



ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A Holy Eucharist, Rite II

incorporating materials from *Enriching Our Worship*

December 21, 2025
9:00 am

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

St David's Choral Scholars

Bethell Family Singers

St. David's Youth Band

✿ 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



stdave.org/give

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER



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: Fantasia on 'How bright appears the Morning Star'

Georg Leyding

WELCOME

Please stand and sing.

ENTRANCE HYMN 66

¶ Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Stuttgart

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

EOW, P. 50

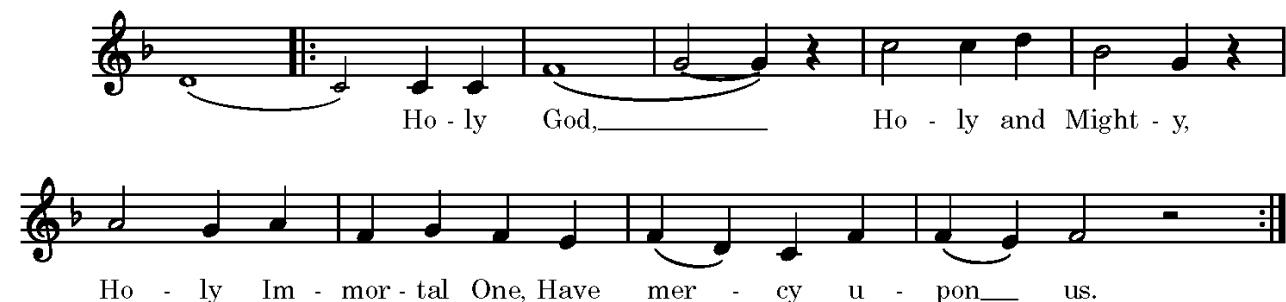
Blessed are you, holy and living One.

¶ You come to your people and set them free.

Please sing three times.

¶ TRISAGION

Trisagion on 'Stuttgart'



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy u - pon us.

COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BCP, P. 212

God 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

¶ Thanks be to God.

Please read responsively by whole verse.

RESPONSE: Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18

BCP, P.702

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.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

✉ 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.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

✉ 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.

✉ 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Please stand and sing after the Cantor and again after the verse.

✉ **Gospel Acclamation**

Mass of Remembrance

G Dm⁷ G Dm⁷ G Dm⁷ 1. G Dm⁷ 2. G

Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia. ia.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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

EOW, P. 53

¶ 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor

Heavenly Father, who has created and loved us and who calls us to be still and wait, heed our prayers as we say,

God, in your mercy,

✠ Hear our prayer.

Help us to hear and to accept gratefully your call to be God's people, ignoring the glory and favor of this world in favor of the glory of the kingdom of God.

God, in your mercy,

✠ Hear our prayer.

Turn us away from our fears and division and teach us to embrace your promise, that we might be a nation of hope and generosity.

God, in your mercy,

✠ Hear our prayer.

Open our hearts to the majesty of your creation, and strengthen our resolve to preserve its abundance for the sustenance of all future generations.

God, in your mercy,

✠ Hear our prayer.

Lead us to where your loving presence is most needed, and help us to be your agents of love to our neighbors.

God, in your mercy,

✠ Hear our prayer.

Enter into the lives of all who suffer, that they might draw strength from your presence; especially we ask for your healing powers in the lives of those for whom prayers have been requested.

God, in your mercy,

✠ Hear our prayer.

Welcome into your tender embrace those who have died [especially _____], and deal tenderly with those who are grieving and those whose wounds from loss are reopened at this time of year.

May we feel the assurance of your promises that we will be reunited in your glorious presence in the new age.

God, in your mercy,

✠ Hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, in the face of Christ we see the fullness of your love for us: help us to be the people you created us to be, and to live fully in the light of your countenance. All this we ask in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and always. **✠ Amen.**

CONFSSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins to God.

✠ **God of all mercy,**

we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

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 3

EOW, P. 62

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 our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God, through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing; all you create is a sign of hope for our journey. And so as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all; your Word has never been silent. You called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations; you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us – the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension – longing for Christ's coming in glory and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

¶ Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed David of Wales, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you, our God and Creator, in voices of unending praise.

¶ Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, Hal - low'd be your
Name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav'n. Give
us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de -
liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Please join in singing.

✖ Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei on 'Stuttgart'

Lamb of God,
1.2.
you take a - way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us. world: grant us your peace.

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: Emmanuel (God with Us)

Terrian

Please join in singing.

COMMUNION HYMN 54

✖ Savior of the nations, come

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Please stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

✖ God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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

