

**Prelude** Comfort, Comfort Ye My People by G. Bohm

**Tolling of the Bell & Welcome**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Opening Hymn #56 vv. 7-8** O come, O come, Emmanuel  
*Standing, sung by all*

*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** Romans 1:1-7 *Seated*  
Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18** *Qui regis Israel*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

*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 #260 vv. 1-3** Come now, and praise *Standing, sung by all*

**Gospel** Matthew 1:18-25

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

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been

spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

*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](http://stgeorgesdayton.org) or mail offerings, 5520 Far Hills Ave. Dayton, OH 45429-2204.*

**Offertory Music** Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

### 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** My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord 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** I Love You Lord / I Exalt Thee

*Standing, sung by all*

I Love You Lord (2X)

I love you Lord, and I lift my voice;

To worship you O' my soul rejoices!

Take joy my King, in what you hear;

May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

I Exalt Thee

For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth

Thou are exalted far above all gods

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Thou are exalted far above all gods

*Chorus:* I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee

I exalt Thee, O Lord *[Repeat]*

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy

Thou art worthy, O Lord *[Repeat]*

### **Dismissal**

*Deacon gives a dismissal*

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Fugue on the Magnificat 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

Mark Greene

Lay Ministers

Joe Schenk, Sue Cissel, Karen Lindsey

Acolytes

Cameron, Kiera

Ushers

Richard Carr, Gale Heller, Andy Knowles

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. GEORGE'S



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

Christmas Day (Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>)

Merry Christmas! No services. Church office reopens Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> (First Sunday of Christmas)

9:00am & 11:00am—Holy Eucharist

No Education at 10am (on break until January 18<sup>th</sup>)

\*\*\*Nursery CLOSED



# The Weekly Messenger

**TODAY at St. George's ...**

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

Help decorate St. George's for Christmas and enjoy festive refreshments at noon TODAY!

Meet in the front pews about 10 minutes after the conclusion of the 11am service.

**Upcoming and Ongoing ...**

## DISCERNMENT YEAR UPDATE

The Rev. Benjamin Phillips is leading worship at St. Francis' today.

Visit [stgeorgesdayton.org/Springboro/](http://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

The 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](http://stgeorgeohio.org/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](mailto:rector@stgeorgeohio.org)

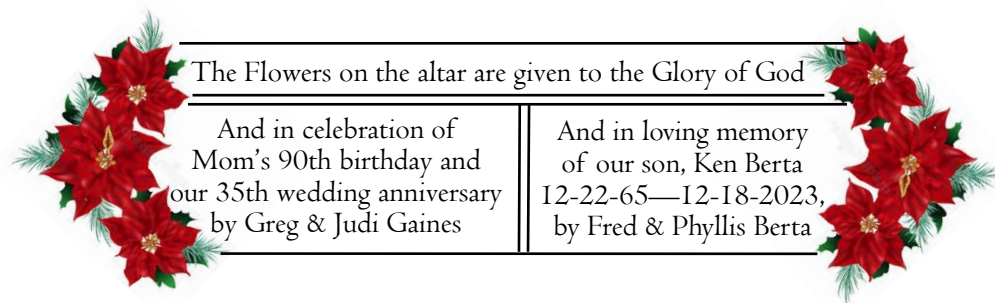
## WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Income: \$6,364.00 YTD Income: \$717,176.36

Weekly Expenses: \$37,324.43 YTD Expenses: \$721,075.82

**2026 Stewardship Pledges Received: 125 pledges @ \$567,398**

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



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