

All Saints Anglican Church

BIBLICAL FAITH + APOSTOLIC ROOTS

December 24, 2024

Family Service –5pm



HOLY COMMUNION

If you are visiting with us today, please take time to let us get acquainted. Pick up a "Welcome bag" from one of our greeters, complete the visitor's card attached, and drop it in our offering plate.

PRELUDE

Charis Williams, Violin

WELCOME

The congregation stands for the singing of the processional hymn

28 O come, all ye faithful (verses 1-3)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light eternal, Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb: Very God, Begotten, not created; *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; Glory to God all Glory in the highest; *Refrain*

BLESSING OF CRECHE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Prayer Book, p. 145

- V. For unto us a child is born,
- R. Unto us a son is given.

The congregation kneels

COLLECT FOR PURITY

p. 124

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.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

761 KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The congregation stands for the following hymn which is sung in lieu of the Gloria and remain standing for the Collect of the Day

27 Angels we have heard on high (vv 1,3-4)

Angels, we have heard on high, Singing sweetly through the night, And the mountains in reply Echoing their brave delight.

Refrain: Glo...ria in excelsis Deo. Glo...ria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

See him in a manger laid
Whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While we raise our hearts in love. *Refrain*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with your spirit.
- V. Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the revelation of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

The congregation may be seated for the first lesson

FIRST LESSON: **Isaiah 9.1-7** *Pew Bible, p. 573*

Please stand for the singing of the gradual hymn and remain standing until invited to sit by the preacher.

82 The first Nowell (verses 1-2)

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!, Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of God's bright star, Three wise men approached from a kingdom afar; To seek the king was their intent, And to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

789 Gloria tibi

- V. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint...
- R. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 2.1-20

Pew Bible, p. 857

- V. The Gospel of the Lord
- R. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The first Nowell (verse 5)

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain*

SERMON: Of Shepherds and Candy Canes Fr. Michael

The congregation stands for the Nicene Creed

NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, p. 127

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

All kneel for the prayers and confession

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Book p. 128

At the conclusion of each petition is said:

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN

p. 129

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence. The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION & COMFORTABLE WORDS

p. 130

The congregation stands for the exchange of peace

PEACE

- V. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
- R. And with your spirit.

Please be seated for the announcements

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Charis Williams, Violin

The congregation stands for the Doxology

208 DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRESENTATION

- V. ... All things come from you, O LORD,
- R. And of your own have we given you.

SURSUM CORDA

Prayer Book, p. 132

- *V*. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with your spirit.
- *V*. Lift up your hearts.
- R. We lift them up to the Lord.
- *V.* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- R. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become your children. Therefore...

SANCTUS Schubert

Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might(2x) heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

p. 132

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

p. 133

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The congregation is invited to join in the conclusion of the Eucharistic prayer:

...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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer Book p. 134

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.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

p. 135

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Prayer Book p. 136

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us your peace.

All visitors are welcome to receive Holy Communion who have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and who receive Communion in their own church.

Children are encouraged to come to the altar rail with their parents and participate in the Lord's Supper if they have been baptized and taught the meaning of Communion; if they are not yet ready to receive, they may cross their arms and receive a blessing.

Those who may have difficulty coming to the communion rail, may speak to one of the ushers and a member of the clergy will bring communion to you in your seat.

36 What Child is this

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud,

The babe, the son of Mary. Why lies he in such mean estate

The silent Word is pleading. Refrain

Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king, to own him,



The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

64 Away in a manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

O Little Town Of Bethlehem (verses 1-3, 5)

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to god the King,

And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray!
Cast out our sin and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come with us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Please stand for the singing of the post-communion hymn

70 Hark! The herald angels sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"



Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth,
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"



Please kneel for the post-communion prayer.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book, p. 137

Heavenly Father,

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.

60 Silent Night

Silent night, holy night; All is calm, all is bright Round you virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night; Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar; Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING:

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen*.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Please stand for the recessional hymn

30 Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ, While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, And wonders, and wonders of his love.

DISMISSAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Eve Services (10:30 & 11 PM)

Christmas Day - 10:30 AM

December 25

Church Office Closed

No Evening Programs

No Sunday School

Children's Epiphany Pageant

December 29

January 5



The Christmas 2024 poinsettias and greenery decorating the church are presented by the following families:

In Memory Of:
In Me

Bess, Mike & Loren Davis George & Nelly Bonville

Jean Thompson Raymond Thompson

RC & Ellie Rover Our Loving Parents, Craig & Bea

Rover and Rob & Kay Graver

Lori Overson My beloved husband, Tom Overson

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Lou Schafer

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and Marvin & Carol Thrasher

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Phlorence Grace Ofili;

Grandparents: Elkanah & Alice Ofili and Leonard & Rachel Caulker

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Robin & Ray Spratlin With fond memories of Helen

Hutchinson, who was always willing to step in when and where she was needed

Presented By: In Thanksgiving For:

Ray & Robin Spratlin Bonnie Rolfs

Jean Thompson My children & grandchildren and

God's many blessings in my life

Ugbajah Family My Family; Ugbajah Family

Joe & Jan Lindsay Our children, grandchildren &

great grandchildren

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Nancy; Fr Alan & Teresa; Fr Cass & Audie; Canon Jessica & David

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great grandchildren

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Steve & Caren Moran Our children & grandchildren

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Mary Wall & Dozier Hood 26 Christmas' with all my boys

