



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Eve of *The Nativity of Our Lord*
Christmas Eve

A Christmas Celebration

December 24, 2024 · 7 pm

All are welcome to worship God in this place.

Bold type indicates all the people shall read aloud.

PRELUDE

Christmas Music Beginning at 6:45pm

Pastorale

J. S. Bach

FESTAL CHORAL EUCHARIST

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymnal - 83

Adeste fidelis

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing;

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Johnson Family

Adapted from Advent Candle Liturgy, Church of the Resurrection, Roslyn, WA

Celebrant

Jesus Christ is the light of the world!

People

A light no darkness can overcome.

Lector

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Four candles, four promises continually offered to us by God, and all of them manifest in this one we light tonight: *The Christ Candle*. In Christ we find the hope of transformation, the peace that follows justice, the joy of self-fulfillment in community,

and the love that encompasses us in all our diversity, empowering us to make our own unique contributions to this world. In Christ we find light and life, and the courage to be like him, answering his call and following in his footsteps.

Lector

We rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives, and in God's unique presence in the life of Jesus of Nazareth - born of Mary, growing through childhood into an adult ministry, in all his life manifesting the peace, love, and justice of God; his voice undimmed by the centuries, his call and his promise as clear to us as it was to his disciples so long ago.

All

Come to us, Lord Jesus. Be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Celebrant
 Bless-ed be God: Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People
 And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

The Celebrant chants the collect for purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymnal - 96

Gloria



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96 *Cantate Domino*

The people sing the Psalm in unison.



1. Sing to the Lord a **new** song; *
sing to the Lord, **all** the whole earth.
2. Sing to the Lord and **ble**ss his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from **day** to day.
3. Declare his glory among the **nations** *
and his wonders **among** all peoples.
4. For great is the Lord and greatly to be **praised**; *
he is more to be **feared** than all gods.
5. As for all the gods of the nations, they are but **idols**; *
but it is the Lord who **made** the heavens.
6. Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his **presence**! *
Oh, the power and the splendor **of** his sanctuary!
7. Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the **peoples**; *
ascribe to the Lord **honor** and power.

8. Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his **Name**; *
bring offerings and **come** into his courts.
9. Worship the Lord in the beauty of **holiness**; *
let the whole earth **tremble** before him.
10. Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is **in** it; *
let the field be joyful and **all** that is therein.
12. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord **when** he comes, *
when he comes to **judge** the earth.
13. He will judge the world with **righteousness** *
and the **peoples** with his truth.

THE EPISTLE

Titus 2: 11-14

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to Titus.
For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN Of the Father's Love Begotten Hymnal - 82 *Divinum Mysterium*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2: 1-20

The people stand as they are able.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Celebrant In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Abraham Allende

THE NICENE CREED

The people stand as they are able.

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

Form III *Book of Common Prayer* 387 Hymnal S - 107

Deacon or Cantor  *People* 

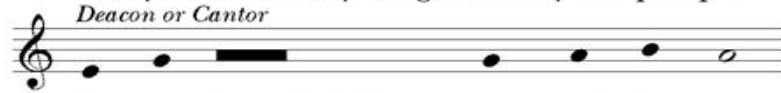
Fa - ther, we pray for your holy Cath - o - lic Church; That we all may be one.

Deacon or Cantor 

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and hum - bly serve you;

People 

That your Name may be glorified by all peo - ple.

Deacon or Cantor 

We pray for all bishops, priests, and dea - cons;

People 

That they may be faithful ministers of your word and sac - ra - ments.

Deacon or Cantor 

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People
That there may be jus-tice and peace on earth.

Deacon or Cantor
Give us grace to do your will in all that we un-der-take;

People
That our works may find fa-vor in your sight.

Deacon or Cantor
Have com- passion on those who suffer from any grief or trou-ble;

People
That they may be deliv-ered from their dis-tress.

Deacon or Cantor
Give to the depart-ed e-ter-nal rest;

People
Let light perpetual shine up-on them.

Deacon or Cantor
We praise you for your saints who have entered in-to joy;

People
May we also come to share in your hea-ven-ly king-dom.

Deacon or Cantor
Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of o-thers.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect which may be sung in monotone.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

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Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another in the name of Christ.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY *Please place offering in appropriate Christmas envelope in the pew.*

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Sans Day Carol

arr. John Rutter

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

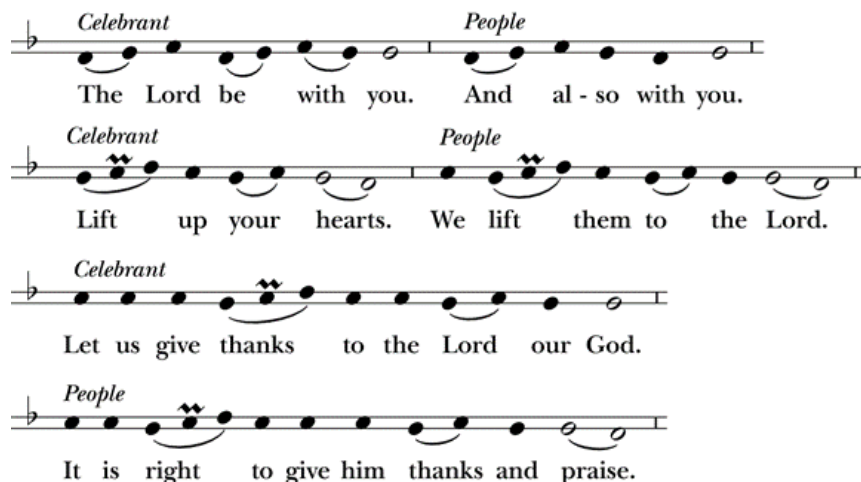
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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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SURSUM CORDA

Hymnal S - 120



Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

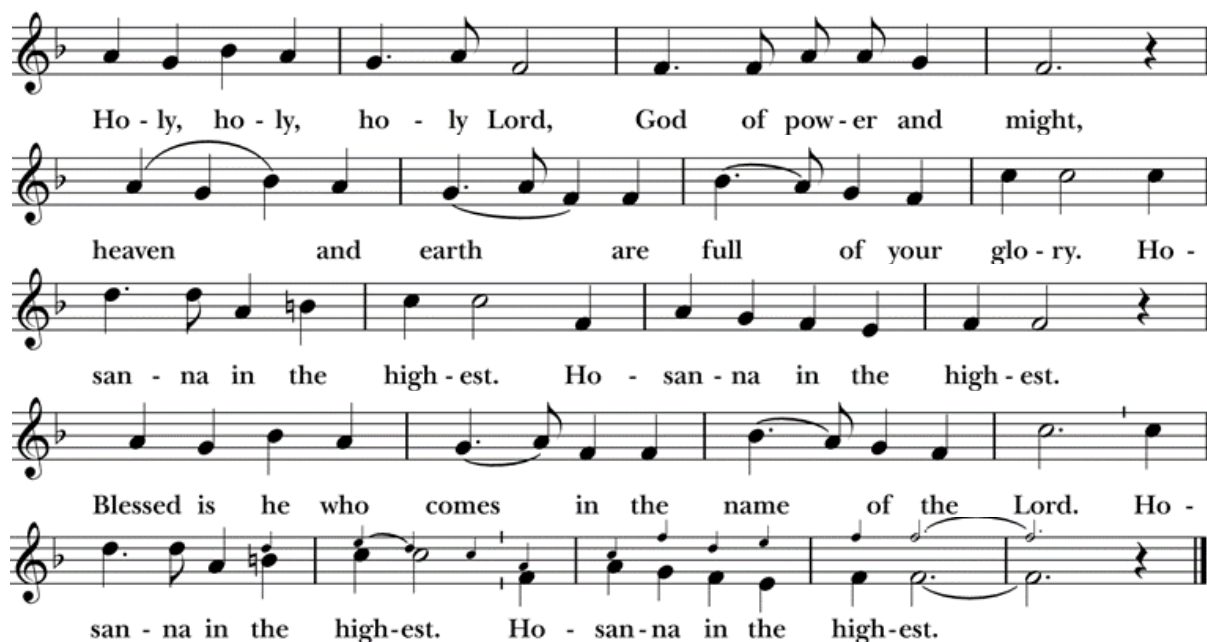
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Hymnal S - 125

Richard Proulx

The people stand or kneel.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God

Hymnal S - 163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION MOTET

Whence Is That Goodly Fragrance Flowing

arr. David Wilcocks

Poverty

Welsh Carol

THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of Thy Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to You. And since I can not now receive You sacramentally, I beseech You to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die in Your love. **Amen.**

Spend a few moments in meditation upon the fact that God so loved you that He sent His Only-Begotten Son into the world for you.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

THE KNEELING CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night

Hymnal - 111

Stille Nacht

Torchbearers will light candles of those on end of pews. The people kneel as they are able.

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,
all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,
Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Candles are extinguished.

THE CLOSING HYMN Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymnal - 87

Mendelssohn

The people stand as they are able.



1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor



WE PRAY FOR those who have requested prayer this month:

T.J. Leo, Allen DeMarks, Kim Daniels, Jim Ehret, Vickey, Ginger Elliott, Carmela, Adam Sullivan,
 Doug Hotchkiss, Charles Rumberg, Twila, Carol, Wally, Emma Jones, Ron Robertson,
 Diane New, Gaynell Harris, Carlos & Julianna Caguiat, Heather Foley, Denise Lancaster



WE PRAY FOR the faithful departed and their families:

Thomas Wrona died on Friday, November 8, 2024 and will be
 remembered at St. John's on Saturday, December 28th at 10:00am.

Christmas Flowers Given in *Loving Memory of*



Dr. Albert Cinelli

by Suzanne Cinelli & Family

Theodore E. Wynn II, Helen Webb, Mary Halfacre

by Donna Wynn

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by Joann Sladen

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We welcome you to St. John's.

If you are visiting with us, we ask that you sign the guest register located in the hallway.

BOAR'S HEAD TICKET SALES Boar's Head is January 5th! Tickets are for sale in the office or on our website. Please return your casting cards as soon as possible. If you would like to join the cast but are not on the mailing list, please contact the office - we would love to have you!

BOAR'S HEAD CAST & CREW INFORMATION Practice for Boar's Head is Saturday, January 4th.

ST. JOHN'S FEAST DAY Join us Sunday, December 29th as we celebrate the Feast of St. John.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS RESOURCE FAIR We have been invited to have an informational table at the International Students Resource Fair on Friday, January 3rd. If you would like to be a greeter at this table, please contact the church office.

BOOK CLUB MEETING All are welcome to join in our book discussion of the novel *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray on Wednesday, January 8th at 6:00pm. **About the book:** A novel about the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune - an unlikely friendship that changed the world.

OFFICE CLOSED Our offices will be closed December 26th and 27th, January 1st, and January 6th.

READING AT TAFT Tuesday, January 7th - 9:20am

TAFT STUDENT OF THE MONTH Thursday, January 9th - 12:00pm

TAFT MOBILE PANTRY Tuesday, January 21st - 1:00pm, United Way Volunteer Center

Christmas Season Services

Wednesday, December 25th, 10:00am Christmas Day Service

Sunday, January 5th, 10:00am Services for Boar's Head Performances