



ST. GEORGE'S
Episcopal Church
Dayton, Ohio

The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023
11:00am

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

WITH HOLY EUCHARIST



Prelude Comfort, Comfort Ye My People by G. Bohm

Standing, sung by all

Opening Hymn #56 vv. 1-2 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Opening Sentence

Officiant Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

People **Our King and Savior draws near, O come let us adore him.**

Hymnal S102 Trisagion

Sung by all

Holy God

Holy and Mighty

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us

Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 212

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Congregation is seated

Station of the Crèche & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

All Children ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to come forward for the Station of the Crèche and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Bidding Prayer for Advent Lessons & Carols

from the Book of Occasional Services, p. 29

The congregation is seated for the lessons, and stands for the carols.

After each lesson,

Lector The Word of the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

The First Lesson Carol Amos 9:8-15
#66, Come, thou long expected Jesus

The Second Lesson Carol Malachi 3:1-4, 4:1-5
#65, Prepare the way, O Zion

The Third Lesson Carol Isaiah 40:1-8
#67, Comfort, comfort ye my people

The Fourth Lesson Carol Luke 1:5-17
**#232, By all your saints still striving, v2:
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

The Fifth Lesson Carol Matthew 3:1-12
#76, On Jordan's bank

The Peace
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

Presentation Hymn #43 v. 4 *Standing, sung by all*
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.

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 *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 “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.

Celebrant and People **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 Anthem O Thou the Central Orb by C. Wood

Communion Hymn #655 O Jesus, I have promised *Sung by all*

Prayer after Communion *Standing, 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.

Advent Blessing

Standing, sung by all

Closing Hymn #57 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Savior of the Nations Come by J. Pachelbel

The Weekly Messenger

ENVELOPES FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS



Envelopes are located in the pews and Welcome Lounge, the donation amount is voluntary. Checks should be made out to St. George's with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. Please include the name(s) of those in whose honor/memory the flowers are given. Memorials will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletins if received by **Sunday, December 17**.

GIVING TREE



St. George's has committed to helping 31 children via the tree in our welcome lounge. Ornaments listing each child's age, gender and suggested items will be available on **Dec. 3**. If you would like to make a child's Christmas a little brighter, please sign out an ornament with one of our helpful volunteers. There is a \$30 maximum per child. Wrapped gifts (with corresponding ornaments attached) must be returned by Sun., Dec. 10. Questions? Contact Sharon Oldham (soldham@woh.rr.com or 937-829-1517).

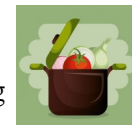
HARPS OF GRACE CONCERT

Come to St. George's to enjoy Harps Of Grace perform classical, popular, Celtic & holiday repertoire. This free concert will be held on **Monday, December 4 at 7pm**. Harps of Grace features one of our very own, the very talented Dan Duncan.



SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER & ORGAN RECITAL

Please note that we will be switching up the order for our Second Sunday Supper and organ concert in December. On **December 10 at 5pm** we will begin by having our last Second Sunday Supper of the year! Please bring a dish to share and enjoy this time of casual fellowship with your church friends and family. **Following supper** on Sunday, December 10 at 6:15pm there will be an organ concert featuring organist Yun Kim.



FELLOWSHIP AT LOOSE ENDS BREWERY

Dec. 14 from 4-6pm join your church family for a time of casual fellowship at Loose Ends Brewing Company, located in Centerville.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT, LUMINARY WALK & LIVE NATIVITY

Please join us for St. George's Christmas Concert on **Sunday Dec. 17 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.





HANGING OF THE GREENS

Stay after the 11:00 service on Sun. Dec. 17 to help decorate St. George's for Christmas and enjoy festive refreshments at coffee hour.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Income This Week: \$10,124.73 Year to Date Income: \$558,408.65
Expenses This Week: \$18,073.99 Year to Date Expenses: \$630,302.96
Pledge units for 2024: 126 units @ \$560,504
Last years pledges received for 2023: 112 @ \$482,085

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS TIDE 2023 @ ST. GEORGE'S



Sunday, December 17 (Third Sunday of Advent)

Hanging of the Greens—Stay after the 11am service to decorate St. George's for Christmas

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

This free concert features the music of Sand Dollar Music Studio. After the concert grab some hot cocoa and enjoy the luminary walk and live nativity, put on by our youth and children's ministry families.

Sunday, December 24 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

9:00am – Holy Eucharist **Nursery for ages 3 & under available

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Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

6:30pm – Musical Prelude featuring St. George's Praise Team and The Miami Valley Brass

7:00pm – Christmas Eve Service w/ Holy Communion

**Nursery for ages 3 & under available

**Bring donations of disposable diapers and wipes which will be donated to a local shelter.

9:30pm – Musical Prelude, featuring St. George's Choir & The Miami Valley Brass

10:00pm – Festive Holy Eucharist (w/ incense)

**Nursery care is not available at this service.

**Bring donations of disposable diapers and wipes which will be donated to a local shelter.

Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)—Merry Christmas! No services today.

December 31 (First Sunday of Christmas)

9:00am—Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion

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