

Prelude Sleepers Wake by J.S. Bach

Tolling of the Bell

Standing, sung by all

Opening Hymn #56 vv. 5-6 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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

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

Collect for Purity

BCP p.355, Standing

Confession

Said by all

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Lesson James 5:7-10

Seated

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146:4-9 *Lauda, anima mea*

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

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

Gradual Hymn #72 vv. 1-2 Hark! the glad sound! *Standing, sung by all*

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Station of the Crèche

All Children are invited to come forward for the Station of the Crèche

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Calvin Lane

Seated

The Nicene Creed

Standing, said by all

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.

The Prayers of the People

After each bidding the congregation is invited to offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud. See page 7 for a list of prayer requests.

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

We pray for the Universal Church, its members, its leaders, and its mission.

We pray for our Nation and all in authority.

We pray for the welfare of the world, for those regions troubled by violence or unrest, especially those we name at this time...

The People may add their own petitions

We pray for the needs and concerns of our local community.

We pray for all who are sick or in need, especially those we name at this time...

The People may add their own petitions

We give thanks for the blessings of our lives, for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and those thanksgivings we name at this time...

The People may add their own petitions

We remember those who have died in the faith,

We pray for our sisters and brothers at St. Francis' Church and our

Discernment Year. We pray for clarity of mission and for the special needs

and concerns of this congregation.

Celebrant adds a closing collect

The Peace

Standing

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offering *You may give your offering in the plates passed by the ushers or give online stgeorgesdayton.org or mail offerings, 5520 Far Hills Ave. Dayton, OH 45429-2204.*

Offertory Music They That Wait Upon the Lord

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B

BCP p.367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant continues with Preface... 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:

S125 Sanctus (Proulx)

Standing, sung by all

"S" denotes "Service Music" section at front of Hymnal

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death,**

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

At the conclusion, the people join, Amen.

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

Celebrant O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
People **Have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
People **Have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
People **Grant us your peace.**

Directions for receiving Holy Communion

- All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive; if you have not been baptized, you are welcome to cross your arms for a blessing.
- Gluten-free wafers are available, please indicate your need when receiving.
- If you prefer to intinct (dip) your wafer instead of drinking from the chalice, lay ministers with small intinction cups will be available on both sides. The larger chalices are only for drinking.
- If you prefer to receive only the wafer, please pass the lay ministers and return directly to your pew.

Communion Music Whither Shall I Flee? by J.S. Bach

Prayer after Communion *Kneeling, 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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn Lord I Lift Your Name on High *Standing, sung by all*
Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad Your in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us
You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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Dismissal

Deacon gives a dismissal
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Come, thou, Jesus, from Heaven to Earth by J.S. Bach

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Calvin Lane, Associate Rector
Deacon	The Rev. Dr. William Sangrey, Deacon
Organist	Dr. David Crean, Director of Music
Praise Team	Charles Kennedy, Jeff Haas, Holly Litfin, Catherine Phillips
Verger	Rob Johnson
Lay Ministers	Nan Miller, Richard Carr, Dan Powers
Acolytes	Ryan, Audrey
Ushers	Kathy Simpson, Nancy Wilda, Marilyn Judd



The Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God

And in celebration of our 63rd wedding anniversary by Rev. Dr. Dave & Marty Cottrill

ADVENT AT ST. GEORGE'S

Sunday, December 14 (Third Sunday of Advent)

9:00am & 11:00am—Holy Eucharist

Education on break until January 18

5:00pm - 6:00pm – Christmas Concert, Luminary Walk & Live Nativity

Sunday, December 21 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

9:00am & 11:00am—Holy Eucharist

Noon—Hanging of the Greens

Stay after the 11:00am service to help decorate St. George's for Christmas!

Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Bring donations of diapers, pull-ups, and wipes to either Christmas Eve service

7:00pm (Musical Prelude at 6:30pm)—Christmas Eve Service w/Holy Communion

**Nursery for ages 3 & under available

10:00pm (Musical Prelude at 9:30pm)—Festive Holy Eucharist (w/incense)

**Nursery CLOSED at this service



The Weekly Messenger

TODAY at St. George's ...

GIVING TREE

Thank you for so generously and enthusiastically supporting underserved children this Christmas! Please note that wrapped gifts (with corresponding ornaments attached) must be returned TODAY. Questions? Contact Sharon Oldham (soldham@woh.rr.com or 937-829-1517).

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available in the pews and the Welcome Lounge. Memorials must be received by TODAY, **Sunday, December 14**, to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & LIVE NATIVITY

Please join us for St. George's Christmas Concert TODAY, **Sunday, December 14 from 5-6pm**. This free concert features the music of local Sand Dollar Music Studio. After the concert grab some hot chocolate and enjoy the Luminary Walk and Live Nativity.

LOST AND FOUND

Please take some time TODAY to check the Lost and Found shelves in the Welcome Lounge for any missing personal items. Also, there are some coats in the coat closet marked "lost and found." Any unclaimed items will be donated tomorrow. Please note St. George's is not a donation site for used items.

Upcoming and Ongoing ...

DISCERNMENT YEAR UPDATE

Rev. Benjamin Phillips is leading worship at St. Francis' today. Rev. Dr. Calvin Lane will lead worship at St. Francis' next **Sunday, December 21**. Visit stgeorgesdayton.org/Springboro/ to learn more.

DIAPER DRIVE—Christmas Eve, December 24

Bring diapers, pull-ups, and baby wipes to St. George's on Christmas Eve (both 7pm and 10pm services). All donations will be delivered to the YWCA Family shelter.

NEW MEMBER CLASS—January 18

Rev. Benjamin Phillips will lead this one-time class for those who have joined the church recently, those who are considering becoming members, or those who simply want to know more about our church. **Sunday, January 18 at 10am** in the Undercroft.

CONFIRMATION KICK-OFF—January 25

St. George's will hold a confirmation class that officially **kicks off on January 25, 2026**, with dinner at 5pm in the Parish Hall. Please complete the [registration form online](#) or pick one up in the Welcome Lounge and turn it in in advance of the kick-off. Questions? Email rector@stgeorgeohio.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Income: \$20,036.77 YTD Income: \$710,812.36
Weekly Expenses: \$9,944.16 YTD Expenses: \$683,751.39

2026 Stewardship Pledges Received: 123 pledges @ \$564,398

Last year's pledges received for 2025: 146 pledges @ \$596,120



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