



**ST. GEORGE'S**

Episcopal Church  
Dayton, Ohio

**The First Sunday after Christmas**

Holy Eucharist

**11:00am** December 28, 2025

**Prelude** In dulci jubilo by D. Buxtehude

**Opening Hymn #92** On this day earth shall ring *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**

**Gloria Hymn #96** Angels we have heard on high *Sung by all*

**The Collect of the Day**

**Lesson** Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7 *Seated*

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 147:13-21** *Laudate Dominum*

13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;  
praise your God, O Zion;  
14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;  
he has blessed your children within you.  
15 He has established peace on your borders;  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.  
16 He sends out his command to the earth,  
and his word runs very swiftly.  
17 He gives snow like wool;  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;  
who can stand against his cold?  
19 He sends forth his word and melts them;  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.  
20 He declares his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.  
21 He has not done so to any other nation;  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
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**

*Standing, sung by all*  
**Gradual Hymn #107 vv. 1-2** Good Christian friends, rejoice

**Gospel** John 1:1-18

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen

God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gradual Hymn #107 v. 3** Good Christian friends, rejoice *Sung by all*

**The Sermon** The Rev. Dr. Calvin Lane *Seated*

**The Nicene Creed** *Standing*

**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**

*See page 7 for a list of prayer requests.*

*Leader:* As the Church, the Body of Christ, we gather together and offer our prayers to the throne of Our Heavenly Father, through the mediating blood of the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit. After each bidding, all are invited to make their own prayers, either silently or aloud.  
Holy Ones in Christ, pray for the Church, for Christians around the world, in this country, diocese, and for this parish of St. George's, for our ministries, clergy, and leaders.

Holy Ones in Christ, pray for our Nation – pray for our leaders, our military and their families, and for our citizens, that we may be a country of freedom, responsibility, and justice.

Holy Ones in Christ, pray for the welfare of our World, for our natural resources, for the weak and vulnerable, and especially for those places engulfed in war and suffering.

Holy Ones in Christ, pray for our cities and communities, pray for local organizations and charities which strive for the common good, pray for our schools, our law enforcement, and our emergency responders.

Holy Ones in Christ, pray for those who are sick and suffering, especially those we name at this time...

Holy Ones in Christ, pray for those who have died, that those who have gone on to glory with Jesus will rest secure with him.

Holy Ones in Christ, pray that our hearts will be filled with gratitude for our many blessings. We are thankful for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for the blessings we name at this time...

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

**Confession of Sin**

*Kneeling*

**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**

**The Peace**

*Standing*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

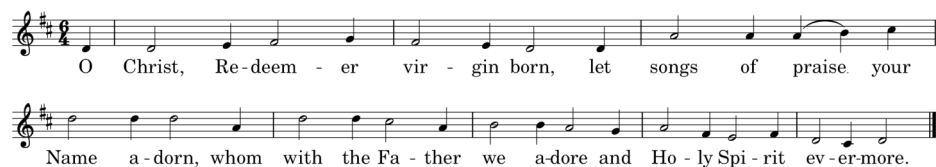
**Announcements**

**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.*

*Standing, sung by all*

**Offertory Music** God Rest Ye Merry by W. Held

## Presentation Hymn #86 v.6 O Savior of our fallen race



*Celebrant* All things come from you, O Lord  
*People* **And of your own have we given to you.**

### Holy Communion

#### The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B

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*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 in, 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 drink from the chalice, please remain at the rail after receiving your wafer.
- If you prefer to intinct (dip) your wafer, please hold up your wafer and a lay minister with a small intinction cup will see and come to you.
- If you prefer to receive only the wafer, please return directly to your pew after receiving your wafer.

**Communion Music** Of the Father's Love Begotten by W. Held

**Communion Hymn #79** O little town of Bethlehem

*Sung by all*

#### Prayer after Communion

*Kneeling, said by all*

**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 #93** Angels from the realms of glory

*Sung by all*

#### Dismissal

*Deacon gives a dismissal*

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

**Postlude** Fantasia on "In dulci jubilo" (BWV 729) by J.S. Bach

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Calvin Lane, Associate Rector
Deacon	The Rev. Dr. William Sangrey, Deacon
Organist	Frederick Chatfield
Verger	William Ayres
Lay Ministers	Susan Ayres, Susan Daly, Bill Rike, Leanora Keeton
Acolytes	Arianna, Elizabeth, Daniel L., Jacob
Ushers	Sharon Oldham, Patricia Okocha, Russell Jones, Jane McGee-Rafal



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
By the parishioners of St. George's

# The Weekly Messenger

## Upcoming and Ongoing ...

### DISCERNMENT YEAR UPDATE

The next opportunities to join Cal for a visit at St. Francis' are **Sundays, January 11 and 25 at 10:30am**. Visit [stgeorgesdayton.org/Springboro/](http://stgeorgesdayton.org/Springboro/) to learn more.

### EPIPHANY BRUNCH—January 11

Join us in the Undercroft for an Epiphany Brunch on **Sunday, January 11 at 10am**. Visit the Welcome Lounge and sign up to bring a dish to share.

### 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.

### EDUCATION FOR ALL RESUMES—January 18

Full programming resumes for all ages on Sunday, January 18 at 10am!

### JANUARY OUTREACH DRIVE—January 18, CityHeart

CityHeart is a downtown Dayton non-profit that meets a wide range of needs for homeless and low-income individuals and families. On **Sunday, January 18 from 9am-1pm** we will be collecting new extra warm hats, gloves, heat pack handwarmers, and socks. Additionally, we will collect toiletries such as wipes, shampoos, toothbrushes/paste, soap, razors, lotion and Chapstick.

### 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](mailto:rector@stgeorgeohio.org)

### PARISH ANNUAL MEETING—February 1

We will be meeting in the Undercroft on Sunday, February 1 at 10am to elect leaders, receive the budget for 2026 approved by the vestry, and hear a few short reports. Please plan to attend! Refreshments will be provided.

### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

If you are still planning to make a 2025 financial gift to St. George's, please make sure your gift is postmarked by **December 31, 2025**.

Weekly Income: \$43,383.66

YTD Income: \$760,560.02

Weekly Expenses: \$15,017.88

YTD Expenses: 736,093.70



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