

St. Francis *in the* Fields  
Episcopal Church

Harrods Creek, Kentucky



The Feast *of the* Nativity *of* Our Lord Jesus Christ

December 24, 2023

Choral Prelude *and* Festal Eucharist | Rite I

10:30 p.m.

## Welcome *to* St. Francis *in the* Fields Episcopal Church

Welcome to worship as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
We are delighted that you are here.

At the time of Holy Communion, **all baptized Christians** are welcome to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. We use wheat bread (gluten-free available upon request) and real wine. You are welcome to receive only bread if you prefer not to consume alcohol. Ushers will direct you to the altar rail, and you may return to your pew after Communion using an outside aisle. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the Sacrament, please cross your arms over your chest and the clergy will pray for you.

We invite newcomers to fill out a Connect Card (the green and white card in the back of the pew in front of you). Donations are not expected from visitors or guests; if, however, you wish to express thanksgiving through a financial gift, please place it in the offering plate as it is passed.

Childcare is not available for the service, but children are more than welcome to attend the service with you. The noise and excitement of children add to our joyful celebration of Christ's birth. Additionally, there is a comfort room for nursing mothers or fussy babies who may prefer a quiet space just to the left as you leave the Nave. The audio of the service is streamed into the room. Our ushers will be happy to help direct you.

**We are grateful for your presence.  
We pray you find rest, peace, and the love of Christ in this place.**



Cover Image: *The Adoration of the Shepherds* (1609), by Caravaggio (1571-1610).  
Oil on canvas. From the Museo Regionale, Messina.

## CHORAL PRELUDE

“In the bleak midwinter”

*Harold Darke (1888-1976)*

Words: *A Christmas Carol* (1872), Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

“Geistliches Wiegenlied” Op. 91, No. 2

*Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

<p><i>Die ihr schwebet Um diese Palmen In Nacht und Wind, Ihr heil’gen Engel, Stillet die Wipfel! Es schlummert mein Kind.</i></p>	<p>You who hover Around these palms In night and wind, You holy angels, Silence the tree-tops! My child is sleeping.</p>
<p><i>Ihr Palmen von Bethlehem Im Windesbrausen, Wie mögt ihr heute So zornig sausen! O rauscht nicht also! Schweiget, neiget Euch leis’ und lind; Stillet die Wipfel! Es schlummert mein Kind.</i></p>	<p>You palms of Bethlehem In the raging wind, Why do you bluster So angrily today! O roar not so! Be still, lean Calmly and gently over us; Silence the tree-tops! My child is sleeping.</p>
<p><i>Der Himmelsknabe Duldet Beschwerde, Ach, wie so müd’ er ward Vom Leid der Erde. Ach nun im Schlaf ihm Leise gesänftigt Die Qual zerrinnt, Stillet die Wipfel! Es schlummert mein Kind.</i></p>	<p>The heavenly babe Suffers distress, Oh, how weary He has grown With the sorrows of this world. Ah, now that in sleep His pains Are gently eased, Silence the treetops! My child is sleeping.</p>
<p><i>Grimmige Kälte Sauset hernieder, Womit nur deck’ ich Des Kindleins Glieder! O all ihr Engel, Die ihr geflügelt Wandelt im Wind, Stillet die Wipfel! Es schlummert mein kind.</i></p>	<p>Fierce cold Blows down on us, With what shall I cover My little child’s limbs? O all you angels, Who wing your way On the winds, Silence the tree-tops! My child is sleeping.</p>

Words: Emanuel von Geibel (1815–1884), translation by Richard Stokes

Audrey Dawson, *mezzo-soprano*

Meghan Casper, *viola*

“The Song of Mary”

*Larry King (1932-1990)*

“Schlafendes Jesuskind” from *Mörrike-Lieder*

*Hugo Wolf (1860–1903)*

<p><i>Sohn der Jungfrau, Himmelskind! am Boden, Auf dem Holz der Schmerzen eingeschlafen, Das der fromme Meister, sinnvoll spielend, Deinen leichten Träumen unterlegte; Blume du, noch in der Knospe dämmernd Eingehüllt die Herrlichkeit des Vaters! O wer sehen könnte, welche Bilder Hinter dieser Stirne, diesen schwarzen Wimpern sich in sanftem Wechsel malen!</i></p>	<p>Son of the Virgin, heavenly child! Asleep on the ground, on the wood of suffering, Which the pious painter, in meaningful play, Has laid beneath thy gentle dreams; O flower, still the glory of God the Father! Though still hidden in the dark bud! Ah, if one could see what pictures, Behind this brow and these dark Lashes, are reflected in gentle succession!</p>
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Words: Eduard Mörike (1804–1875), tr. Richard Stokes

Emily Albrink Katz, *soprano*

“The Magi’s Dream”

James Whitbourn (b. 1963)  
Words: Robert Tear (1939–2011)

“A la ru”

*Duérmete, Niño lindo,  
en los brazos del amor  
mientras que duerme y descansa  
la pena de mi dolor.*

*A la ru, a la mè,  
A la ru, a la mè,  
a la ru, a la mè,  
a la ru, a la ru, a la mè.*

*No temas al rey Herodes  
que nada te ha de hacer;  
en los brazos de tu madre  
y ahí- nadie te ha de ofender.*

*Latin American lullaby, arr. J. D. Robb and Richard Proulx*

Oh, sleep now, holy baby,  
with your head against my breast;  
meanwhile the pangs of my sorrow  
are soothed and put to rest.

*A la ru, a la mè,  
A la ru, a la mè,  
a la ru, a la mè,  
a la ru, a la ru, a la mè.*

You need not fear King Herod,  
he will bring no harm to you;  
so rest in the arms of your mother  
who sings you *a la ru*.

Sarah Givens and Abby Mires, *sopranos*

"O holy night"

*Adolphe Adam (1803–1856), arr. James Biery*  
Words: Placide Cappeau (1808–1877); English translation by John Sullivan Dwight (1813–1893)  
Emily Albrink Katz, *soprano*



## HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I The Liturgy of the Word

**People’s responses are in bold.**

✠ Indicates a place where the people make the sign of the Cross.

*Please stand as you are able.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83 (stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 6)

*O come, all ye faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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*Celebrant*  
Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

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

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.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA

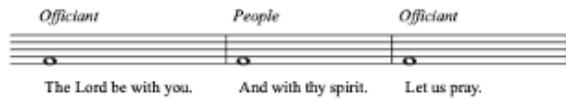
Setting: *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*Priest or Cantor*                      *Choir & Congregation*



Glo-ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee,  
 we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give  
 thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God  
 the Fa - ther Al - might - - - y.  
 O Lord, the on - ly be-got-ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,  
 Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of  
 God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us. For thou on - ly art  
 ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; thou on - ly, O Christ, with the  
 Ho - - ly Ghost, art most high in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - - ther.  
 A - - - - - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY



O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 98 *Cantate Domino*

Anglican Chant by Ivor Algernon Atkins

*Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.*

*(sung by the choir)*

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

*The Lord has made known his victory;*

*his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.*

*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.*

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

*Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.*

*With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.*

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

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

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

### THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### SEQUENCE HYMN 324

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

PICARDY

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to

them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Clint Wilson

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE NICENE CREED

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I believe in one God, **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*Please kneel as you are able.*

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, 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, 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 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, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples 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.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

Almighty God, **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against**

**us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## 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.*

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Liturgy of the Table

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“Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

*Luke 2:15*

OFFERTORY CHANT *Laetentur Caeli*

Plainsong, Mode IV

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad before the face of the Lord when he comes.

*Psalms 96*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Ding dong! merrily on high”

16<sup>th</sup> century French carol, arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

Ding dong, merrily on high!

In heav'n the bells are ringing;

Ding dong, verily the sky

Is riv'n with angels singing.

*Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!*

E'en so here below,

Let steeple bells be swungen,

And “io, io, io!”

By priest and people sungen.

*Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!*

Pray you, dutifully prime

Your matin chime, ye ringers;

May ye beautifully rime

Your evetime song, ye singers.

*Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!*

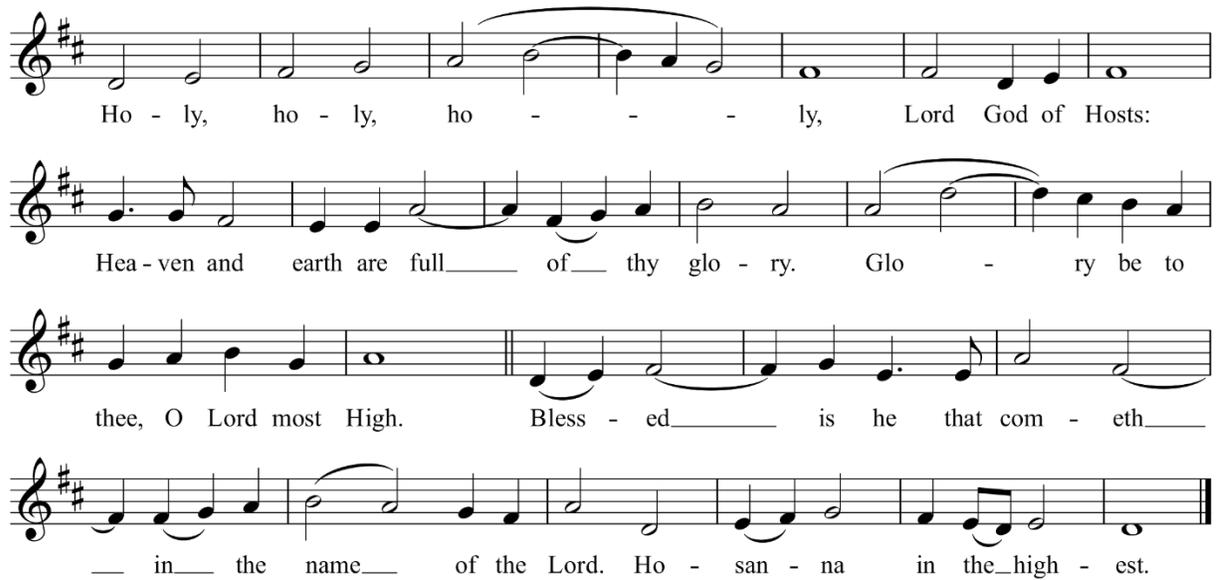
Words: G.R. Woodward (1848–1934)

*Please stand for the censuring of the congregation.*



SANCTUS

Setting: *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, H. Willan



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Hosts:  
 Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to  
 thee, O Lord most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please kneel as you are able.*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.



*Celebrant* *People*  
 A - men.

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## AGNUS DEI

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Setting: *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, H. Willan

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of staves. The first system is for organ and lower voices, with the organ part on a treble clef staff and the lower voices on a bass clef staff. The second system is for lower voices on a bass clef staff. The third system is for higher voices on a treble clef staff. The fourth system is for higher voices on a treble clef staff. The fifth system is for all voices, with the vocal line on a treble clef staff and the organ part on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace." The organ part consists of simple chords and melodic lines. The vocal parts are written in a simple, homophonic style.

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Our ushers will direct you to the altar rail at the appropriate time. If you are not baptized or do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing; you may indicate you are not receiving communion by crossing your arms across your chest. Those desiring baptism are encouraged to speak to one of our priests. During the administration of communion, the people may be seated. For those who wish to have a gluten free wafer, please close your hands, and alert the priest when you are at the altar.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM: "What sweeter music"

John Rutter (b. 1945)

What sweeter music can we bring  
Than a carol, for to sing  
The birth of this our heav'nly King?  
Awake the voice! Awake the string!

Dark and dull night, fly hence away,  
And give the honour to this day  
That sees December turn'd to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn  
Smile, like a field beset with corn?  
Or smell like a meadow newly shorn,  
Thus, on the sudden? Come and see  
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:  
'Tis he is born, whose quick'ning birth  
Gives life and lustre, public mirth,  
To heaven and the under-earth.

We see him come, and know him ours,  
Who, with his sunshine and his show'rs  
Turns all the patient ground to flow'rs.  
The darling of the world is come,  
And fit it is, we find a room  
To welcome him.

The nobler part of all the house here is the heart  
Which we will give him; and bequeath  
This holly, and this ivy wreath  
To do him honour; who's our King  
And Lord of all this revelling.

Words: Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

COMMUNION HYMNS 81, 101

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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*Please kneel as you are able.*

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.**

*As the lights in the Nave are extinguished, clergy and ushers will begin lighting candles. After your candle is lighted, please pass the light to others around you. The congregation is invited to kneel during the singing of Silent Night.*

CANDLELIGHT HYMN 111

*Silent night, holy night*

STILLE NACHT

## THE 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.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Hark! the herald angels sing*

MENDELSSOHN

1

Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled:  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

*Refrain:*

Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King.

2

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come  
Offspring of a virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see,  
Hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

*Refrain*

3

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris'n with healing in his wings;  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

*Refrain*

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## VOLUNTARY

Suite for Organ, Brass, and Percussion  
VI. Final

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

## THE PARISH CHOIR OF ST. FRANCIS IN THE FIELDS

<i>Soprano</i>	<i>Alto</i>	<i>Tenor</i>	<i>Bass</i>
Lila Andrews	Elizabeth Bennie	Rob Carlson	Mike Harlan
Annabel Bartholomew	Kate Boyer	Patrick Conroy	James Layton
Sarah Givens	Audrey Dawson	Paul Isaacs	Justin Leighty
Dulc�maria Jimenez	Amelia Hurt	Jeff Tiemann	John David Myles
Edwin Katz	Suzanne Lyon	Blake Wilson	Kevin Picklesimer
Abby Mires	Lea Ann Pipes		Robert Rounsavall
Emily Nash	Elizabeth Rounsavall		
Anita Streeter	Jessica Vanover		
Verity Vonberg	Colleen Wilson		
Paige Wahoff			

## ORCHESTRA

<i>Violin I</i>	<i>Trumpet</i>
Julia Cash	Jim Recktenwald
Dillon Welch	Nicholas Recktenwald
Julia Cox	
<i>Violin II</i>	<i>Horn</i>
Christopher Robinson	Jon Gustley
Leila Trindade	<i>Trombone</i>
Steve Kinnamon	Brett Shuster
<i>Viola</i>	<i>Tuba</i>
Meghan Casper	Andrew Doub
Melinda Odle	<i>Timpani</i>
<i>Cello</i>	Michael Launius
Alan Ohkubo	<i>Organ/Piano</i>
Vivien Chang	Matthew Vanover
<i>Bass</i>	
Jessie Dobson	

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 ~ CHRISTMAS EVE

10:30 p.m.....Choral Prelude and Festal Eucharist: Rite I (in the church & streamed)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 ~ CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m.....Holy Eucharist: Rite II (in the church)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 .....Parish office closed

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

1:00 p.m.....Mah Jongg (in Graves Hall)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 ~ THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

8:00 a.m.....Holy Eucharist: Rite I (in the chapel)

10:00 a.m.....Holy Eucharist: Rite II (in the church & streamed)

5:00 p.m.....Holy Eucharist: Rite II (in the chapel)

MONDAY, JANUARY 1-TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 .....Parish office closed

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Instrumental music for tonight's service is given to the Glory of God in memory of Anne Rounsavall Shallcross by Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Rounsavall, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hunt Rounsavall, and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Clark.

## PARISH PRAYERS

*Please pray for those in our parish with needs:* Geoff Brandreth, Monet Jagggers, Betty Lou Gibson, David Maultsby, Linda Maultsby, Finn Booker, Grayson O'Barr, Henry Boer, Frannie Heyburn, Mark Clark, Julie Lee, and Stephen Talbert.

*Pray for those in our parish who serve in the military:* 2LT Brian Bongiovi, CPT Drew Borinstein, MIDN Sam Floyd, MMN4 Calvin Gall, CPT Hardy Hendren, SFC Richard C. Klutz, 2LT Cason Nelson, MIDN Christopher Paris, LCDR Jon E. Paris, Jr., LTJG William Paris, FN Joe Parsons, CPT Chris Russo, 2LT Luke Schmidt, Jr., LT Jonathan Shontz, CDR Grant Thomas, CPT Paige Wahoff, and CDR Lawrence Williams.

*Pray for our Louisville Fellows:* David Holmes, Brianna Nalley, Olivia Poteet, Gracie Puckett, and Clay Stewart.

*Pray for those children and youth celebrating their birthdays this week:* JR Garcia, Bodie Gibson, Camp Swindall, Jackson Andrews VI, Natalie Hernandez, Leo Falk, Miles Johnson, TC Kron, and Lily Price.

*Pray for ... our brothers and sisters who suffer for the sake of Christ, especially the church in Eritrea.*

*Pray for ... our enemies, and those who wish us harm.*

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

7:30    *Lector:*                 Ashlea Davenport                                 *Usher:* Doug Semple  
          *Chalice Bearer:*     Ron Argo     *Greeter:* Ben Butler  
          *Verger:*                 Ron Argo

10:30   *Lectors:*                 Emma Melo, Mitzi Root                             *Ushers:* Jim Anderson, Blair Bell, Dustin Bell,  
          *Chalice Bearers:*   Lyndee Kantor, Powell Starks, Chris     Davis Tyler  
   Utter, Bob Vice                                     *Greeters:* Dominique Hendren, Judi Quaife  
          *Verger:*                 Toby Reed     *Welcome Table:* Bob Quaife  
          *Thurifer:*               Samuel Calhoun

*Altar Guild:* Stuie Brown, Karen Crain, Bev Cresbaugh, Elizabeth Gillette, Sheryl Stone, Carolyn Thebert

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE NOTE:** *The parish office will be CLOSED from Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day services will be held tomorrow morning), to Wednesday, January 3.*

*There will be regular Sunday morning services on Sunday, December 31, at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.*

**Women's Epiphany Dinner ... Friday, January 5, at 5:00 p.m.** Join us in the New Year for our annual Women's Epiphany Dinner! We will gather for a service of Evening Prayer to celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord at 5:00 p.m. (men are also welcome to join us for the service). The women of St. Francis will then enjoy a catered dinner together and hear from our special guest speaker, Liz Curtis Higgs, director of Adult Faith Formation at Christ Church United Methodist and author of 37 books, including her million-seller, *Bad Girls of the Bible*. Parishioners are invited to bring guests! The deadline to register is Wednesday, January 3, so sign up on Realm today to reserve your spot!

**Outreach Kickoff Luncheon ... Sunday, January 7, at 12:30 p.m.** Please join the Outreach Committee on Sunday, January 7, for a kickoff luncheon and 360 review of Love Thy Neighbor! If you are interested in getting involved with outreach and mission in our neighborhood and putting our recent Rector's Forum series into action, you won't want to miss this lunch! There is no cost to attend but registration is encouraged, so please visit Realm today to sign up!

**Spring 2024 Tuesday Bible Study: "Chosen Generation: The First Epistle of Peter" ... Beginning Tuesday, January 9** How should Christians live when they find themselves on the outside of culture looking in? The First Epistle of Peter deals with this age-old question. Join Mthr. Barbara on Tuesday mornings in 2024 for "Chosen Generation: The First Epistle of Peter." Together we'll see how the eternal promises of Christ speak to Christians throughout time. Our winter/spring session will begin on January 9, at 9:30 a.m. in Graves Hall. Only members who were NOT part of our Fall Bible Study on Leviticus need to register—you can do so by visiting Realm today!

**Wednesday Night Small Groups: Paul's Letter to the Ephesians ... Starts Wednesday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m.** Join us again in 2024 on Wednesday nights for faith, fellowship, and formation as our small groups dive into Paul's Letter to the Ephesians! As always, participants have the option to meet beforehand at 5:45 p.m. in Graves Hall for a family-style meal. At 6:30, after a brief introduction to the lesson of the day, we will break into small groups for discussion and prayer. This is a great way to meet other members of the parish and deepen your relationship with Christ and one another. No previous Bible study or small group experience is necessary! Childcare is provided for the lesson and discussion portion of the evening. Please sign up and pay for community dinner through Realm by each preceding Monday at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Mthr. Barbara.

**A Weekend with Fr. Will Brown ... Friday, January 12-Sunday, January 14** We are thrilled to welcome Episcopal priest Father Will Brown to St. Francis in the Fields in January 2024! On Friday, January 12, all parishioners and visitors are invited to hear Fr. Brown speak on his book, *A Catechism of Nature*, in Graves Hall at 7:00 p.m. Then, on Saturday, January 13, the men of the parish are invited to a *Men of Prayer* event. We will start in the chapel at 9:00 a.m. with Morning Prayer and transition to Graves Hall to hear Fr. Brown speak on *Becoming Men of Prayer*. The gathering will conclude by 10:30 a.m. Finally, join us on Sunday, January 14, to hear Fr. Brown preach at our 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. worship services. The Rev. Will Brown earned his MDiv and STM from Yale Divinity School and was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Georgia in 2005. He served for two years at the Episcopal Church at Yale before moving to the Diocese of Dallas, where he served for 11 years as rector of the Church of the Holy Cross. In 2018, he returned to the Diocese of Georgia, and is currently rector of All Saints' in Thomasville, GA. Join us in warmly welcoming Fr. Brown!

**Rector's Forum with Dr. Christopher Wells of the Anglican Communion Institute ... Sunday, January 14, at 10:15 a.m.** Join us during Rector's Forum on Sunday, January 14, for a conversation with Dr. Christopher Wells about Global Anglicanism and the importance of Christian Unity! Dr. Wells serves as the Director of Unity, Faith, and Order for the Anglican Communion Institute and the Anglican Communion, based out of London, UK. Dr. Wells and Fr. Clint will discuss global Anglicanism, signs of growth and health across the Anglican Communion, and implications for our own parish. Please join us in Graves Hall during the Sunday School hour!

**Food for Thought with Mason Rummel—President, Director, and CEO of the James Graham Brown Foundation ... Thursday, January 18, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Food for Thought is a monthly speaker series open to the whole community of Louisville. Each month during the academic year we gather for lunch and a guest speaker offering a presentation on a variety of interesting topics including history, art, sports, philanthropy, the environment, religion, and more. The cost of attendance and lunch is \$18. This is a great event to invite a friend or neighbor to! For January's offering, we welcome Mason Rummel, Director, President, and CEO of the James Graham Brown Foundation, presenting a talk entitled "Building Partners Who Build Kentucky." Sign up by visiting our website or Realm today!

**Family Pizza and Bingo Night ... Friday, January 19, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** You and your family are invited to a night of fun and fellowship on Friday, January 19, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Graves Hall! Come enjoy great games and delicious pizza with your parish friends and neighbors—and stay for the awesome prizes! This will be a great opportunity for you and your family to reconnect with other parishioners in the new year and perhaps even meet some new friends. The cost is \$7 per person and sign-up is required, so make your way to Realm or our website to register today!

**Rector's Forum with Dr. Deborah Edds ... Sunday, January 21, at 10:15 a.m.** Join us on Sunday morning, January 21, for a Rector's Forum presentation by Dr. Deborah Edds on the intersection of faith and mental health. Dr. Edds is a therapist for Kilgore Counseling Center and has extensive experience working at the intersection of psychology and theology, especially among children and families. In addition to working with a youth group, she holds her doctorate from University of Louisville, and teaches at Western Kentucky University and Indiana Wesleyan University. We are excited to welcome Dr. Edds to St. Francis for this important discussion!

The flowers on the Lord's Table, the wreaths on the church doors, instrumental music, and general worship needs for our Christmas services have been given by members of St. Francis in the Fields to the Glory of God and in loving memory and honor of friends and family whose names are listed below.

Ruth K. Adams  
In honor of Alex, Molly, Jake, and Jack  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Altsheler  
Bill and Lois Anderson  
Allen Argo  
Larry Argo  
Thomas R. Banks, Sr.  
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Thomas W. Brown  
William Calhoun  
Mr. and Mrs. William P. Carrell  
Barbara Bullitt Christian  
Betty and James Christie  
Mr. and Mrs. Brent Clay  
Mr. and Mrs. Clark Cramer, Jr.  
In honor of Sarah Stoddard Daffron and family  
The Rev. and Mrs. Stephen R. Davenport  
In honor of Brian and Cameron Davis  
Irene and Ed Dieruf  
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Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hancock  
In honor of Graeme Hanlotxomphou  
In honor of Jennifer and Sys Hanlotxomphou  
In honor of Rhys Hanlotxomphou  
Andrew Harkess  
In honor of Maida Harwell, Lily Harwell,  
Grayson Wood, and Tyler Wood  
Mrs. Jennifer Hawkins  
Mr. Nick Hawkins

Baker Heard  
Bill Heard  
Jinx Heard  
Carroll D. Henry  
Evelyn V. Henry  
Graham Heustis  
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Evelyn Ivey  
Audra James  
Eve Jay  
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In honor of Jean Matthews  
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Vie and Ferdinand Moore  
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Robert and Sissy Nash  
Allison Trotter Nation  
In honor of Jimmy Nicks  
Mary Glenn Oliver  
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