



ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A
Holy Eucharist, Rite I
December 21, 2025
8:00 a.m.

CELEBRANT & PREACHER The Rev. Hope Tinsley Benko, Associate Rector

❖ 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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SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER



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

stdave.org/news

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WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

Celebrant

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ✠ **Amen.**

TRISAGION

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Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

✠ **Have mercy upon us.**

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ✠ **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-16

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

Please read responsively by whole verse.

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

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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.

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

- ✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

The Gospel of the Lord.

- ✠ Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON: The Rev. Hope Tinsley Benko

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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- ✠ 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Kai, Jeff, Brian and Hector, our Bishops; Alinafe, Bishop of Southern Malawi; and Chuck, Hope, Kristin and Chad, our priests, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; and Kirk, our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those for whom prayers have been requested through St. David's and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially _____], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed David of Wales, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

✠ Amen.

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

CONFESSON OF SIN

¶ Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ¶ Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

¶ And with thy spirit.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

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The Lord be with you.

¶ And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

¶ We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

¶ It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

¶ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **¶ AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
☒ Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

☒ Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

☒ Thanks be to God.

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
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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

