



## ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
December 25, 2025  
10:30 a.m.

**CELEBRANT & PREACHER** The Rev. Hope Tinsley Benko, Associate Rector  
**MUSIC** Jean Fuller, Guest Organist

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<b>8 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist, Rite I</b> <i>Spoken service without music</i>
	<b>Sagrada Eucaristía, Rito I</b> <i>Servicio hablado sin música</i>
<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b> <i>Incorporating materials from Enriching Our Worship</i>
	<b>Sagrada Eucaristía, Rito II</b> <i>Incorporando materiales de Enriqueciendo Nuestra Adoración</i>
<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b> <i>Traditional liturgy and music</i> <i>Livestreamed</i>
	<b>Sagrada Eucaristía, Rito II</b> <i>Liturgia y música tradicionales</i> <i>Transmitido en vivo</i>



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



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## MUSIC NOTES



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*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](mailto: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!

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Scan for Online Guest Card  
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## 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.

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- **Give online** with the QR code
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# CHRISTMAS DAY

**PRELUDE:** Prelude on “Irby”

David Willcocks

*Please stand and sing.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN 83

☒ O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fideles

Stanzas 1-3, 6

1 O come, all ye faithful, 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,

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;

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;

*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;

*Refrain*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

*Please join in singing.*

### SONG OF PRAISE

✠ Hymn 96 - Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The top two staves are in treble clef, and the bottom two are in bass clef. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines. The first section of the hymn is followed by a 'Refrain' section, which is repeated twice. The lyrics for the hymn are as follows:

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.

## COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

BCP, P. 213

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. ✠ **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Isaiah 52:7-10

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 98

BCP, P. 727

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.

✠ **2 With his right hand and his holy arm \***  
**has he won for himself the victory.**

3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

✠ **4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \***  
**and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

✠ **6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \***  
**with the harp and the voice of song.**

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

✠ **8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \***  
**the lands and those who dwell therein.**

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

✠ **10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \***  
**and the peoples with equity.**

**EPISTLE:** Hebrews 1:1-4

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and join in singing.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 82**

✠ **Of the Father's love begotten**

Divinum mysterium

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

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**GOSPEL:** John 1:1-14

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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All things have been clothed in grace by the incarnation of our Savior Jesus Christ; all the earth has been enlightened in his dawning.

Tusting in his light and grace, let us pray for all people in need and for all the world, saying,  
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the churches, that united they may be faithful in witness to your Son come among us.

Lord, in your mercy,

**¶ Hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of nations, that they may turn from ways of fear and warfare to the ways of your wisdom and grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

**¶ Hear our prayer.**

For the poor of the earth, for victims of violence and tyranny, that their suffering may be ended, and that they may come to know joy.

Lord, in your mercy,

**¶ Hear our prayer.**

For all families, that they may be renewed in joy, receive the word of mercy into their hearts, and become places of hospitality to the stranger.

Lord, in your mercy,

**¶ Hear our prayer.**

For this congregation, that we may be renewed by the light and grace of your incarnate Word.

Lord, in your mercy,

**¶ Hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, that their efforts may continue to inspire our action and that they may rest in your care until that day when all shall rise again in your new Creation.

Lord, in your mercy,

**¶ Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

Rejoicing in the company of Mary, mother of our Lord, and of all the witnesses of the Incarnation, we commend these prayers and all our life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **¶ 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 while remaining seated.*

### Offertory Hymn 99

✠ **Go tell it on the mountain**

Go tell it on the mountain

*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 our 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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

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.

*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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

✠ **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: Hymn 79

✠ **O little town of Bethlehem**

St. Louis

Stanzas 3 & 5

How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

## 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.*

*Please join in singing.*

## Communion Hymn 81

✠ Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Es ist ein Ros

*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 Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. ✠ Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. ✠ Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. ✠ Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ✠ Amen.

## DISMISSAL HYMN 107

✠ Good Christian friends, rejoice

In dulci jubilo

## 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	Linda Prentice
Stephen Bachofen	Dr. Bev Raney
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Judy and Bob Botsford	Bill Rison
Diane Broberg	Woody Russell
Aileen Carter	Betsy Smith
Carolyn Cornell	Henrietta Sorrells
Rachel Cruz	Elizabeth Spear
Ximena Farias	Alan Swedburg
Chayla Fisher	Gayle Tharp
Dan Green	Will Townsend
Barbara Grove	Tricia Townsend
Elizabeth Harris	Eddie Townsend and Family
Kristina Henry	Joe Tracey
Dagi Henry	Becky Tracey
Jimmy Hill	Jo Wicker
Sydney Innis	Pam Wischkaemper
Marsha Jensen	Phillip and Family
Emil Joan-Anthony	Don and Lisa
Linda Lackey	Vicki
Romi Lewis	Kaye
Kenneth Lightle	Dianne
Dusty and Ruth McDonald	Barbara
Diamond Milligan	Cynthia
Br. Bede Mudge	Nova
Jacqueline Terzian Paterniti	Mary
Carol Petty	Colin

### Prayers for those who are expecting:

Jenna and Joel Burleson-Davis  
Lucy and Carter Leer  
Brisa and Christian Rodriguez  
Kelsey and Adam Cooper

### Prayers for those who have died:

Betsy Smith  
Linda Dorman  
Jim Terry  
Mary Miori

## PRAYER REQUESTS



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



*All of us at St. David's wish you and yours a very blessed Christmas season*



**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.*





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