Canticle 3 (in place of a Psalm). Canticle 3 may be found on page 50 in the *Book of Common Prayer*. An easier way to find all the lessons is to visit the webpage: lectionarypage.net and click on the date.

Daughter listed on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

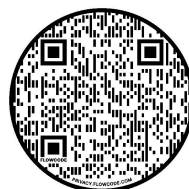
MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S: Let Dr. D know that you'd like to be a part of the music in the parish. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome. There are no auditions; all that is necessary is an ability to read music and a willingness to be faithful.

LOANING OF CHURCH ITEMS: If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens, etc. please speak with Fr. Eric or Deborah Miller-Caldwell, Jr. Warden. Please contact Deborah at farxpert@gmail.com, Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmib.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOCUS for December is designated for the Diocesan Missions. **Rev. Steven and Mary Dass** serve in Sao Paulo, Brazil ministering among homeless children and adults in the 'red light district' of Sao Paulo. You can learn more on their blog at spmercyministry.com. **Rev. Loren and Linda Fox** serve in support of other missionaries. They live in northern Thailand, working in various parts of Asia. You may email ReachUs@EngagingTheAdventure.org. Anything in the blue envelopes, or clearly marked for outreach in the month of December will go to the Diocesan Missions.

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You are personally invited to join a community of women who believe in the power of prayer, service to others, and the sharing of the gospel to expand the Kingdom of God. You can find out more about the DOK St John's Chapter by contacting Mary Highland at 321-831-2796 or mhighland7@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sun (12/17) Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall.
Youth Christian Education, 9 a.m., Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.
Christmas Brunch, following the service, Parish Hall
- Mon (12/18) AA, 7 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Tues (12/19) Scouts, 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Wed (12/20) Scouts, 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- Thurs (12/21) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's Office
Vestry Meeting, 7 p.m. Chapel.
- Fri (12/22) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora.
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All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Parish Life > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email office@stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*... is a worshiping community, guided by scripture,
growing as servants of Christ, and sharing His love in word and deed.*

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