



ADVENT-CHRISTMAS-EPIPHANY AT ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Advent I

<u>Saturday, November 27</u>	5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
<u>Sunday, November 28</u>	8:00 a.m. Quiet Eucharist 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns
<u>Wednesday, December 1</u>	8:00 p.m. Compline (<i>In-person & FaceBook Live</i>)

Advent II - Blanket & scarf collection ends

<u>December 4</u>	12 - 2 p.m. Toys for Tots Collection in Parking Lot 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
<u>December 5</u>	8:00 a.m. Quiet Eucharist 10:15 a.m. Visit from St. Nicholas & Eucharist
<u>Wednesday, December 8</u>	8:00 p.m. Compline (<i>In-person & FaceBook Live</i>)

Advent III - Reservation deposits for Holy Cross Retreat due

<u>Saturday, December 11</u>	5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
<u>Sunday, December 12</u>	8:00 a.m. Quiet Eucharist 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns
<u>Wednesday, December 15</u>	9:45 a.m. St. James' Preschool Christmas Concert (<i>Great Hall</i>) 8:00 p.m. Compline (<i>In-person & FaceBook Live</i>)

Advent IV - Bring greens to Church; Last day for Christmas Flower & Green Offerings

<u>Saturday, December 18</u>	5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
<u>Sunday, December 19</u>	8:00 a.m. Quiet Eucharist 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns 11:30 a.m. Greening of the Church 5:00 p.m. Nativity Pageant with Christmas Carols
<u>Wednesday, December 22,</u>	8:00 p.m. Compline (<i>In-person & FaceBook Live</i>)

Christmas Eve

<u>Friday, December 24</u>	7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols 10:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols
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Christmas Day

<u>Saturday, December 25</u>	9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
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I Christmas

<u>Sunday, December 26</u>	10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist (<i>one service only, today</i>)
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II Christmas

<u>Sunday, January 2</u>	10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist (<i>one service only, today</i>)
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The Epiphany

<u>Thursday, January 6</u>	7:00 p.m. Three Kings Cake, Candlelight Procession, Compline
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Baptism of Our Lord

<u>Saturday, January 8</u>	5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
<u>Sunday, January 9</u>	8:00 a.m. Quiet Eucharist 10:15 a.m. Eucharist with Hymns

Dear Beloved in Christ,

It is hard to ignore that we are in a new season with shorter days and cooler weather. The brightness of the moon these past few nights has been the only illumination I've needed while walking my dog, Clancy. The brisk breeze, however, can often truncate our walk! The natural world this season seems to encourage us to hunker down and



wait. Our consumer culture and worries about supply chain shortages works against this impulse; it seems impossible to wait, to find strength in quietness, to come inside ourselves.

Advent signals the beginning of a new year and the scripture readings (lectionary cycle Year C) understand this tangle. The Advent readings from Luke call for a vision of greater things, which leads to repentance, lived out in simplicity and contentment. Join us for Sunday Forum as we explore the Good News together on the four weeks of Advent. We meet in the library and on Zoom at 9 a.m.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/96469422142?pwd=YWpGdEd5SnhobEF1c3haNoREbEFkZz09>

In addition, we are offering Compline on Wednesdays in Advent as a resource to slow down, center yourself, and find strength for the journey.

Compline is the final prayer of the day, singing "goodnight" to God. You are welcome to join us in person or on FaceBook Live.

Our visit from St. Nicholas on December 5, our Christmas pageant on December 19, and Epiphany party on January 6 are some of my favorite intergeneration events of the season. We request that you bring evergreens to the church on December 19th and help us green the church at 11:30 that morning. Please note the offering envelop for Christmas flowers and greens enclosed. We ask that it be returned no later than December 19 so that names can be included in the Christmas bulletins.

Anyone interested in repainting our outdoor nativity figures? The colors have faded from being exposed to the elements and could use some loving attention. Be in touch if you'd like to help with this project.

I hope you are looking forward, as much as I am, to celebrating the mystery and joy of this season. Christ has been born for us!

Blessings to you and those you love,

Paul +

