

**Prelude** Savior of the Nations Come by J.S. Bach

**Station at the St. Nicholas Icon**

Mark 10:13-16

Collect for St. Nicholas

*Standing, sung by all*

**Opening Hymn #56 vv. 3-4** O come, O come, Emmanuel

*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*

**Hymnal S102** Trisagion

*Sung by all*

**Holy God,**

**Holy and Mighty**

**Holy Immortal One,**

**Have mercy upon us [3X]**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day**

**Lesson** Isaiah 11:1-10

*Seated*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the

asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 72:1-7** *Deus, judicium*

1 Give the King your justice, O God,

and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously

and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,

and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people;

he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,

from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,

like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;

there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

*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 #59 vv. 1-3** Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

**Gospel** Matthew 3:1-12

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to

come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Standing, sung by all*

**Gradual Hymn #59 vv. 4-5** Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

**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**

*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.*

**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** Comfort, Comfort Ye My People by P. Bunjes

**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

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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, 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** Prepare the Way by Michael Larkin

**Communion Hymn #313** Let thy Blood in mercy poured

*Sung by all*

### 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.**

### Advent Blessing

**Closing Hymn #54** Savior of the nations, come!

*Standing, sung by all*

### Dismissal

*Deacon gives a dismissal*

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

**Postlude** Savior of the Nations Come by J.S. Bach

## WORSHIP LEADERS

*Celebrant* The Rev. Benjamin Phillips, Rector

*Preacher* The Rev. Dr. Calvin Lane, Associate Rector

*Deacon* The Rev. Dr. William Sangrey, Deacon

*Organist* Dr. David Crean, Director of Music

*Verger* Lisa Sweeney

*Lay Ministers* Nick Brusky, Jim Bliss, Jen Stephens, Joe Bean

*Acolytes* Chisom, Jack, Levi, Catherine

*Ushers* Bill Rike, Rob Larson, Jane McGee-Rafal, Marilyn Judd



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

And in loving memory  
of my wife, Melanie,  
by Dr. David Hitch

And in loving memory of  
my mother, Holly Harris,  
by Suzy Harris

## 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



# The Weekly Messenger

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

## GIVING TREE

St. George's is once again partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton. We've committed to helping 54 children from 18 families, via the tree in our Welcome Lounge. Ornaments listing each child's age, gender and suggested items will be available **TODAY**. 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 \$40 maximum per child. Wrapped gifts (with corresponding ornaments attached) must be returned by Sunday, December 14. Questions? Contact Sharon Oldham ([soldham@woh.rr.com](mailto:soldham@woh.rr.com) or 937-829-1517).

**Upcoming and Ongoing ...**

## DISCERNMENT YEAR UPDATE

Join Rev. Benjamin Phillips as he leads 10:30am worship at St. Francis' on **December 14**. Rev. Dr. Calvin Lane will lead worship at St. Francis' on **December 21**. Visit [stgeorgesdayton.org/Springboro/](http://stgeorgesdayton.org/Springboro/) to learn more.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL ENVELOPES

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

## FELLOWSHIP AT EUDORA—December 11

December 11 from 4-6pm join your church family for a time of casual fellowship at Eudora Brewing Company located on Wilmington Pike in Kettering.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT & LIVE NATIVITY—December 14

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

## 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.

## CONFIRMATION

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)

## LOST AND FOUND

Please 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 after December 14 will be donated. Please note St. George's is not a donation site for used items.

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Income: \$37,134.45      YTD Income: \$690,775.59  
Weekly Expenses: \$13,788.22      YTD Expenses: \$673,807.23  
2026 Stewardship Pledges Received: 119 pledges @ \$551,078  
Last year's pledges received for 2025: 146 pledges @ \$596,120