

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



The Second Sunday after Christmas
January 5, 2025 • 8 a.m.

Welcome! We are glad you have joined us online.

Newcomers and visitors, welcome! We are a servant church in the heart of the city. May you find here, by God's grace, that which feeds your soul, and leave here with a heart prepared to serve.

- If you are a visitor or new attendee, we invite you to fill out a welcome card, found in your pew, and place it in the offering plate or complete the form online: kccathedral.org/welcome.
- Donations may be placed in the offering, made through the Cathedral website: kccathedral.org, by scanning the QR code to the right or by texting "GIVEtoGHTC" to 73256. Thank you for your generosity.



Morning Prayer

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

ANTIPHON

All Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

JUBILATE

Psalm 100

All Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

ANTIPHON

All Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

THE PSALMS APPOINTED *read by alternating whole verse*

Psalm 66

Officiant Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

People **Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.**

Officiant All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name."

People **Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.**

Officiant He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.

People **In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.**

Officiant Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

People **Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

Officiant For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

People **You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

Officiant You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

People **I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

Officiant I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

People **Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

Officiant I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

People **If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;**

Officiant But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

People **Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.**

Psalm 67

Officiant

May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

People

**Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

People

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.**

Officiant

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

People

**The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

Officiant

May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

All

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

1 John 2:12-17

Officiant

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of his name. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young people, because you have conquered the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young people, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 16 *The Song of Zechariah*

All Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

John 6:41-47

Officiant Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

Canticle 21

All

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
 Father, of majesty unbounded,
 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
 and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
 Come then, Lord, and help your people,
 bought with the price of your own blood,
 and bring us with your saints
 to glory everlasting.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.
All **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.

SUFFRAGES

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People **And grant us your salvation.**
Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People **Let your people sing with joy.**
Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
People **Your saving health among all nations.**
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

COLLECTS

Officiant

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

CELEBRATION PRAYER

All

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

All

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Officiant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Officiant

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, *Officiant*

Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for: Isaiah Fanning; All families affected by gun violence; Charlotte Colburn; Joyce Morrow; All those fighting cancer; Doyle White; Mike Barzee & Family; Larry McMullen; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; First Responders; LeeAnne Hays; Diego Garcia; Emily; Gail; Leesa Fanning; Lisa Helgenkamp; Fred; Mary Sklar; Stephanie Bradshaw; Christine McAnney; Sherry and Randy Mueller; Melanie Boyd; Darvin Weaver; Ralph and Billie; D'angelo and Deondra; Kendal Van Scoyk; Phineas Gitta; Sally Livengood; LaGreta Gitta; Betty Loy; Kurt Brack

Comfort and Peace: the family and friends of those lost and injured in the Wisconsin school shooting; the family and friends of Sandra Hornbeck; the family and friends of Barbara O'Hearne; the family and friends of Lynn Schneider; the family and friends of James Shaffer; the family and friends of Bonita White; the family and friends of Donald Bradley; the family and friends of Robert Boehm; the family and friends of The Rev. Tim Murphy; the Welch and Immenschuh families; all families affected by gun violence

Pray for the Departed: those lost in the school shooting in Wisconsin; Sandra Hornbeck; Barbara O'Hearne; Lynn Schneider; Bonita White; James Shaffer; Donald Bradley; Gabriel Kney; Robert Boehm; The Rev. Tim Murphy; Joann Immenschuh; for all those lost in war; for all who have died from gun violence

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Christ Episcopal Church, Springfield—The Rev. Joe Behen, Rector; The Rev. Katherine Mansfield, Curate; Former Bishops of the Diocese of West Missouri & their Spouses

To place a person on this prayer list, please contact Deacon Barbara Wegener, bwegener@kccathedral.org. Requests are held in prayer for 90 days. See the prayer list anytime: kccathedral.org/prayers

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 4

Nick Bennett
Betsy Chase
Brooklyn Fahnstock
Thomas Taylor

January 5

Jason Munsell

January 6

Jan & Terry Duncan

January 7

Kathleen Chaney
Jerry Menefee
Carol Whitehead

Please contact the Cathedral office if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary: jtoma@kccathedral.org or 816.474.8260.



Weekly Flower Donations

Donations toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone who wants to acknowledge special events or people in their lives. Gifts are accepted in any amount. You can mail a check to the Cathedral office, put your donation in a flower envelope and place in the offering or make a payment through our online payment site.

See kccathedral.org/flowers for more information or contact Julie Toma, jtoma@kccathedral.org.



Cathedral Staff: The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, *Dean*; The Rev. W. James Yazell, *Associate Priest*; The Rev. Barbara Wegener, *Deacon*; Dr. Lucas Fletcher, *Director of Music*; Clare Stern-Burbano, *College, Youth & Children's Minister*; Julie Toma, *Cathedral Administrator*; Melissa Kilpatrick, *Communications Coordinator*; Holly Campbell, *Events Coordinator*; Steve Berman, *Finance Coordinator*; Dr. Joan Bergstrom, *Sacristan & Volunteer Coordinator*; Angie Graham, *Facility Manager*; Bianca Jackson, *Assistant Facility Manager*; The Very Rev. Peter J. DeVeau, *Dean Emeritus*; Canon John Schaefer, *Canon Musician Emeritus*

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JANUARY DIAPER DRIVE FOR HAPPYBOTTOMS

not having a clean diaper can really stink

- Diapers are not covered by government safety net programs like food stamps, Medicaid, and WIC.
- 1 in 2 families in KC can't afford diapers
- Families with young children experiencing diaper need report missing an average of 5.1 workdays per month because they did not have the required number of diapers for their child to attend daycare.

Bring diapers to the barrel in the cross hall or to the basket in the Tower

OR

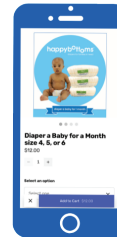
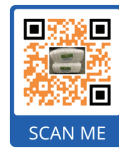
Donate diapers directly through the happybottoms.org site



Donate packages of diapers
Sizes 4, 5, 6 needed most



OR



Use group name:
GRACE & HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

help babies in Kansas City!



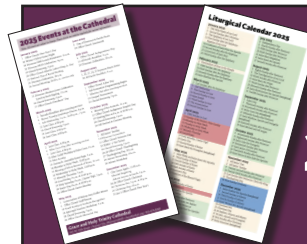
The Emergency Food Assistance PROGRAM

In partnership with St. Paul's on Main, we have been invited to a new volunteer opportunity once a

month on Saturday mornings at St. Paul's from approximately 9:30 a.m. to noon. This is to assist with distribution of TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program).

Upcoming TEFAP dates are January 18, February 15 and March 15. For additional information on TEFAP, please visit kccathedral.org/outreach.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Deacon Barbara 816.739.8032 or bwegener@kccathedral.org.



Take home a 2025 calendar today.

Keep up to date with Cathedral events and service.

The calendar features the liturgical calendar on one side and major Cathedral events on the other side. Contact *Julie Toma* (jtoma@kccathedral.org) if you would like a calendar mailed to you.

Weekly Services

Sundays

8 & 10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist

5 p.m.—Order for Evening & Holy Eucharist/Choral Evensong
The 10:30 service is livestreamed at kccathedral.org/worship.

Wednesdays

Noon—Noonday Prayer (on Facebook & YouTube)
12:05 p.m. —Holy Eucharist

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination: "The Word Made Flesh" Illumination (John 1:1-18)

Today's illumination, the frontispiece to the Gospel of John, is the most abstract of all the frontispieces in the Gospels and Acts volume of Saint John's Bible. The reason for this relates to this gospel's content which includes some of the core concepts of Christian theology. In this book Jesus is referenced as "the Word" that was God and was with God in the creation. Also, he is referred to as "the Light of the World" who reveals the true nature of reality through his life and teachings. Visually capturing qualities like these are especially challenging. To do so requires heavy use of symbolism and abstraction.

Among the images employed to convey these seminal theological concepts are the small, white, stenciled crosses from the transfiguration illumination of Mark 9:2-8 and the filigree found in various illuminations to denote divine presence and the malleability of time. This illumination also intimates a relationship between chapter 1 of John and the creation narratives of Genesis. Here the image of Christ seems to be emerging out of the darkness of chaos on the left and advancing toward light and order on the right side of the panel. Note, also, that the cosmic space visual located behind Christ's head was inspired by a photo from the Hubble Space Telescope and is intended to further identify Christ as an agent of creation.

On the left side of the panel is a lock. This is reminiscent of Medieval Bible manuscripts that typically included hinged covers which were secured with a lock and key. Some observers interpret this as a reminder that Christ stands at the door of the human heart and knocks but only enters into the life of the individual who invites him to do so.

Finally, to Christ's left in cursive lettering are written the words of Colossians 1:15-20. This text expands on John's message that "The Word became flesh and lived among us." The inclusion of this passage is intended to connect the theology of Christ's reconciliation through his crucifixion and resurrection with his work of creation on the one hand and the final judgement on the other. He is truly the alpha and the omega – the beginning and the end of all things.

Read Colossians 1:15-20, then try to articulate what Christ as "The Word made flesh" means to you. The depth of what is written here might astound you.



PRAYER FOR THE TRANSITION OF OUR NEXT BISHOP

Gracious and Loving God, we give thanks for the election of our next Bishop, Amy. Watch over Amy, her husband Jared, and their children Elise, Jacob, and Woodrow as they prepare to leave friends, colleagues, and neighbors to join us here in the Diocese of West Missouri. Open our hearts to receive your inspiration and wisdom so that we may joyfully welcome them into our life and ministry in You. This we ask in grateful thanksgiving. AMEN.

Youth

Weekly Youth Opportunities Sundays

Youth Formation at 9:15 a.m.

with light breakfast

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Youth Group at 6 p.m.

Dinner is provided!

Questions? Contact Clare, cstern@kccathedral.org

No
formation
or youth
group
today!



No Youth Group

Dec. 1

Dec. 8 (Tree Lot at St. Andrew's for Ski Trip 3-6 p.m.)

Dec. 15

Dec 22

Dec 29

Jan 5

Jan. 12

Merry Everything, Happy Always

Questions, Contact Clare (cstern@kccathedral.org)

Adult Formation

Sunday

The Path

Sundays • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room • NO FORMATION TODAY, 1/5!

New attendees welcome at any time!

In our Adult Formation this year we will take a journey using Forward Movement's *The Path*, an excerpted version of the Bible that covers most of the major stories chronologically. Through *The Path*, we will become familiar with the grand overarching narrative of the entire Bible. We will learn the story of God's extraordinary and unrelenting love for us in its many dimensions. Copies of *The Path* are available in the Cathedral Bookstore if you would like to own a personal copy. Each chapter will be printed out weekly and made available so that everyone can follow along.

Tuesday

GHTC's Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m.

Please join us for our weekly conversation in GHTC's Virtual Cafe! Tuesday mornings from 7:30–9 a.m. For details, visit kccathedral.org/other-activities.

Women's Bible Study • 12:30 p.m.

Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. Visit the WBS page, kccathedral.org/adultformation/wbs for more information.

Lectionary Bible Study • 6:45 p.m.

We study the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Join the Lectionary Bible Study group in Realm or visit the LBS page, kccathedral.org/adultformation/lbs for more details.

Children

Formation Class • 9:15 a.m.

NO FORMATION TODAY, 1/5!

Join us for formation hour and wonder about God with your friends and teachers and hear sacred stories as told with the help of Godly Play resources!

Cathedral Kids • 10:30 a.m.

Cathedral Kids meets during the first half of the 10:30 a.m. worship service and during this time we weave together our sacred stories and our Episcopal identity with the Weaving God's Promises curriculum! Children attending Cathedral Kids will meet their parents or guardians inside the tower doors during the passing of the peace.

Questions? Contact Clare, childrensformation@kccathedral.org for more information.

**Mark your calendars!
Mega Camp Registration
Now Open!**

Questions about Mega Camp and what it entails?
Email Clare Stern-Burbano and she will provide you information!



Winter Chili & Game Night Friday, January 10 • 6 p.m.

Warm up on a winter night with fun, food and fellowship as we share our favorite chili recipes and enjoy games for all ages. Bring your best chili, whether it's a secret family recipe or a creative twist. As we savor each bowl, engage in games that promise laughter and joy for everyone. You are invited for the chance to connect with friends, share stories, and create lasting memories in a warm atmosphere!

Sign up to bring chili, sides or desserts. *All are welcome whether you sign up or not. Sign ups help with planning.*

Signup at kccathedral.org/upcoming-events



MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration January 18

Luncheon & Fundraiser
11 a.m. • Founders' Hall
Evensong Service
4 p.m. • Cathedral Nave

The Diocese of West Missouri invites you to join us for luncheon fundraiser and Evensong Service in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The luncheon and fundraiser supports The Reverend Canon Edward L. Warner Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians of West Missouri. Tickets are available for the luncheon fundraiser at \$40.

The Most Rev. Michael Curry is the guest preacher for the service of Evensong.

Buy your lunch tickets or RSVP to the service here: diowestmo.org/events

ANNUAL MEETING



Sunday, January 26

There will only be ONE service, at 10:30 a.m., on Sunday, January 26, immediately followed by the meeting.

- Formation is still meeting at 9:15 a.m.
- We will gather as a parish family of all ages to celebrate Eucharist, then stay for the meeting.
- Be ready to celebrate some of our amazing ministries, as well as honoring outgoing and electing new Vestry members.