



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
December 21, 2025
11:15 a.m.

CELEBRANT The Rev. Dr. Chuck Treadwell, Rector
PREACHER The Rev. Hope Tinsley Benko, Associate Rector
MUSIC Mark Wischkaemper, Director of Music
Eric Mellenbruch, Organist & Choirmaster
The St. David's Choir

❖ The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the Malawi trip of the Rev. Hope Tinsley Benko and Tom Gebhard. ❖

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

All services in Historic Church

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Spoken service without music
Sagrada Eucaristía, Rito I
Servicio hablado sin música

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Incorporating materials from Enriching Our Worship
Sagrada Eucaristía, Rito II
Incorporando materiales de Enriqueciendo Nuestra Adoración

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Traditional liturgy and music Livestreamed
Sagrada Eucaristía, Rito II
Liturgia y música tradicionales Transmitido en vivo



Childcare available during worship services.
8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. (2 months to 4 years), 1st Floor



Assistive listening devices Ask an usher to use in Historic Church.

MUSIC NOTES



Learn about the music we hear in worship from Organist and Choirmaster Eric Mellenbruch.
stdave.org/music

Please see the back cover for our worship service and building schedule through Jan. 11, 2026.

Sunday Breakfast resumes Jan. 4

Thursday Lunch resumes Jan. 8

Wednesday Dinner resumes Jan. 14

CHURCH HOURS AND PHONE

Sunday: 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Monday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Tuesday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Wednesday: 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

Thursday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Phone: 512.610.3500

VISITORS

Contact the Rev. Hope Tinsley Benko: hope.b@stdave.org

Welcome! We're so glad you've joined us for worship today. If you'd like information about getting connected at St. David's, please fill out the guest card in front of you, email Associate Rector the Rev. Hope Tinsley Benko, or call 512.610.3548. We look forward to hearing from you!

¡Bienvenidos! Nos alegra mucho que nos acompañen al la adoración de hoy. Si desean información sobre cómo conectarse en St. David's, por favor, llenar la tarjeta de invitado que tienen delante, o comuníquese con la Reverenda Hope Tinsley Benko, rectora asociada, por correo electrónico o llame al 512.610.3548. ¡Esperamos tener noticias suyas!



Scan for Online Guest Card
stdave.org/visitors

NEWCOMER BREAKFAST

Sunday, Dec. 14, Sumners Hall

For more information contact the Rev. Hope Tinsley Benko.

NAME TAGS

Need a new or replacement name tag? Fill out sign-up sheet at the Front Desk. Pick up your new name tag the following Sunday. You are invited to select a pronoun sticker from the visitor's table in the lobby.

RESTROOMS

Gendered bathrooms are outside Bethell Hall and Crail Hall. Non-gendered bathrooms can be found in the 2nd-floor hallway off the lobby.

PARKING

Parking is free during church services and events. You do not need to scan anything to park in the garage. Questions? Speak with someone at the Front Desk.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Give online with the QR code
- Complete the giving card or envelope found in the worship spaces and place in the offering plate
- Visit stdave.org/give



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Sign up for email news about special events, worship, and ways to connect with our community.

stdave.org/news

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

PRELUDE: Versets on 'Veni redemptor gentium'

Andreas Kneller

Based on Hymn 55, the basis of our Advent service music

INTROIT

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down the Righteous. O let the earth be opened, that a Savior might spring up.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

Isaiah 45.8; Psalm 19.1

WELCOME

Please stand and sing.

ENTRANCE HYMN 66

¶ Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Stuttgart

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, P. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

✠ And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Please sing three times.

TRISAGION

Missa Veni redemptor

COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BCP, P. 212

The Lord be with you.

✠ And also with you.

Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **¶ Amen.**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 7:10-16

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

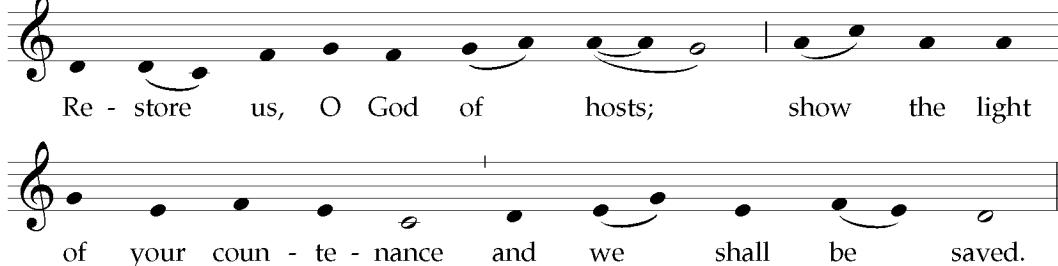
Please sing the refrain after the Cantor and at the appointed times.

RESPONSE:

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18

BCP, P. 702

Refrain



Re - store us, O God of hosts; show the light
of your coun - te - nance and we shall be saved.

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.

✠ **Refrain**

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.

✠ **Refrain**

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.

✠ **Refrain**

EPISTLE: Romans 1:1-7

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and join in singing.

SEQUENCE HYMN 260

✠ Come now, and praise the humble saint

Tallis' Ordinal

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

✠ Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

The Gospel of the Lord.

✠ Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON: The Rev. Hope Tinsley Benko

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, P. 358

✠ 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 Leader and People pray responsively.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM III

BCP, P.387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

✠ That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

✠ That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, especially Andy, Kai, Jeff, Brian and Hector, bishops of Texas, and Alinafe, Bishop of Southern Malawi; priests, especially Chuck, Hope, Kristin and Chad; and deacons;

✠ That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

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

✠ That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

✠ That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

✠ That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

✠ Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

✠ May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Special intercessions may be offered at this time.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Strengthen us, O God, in the power of your Spirit, to bring good news to the poor, and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains that bind, and claim your blessings for all people. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm, through Christ our Redeemer. **✠ Amen.**

CONFSSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

✠ 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

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

✠ Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

✠ And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Please join in singing.

Offertory Hymn 497

✠ How bright appears the Morning Star

Wie schön leuchtet

Please stand as the ushers bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Altar.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, P. 367

The Lord be with you.

✠ And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

✠ We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

✠ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

The People stand or kneel.

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,

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

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed David of Wales, and 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.**

As our Savior Christ taught us, we now sing,

❖ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Please sing after the Cantor.

❖ Fraction Anthem Agnus Dei

Missa Veni redemptor

INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please be seated.

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Please form two lines in the center aisle and proceed to the Altar if you wish to receive Communion or a blessing.

If you desire a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest.

Please ask an usher if you need Communion brought to you.

Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

Communion Anthem: Veni redemptor gentium

Plainsong with polyphonic verses
by Christoph Dalitz

O King of Israel, give ear:
before your people now appear;
angel-enthroned, who all things made,
stir up your strength, come to our aid!

Come, O Redeemer of the earth;
reveal yourself in virgin birth:
let all the world at this be awed,
this wondrous birth befitting God.

Grown not from human-planted seed,
but borne upon God's Breath, indeed
the Word of God has taken flesh,
the blest womb's fruit has blossomed fresh.

The belly of the Virgin swells:
God in this modest temple dwells,
whose courts for ever stand in place,
bright beacon of a godly grace.

He sets forth from his Mother's womb,
his comely hall, his royal room,
divine and human both, yet one,
our champion, keen his race to run.

From God the Father he proceeds,
to God the Father back he speeds;
his course he runs to death and hell,
returning on God's throne to dwell.

Immortal, don our human skin,
the victor's spoils which you shall win:
our feeble frame thus fortify
with strength divine that cannot die.

Your crib now shines with radiance bright;
the night reflects your new-breathed light,
which fires a faith that shall not fail
and darkness nevermore can veil.

*St Ambrose of Milan (ca. 339–397)
tr. Eric Mellenbruch; st. 6 John Mason Neale
Based on Hymn 55*

Please stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, P. 365

Let us pray.

✠ Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ✠ **Amen.**

Please join in singing.

DISMISSAL HYMN 56

✠ **O come, o come, Emmanuel**
Stanzas 5–8

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

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St. David's Prayer List

Prayers for healing or guidance:

Adams Family	Jacqueline Terzian Paterniti
Stephen Bachofen	Carol Petty
Kay Bonner	Linda Prentice
Diane Broberg	Dr. Bev Raney
Aileen Carter	Jackie Reutz
Carolyn Cornell	Bob Riendeau
Rachel Cruz	Bill Rison
Dan Green	Woody Russell
Barbara Grove	Betsy Smith
Elizabeth Harris	Henrietta Sorrells
Kristina Henry	Elizabeth Spear
Dagi Henry	Gayle Tharp
Jimmy Hill	Will Townsend
Sydney Innis	Tricia Townsend
Marsha Jensen	Eddie Townsend and Family
Emil Joan-Anthony	Joe Tracey
Linda Lackey	Becky Tracey
Romi Lewis	Jo Wicker
Kenneth Lightle	Pam Wischkaemper
Dusty and Ruth McDonald	Phillip and Family
Diamond Milligan	Nova
Br. Bede Mudge	Mary
	Colin

Prayers for those who are expecting:

Lucy and Carter Leer
Brisa and Christian Rodriguez
Kelsey and Adam Cooper

Prayers for those who have died:

Linda Dorman
Jim Terry
Mary Miori

PRAYER REQUESTS



Request a prayer with the QR code, complete a prayer card, email prayers@stdave.org, or call the church to let clergy know if someone is in the hospital or has a special need.

BLUE CHRISTMAS HOLY EUCHARIST



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
7 PM**

This worship service is on the longest night of the year, the winter solstice, December 21.

It is a time of quiet reflection, prayer, and worship while we seek healing and hope during an otherwise very busy time of year. This service acknowledges the grief that many may be feeling during Advent and Christmas.

Bethell Hall



**ST. DAVID'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

ADULT CLASSES

Contact: adultformation@stdave.org

SUNDAY MORNINGS

- 8:30-9 a.m. Sunday Morning Meditation, Library
- 10-11 a.m. Advent Waiting Lecture Series, Crail C
 - Dec. 7 The People Who Wait in Luke's Gospel
 - Dec. 14 Waiting as a Way of Controlling the Future
 - Dec. 21 Christian Community:
The Space in Which We Wait
 - Bethell Parent Group Book Study, Bethell Hall
"How to Raise Kids Who Aren't A**holes"
 - Men's Bible Study, Library
 - Reading the Bible ToGather, Guild Parlor

WEEKDAY OFFERINGS

Thursdays

- 10:30 a.m.-noon Medieval Book Club, Zoom



Learn about adult classes and speakers on the Adult Formation webpage and register at stdave.org/classes

YOUNG ADULTS (20s-30s)

Contact Kelsey Cooper: youngadults@stdave.org

- 1st and 3rd Sundays, 5-7 p.m.
The Brewtorium, 6015 Dillard, Cir. A
 - Dec. 21 Christmas Party and Church Trivia

Events and registration: stdave.org/youngadults

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Contact the Rev. Kristin Braun: children@stdave.org

Contact Kelsey Cooper: youth@stdave.org

SUNDAY MORNINGS

- 8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., 1st Floor
 - Childcare (Ages 2 months-4 years)
- 9:45-11 a.m. Children's breakfast and check-in
 - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
 - Junior Journey
- 10-11 a.m. Youth Formation, Youth Room 170

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

- 5:30-7:30 p.m., Episcopal Youth Community
- 6-7 p.m. Children's Choir (Kindergarten-5th grade)
 - Contact childrens.choir@stdave.org

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

- Dec. 20, 5-8 p.m.

Take a break before the holiday. Bring dinner and we will offer a movie and wind down before parents come back.



Get the latest news on the Children & Youth webpage.
stdave.org/childrenandyouth

HOSPITALITY

Contact Ray Trono: hospitality@stdave.org

All meals in Sumners Hall (3rd Floor)

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

8:30-11 a.m.

Large \$8, Small \$6, A la carte \$2

Let the cashier know if it is your first visit and your meal is on us!

WEDNESDAY DINNER

5:30-6:30 p.m.

12 years and under \$7, 13 years and up \$10

Dec. 17 Dinner Parish Caroling Party (Last dinner of 2025)

THURSDAY LUNCH (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Thursdays)

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Open to the public, parking validated



Sign up for menu updates
stdave.org/hospitality

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Contact Dianne Hardy-Garcia: communityengagement@stdave.org

ADVOCACY MEETINGS

First Sundays, 12:15-1:30 p.m., Vestry Room

LA GRAN POSADA

Dec. 20, 5-8 p.m. Posada procession, music, fun, and food



See all events and donation links on the
Community Engagement webpage.
stdave.org/communityengagement

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

MEN'S GROUP MONTHLY DINNER

Thursday, Dec. 4, 6-8 p.m., Parishioner's Home

Contact: mensgroup@stdave.org

WOMEN AND MINORITY GENDER ADVENT MIXER

Thursday, Dec. 11, 6-7:30 p.m., Sumners Hall

Contact: hope.b@stdave.org

ST. AGNES GUILD

Last Saturdays, 9:30-11 a.m., Guild Parlor

Contact: stagnes@stdave.org

RAMP BUILD

Saturday, Dec. 13, 8-4 p.m

Contact: rampbuild@stdave.org

MOVIE GROUP

Second Sundays, 11:15 a.m.-noon, Vestry

Contact: movies@stdave.org

VESTRY UPDATES

RECTOR TRANSITION

Visit the Vestry Blog to learn about the rector transition process as Father Chuck's retirement nears.



stdave.org/vestry



Join us as we celebrate the arrival of that for which we have longed – communion, fellowship, and the coming of the Christ Child!

Visit stdave.org to access livestreamed services.

DECEMBER 24
CHRISTMAS EVE

4 p.m. **Children's Christmas Eve Pageant with Holy Eucharist**
Enriching Our Worship

7 p.m. **Christmas Eve Festive Holy Eucharist**
Rite II, Extended Prelude begins at 6:40 p.m.; Brass, Organ, and Choir
Livestreamed

10 p.m. **Christmas Eve Festive Holy Eucharist**
Rite II, Extended Prelude begins at 9:40 p.m.; Incense, Brass, Organ, and Choir

DECEMBER 25
CHRISTMAS DAY

Church building and offices will close after this service through Dec. 26.

10:30 a.m. **Christmas Day Holy Eucharist**
Rite II, with Organ
Livestreamed

DECEMBER 28
FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER CHRISTMAS

10:30 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**
Rite II, with Organ
Livestreamed
One service at 10:30 a.m., replacing our 8, 9, and 11:15 a.m. services.

JANUARY 1
FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME

Church building and offices are closed before this service.

7 p.m. **Holy Eucharist**
Rite II, with Organ
Bethell Hall

JANUARY 4
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER
CHRISTMAS

8 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**
Rite I

10:30 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**
Rite II, with Organ
Livestreamed
Our service at 10:30 a.m. replaces our 9 and 11:15 a.m. services.

JANUARY 6
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Noon **Holy Eucharist**
Rite I
Grace Chapel

JANUARY 11
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY

10:30 a.m. **Holy Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows and**
Liturgy of Leave-Taking, Rite II
Livestreamed

One service at 10:30 a.m., replacing our 8, 9, and 11:15 a.m. services to honor and say good-bye to Father Chuck and Chris as Chuck begins his retirement.

Parish-wide farewell brunch to follow. All invited.

Read more details about celebrating Fr. Chuck's ministry, including how to contribute to a special slideshow and retirement purse at stdave.org

