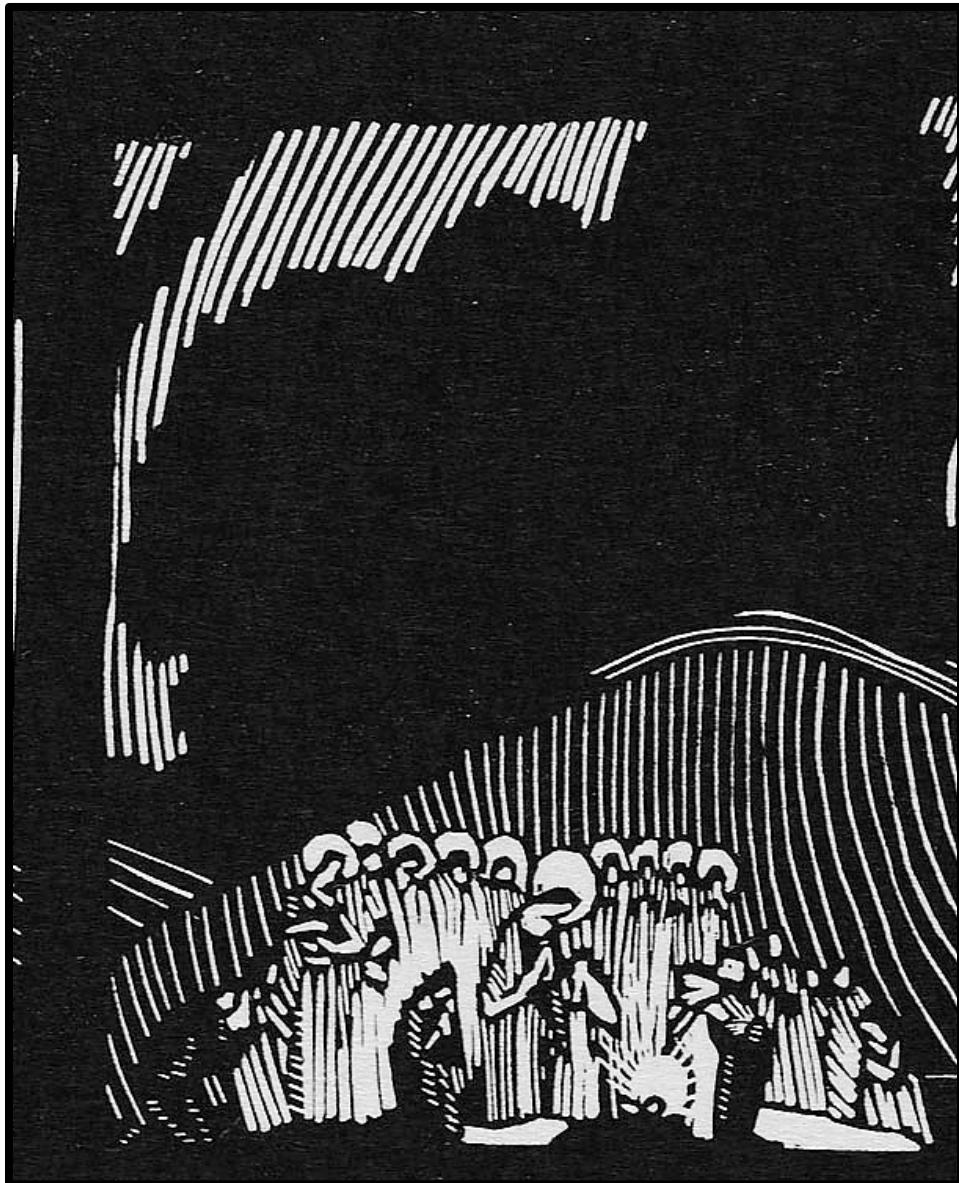


St. Francis *in the* Fields
Episcopal Church
Harrods Creek, Kentucky



The Feast *of the* Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
December 24, 2025
Holy Eucharist | Rite II
5:30 p.m.

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

Welcome to our celebration of 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) and to place it in the offering plate, or take it to the green Welcome Table in the Narthex. Donations are not expected from visitors or guests.

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. If you prefer, **childcare for ages 0-5 is available downstairs in the Nursery**; an usher will be happy to direct you. 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.

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



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HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Liturgy of the Word

People's responses are in bold.

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

VOLUNTARY "The Holy Boy"

John Ireland (1879–1962)

All stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Once in royal David's city*

IRBY

The People remain seated as a treble soloist sings stanza 1. All rise to sing stanzas 2-5.

1. Once in royal David's city
 2. He came down to earth from heaven,
 3. For he is our life long, patient;
 4. And our eyes at last shall see him,
 5. Not in that poor lowly stable, with the

lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a when on earth he grew; he was tempted, scorned, re- own re-deeming love; for that child who seemed so ox-en stand-ing by, we shall see him; but in

baby in a man-ger for his bed: Ma-ry
 sta-ble, and his cra-dle was a stall; with the ject-ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he help-less is our Lord in heaven a-bove; and he hea-ven, set at God's right hand on high; where like

was that mother mild, Je-sus Christ her lit-tle child. poor, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Sa- vior ho-ly. feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our glad-ness. leads his chil-dren on to the place where he is gone. stars his chil-dren crowned all in white shall wait a-round.

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, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

A - men.

SONG OF PRAISE

Angels we have heard on high

GLORIA

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant *People* *Celebrant*

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People

A - men.

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the trampling warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand.

GRADUAL HYMN 100

Joy to the world

ANTIOCH

The People sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN 93

Angels from the realms of glory

REGENT SQUARE

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

The People turn to face the Gospel Book during the Proclamation.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People sit.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Clint Wilson

All 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form IV, BCP p. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People kneel.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Deacon or Cantor *People (unison or harmony)*

Lord, in your mer - cy Hear our prayer.

The silence and response is repeated after each petition.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

¶ We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

The Celebrant prays the concluding collect.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born 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.

After the Collect

CONFESSİON OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

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

THE ABSOLUTION

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

All stand.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

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

The People sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Liturgy of the Table

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Judah’s land”

Appalachian Carol arr. Malcolm Dalglish (b. 1952)

*Gentle stranger in that manger,
In Judah’s land we find thee, infant Savior.*

To thee with joy I sing,
Sweet child that heav’n did bring.
Now Judah’s land shall ring with thy praises.

I greet thee, Prince of Peace:
From sin give thy release!
Nor shall my tongue e’er cease from thy praises. *Refrain*

Thy crib can scarce contain
Thy love, our precious gain.
May hymns new heights attain with thy praises. *Refrain*

Now twilight quietly comes
The baby lies asleep.
Play softly flute and drums to his praises. *Refrain*

All stand as the Offering is brought to the altar.

PRESENTATION HYMN

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh

GREENSLEEVES

So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant, king, to own him;
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367

Please remain standing.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth because you 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:

SANCTUS S-128

setting: William Mathias (1934–1992)

organ

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

organ

Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The People kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer

We give thanks to you, O God ... 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; ... 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.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

PICARDY

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full hom-age to demand.

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. 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 “Away in a manger” W. J. Kirkpatrick (1838–1921), arr. David Willcocks (1919–2015)

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

COMMUNION HYMN 81

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

ES IST EIN ROS

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE POST

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.

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.

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.**

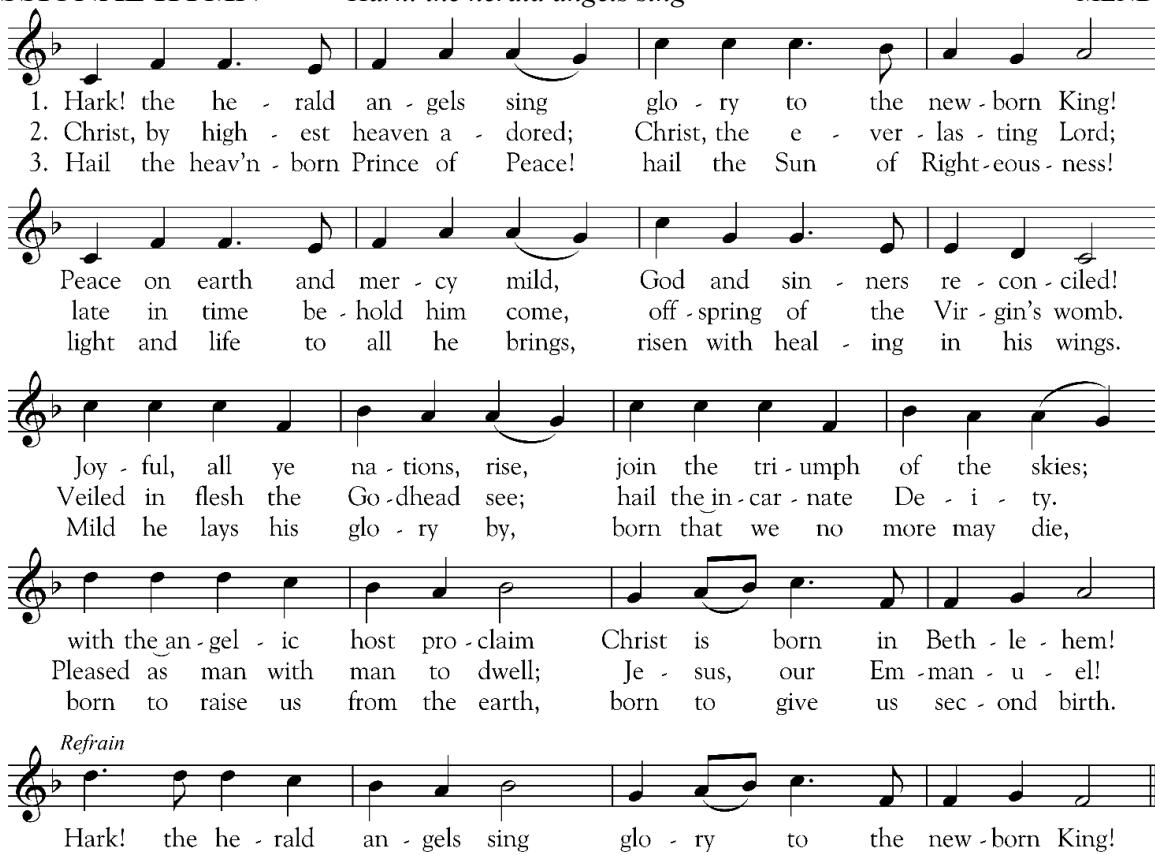
And the blessing of God Almighty,  the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

All stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hark! the herald angels sing

MENDELSSOHN



1. Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the e - ver - las - ting Lord;
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! hail the Sun of Right-eous - ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the Go - dhead see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

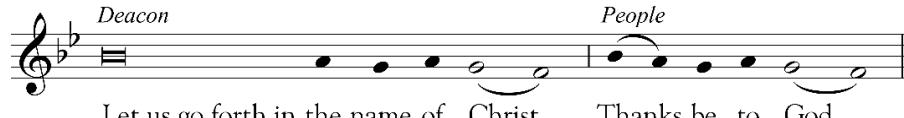
with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with man to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - ell!
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

THE DISMISSAL

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Deacon

People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Toccata on *Antioch*

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

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

PARISH PRAYERS

Please pray for those in our parish with needs: Geoff Brandreth, Monet Jaggers, Don Lurding, John Reksc, Blair Louis, Jim Morgan, Mark Clark, Julian Van Winkle, Catharine Birch, and David Birch.

Pray for those in our parish who serve in the military: 2LT Baxter Argo, 1LT Brian Bongiovi, CPT Drew Borinstein, PFC Danilo Caldeira, MMN2 Charles Floyd, MIDN John Floyd, ENS Sam Floyd, MMN4 Calvin Gall, MAJ Hardy Hendren, 1LT Cason Nelson, MIDN Christopher Paris, LTJG Will Paris, FN Joe Parsons, CPT Chris Russo, LCDR Kristen Blair Samardzic, LCDR Serge Samardzic, 1LT Luke Schmidt, Jr., PFC Logan Shearer, and CDR Lawrence Williams.

Pray for our Louisville Fellows: Jordan Carter, Coltrane Cheatham, Mercy Enemuo, Faith Galgalo, Noémie Haberey, and Zach Kawa.

Pray for those children and youth celebrating their birthdays this week: Tripp Ferguson, Lily Miles, Mary Mead Griesbeck, Camp Swindall, and Frances Creason.

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

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

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

5:30

Lectors: Paul Deaver, Verity Vonberg

Chalice Bearers: Ron Argo, Nathan Cedor, Carolyn Fass, Kevin Picklesimer

Acolytes: Andrew Cedor, Caleb Dickie

Verger: Ron Argo

11:00

Lectors: Emma Melo, Suzanne Lyon

Chalice Bearers: Buzz Brown, Reid Brown, Aaron Calhoun, Powell Starks

Acolytes: Alejandro Brown, Maximo Brown, Mia Brown, Meredith Calhoun

Verger: Toby Reed

Thurifer: Aaron Calhoun

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed for the remainder of the week in observance of the Christmas holiday.

It will also be closed next week from Monday, December 29, to Friday, January 2.

It will reopen on Monday, January 5.

Mitten Tree Donations ... This Advent through Christmastide Children's Ministry is collecting new socks and new mittens for disadvantaged people in our community. There is a basket downstairs for the socks, and the mittens can be placed on the mitten tree. We will accept donations Advent through Christmastide.

Rector's Forum: Why I'm a Christian ... Sundays in January at 10:15 a.m. Early Christians went to their death for the simple phrase, "Christianus sum"—"I am a Christian." In a world of religious liberty and personal choice, does professing this statement have the same punch? Are we Christian simply because we are a product of our culture, or is there more going on? This January, join Fr. Clint, Mthr. Barbara, and special guest speakers in a Rector's Forum exploring the many answers to the simple question: "Why are you a Christian?" This class will help each of us explore and narrate our individual journeys with the God who calls each of us to himself.

Newcomers Lunch ... Sunday, January 4, 12:30-1:30 p.m. All newcomers and visitors are invited to join us for a Newcomers Lunch! This casual lunch will give you an opportunity to learn more about our parish, our mission and vision, and next steps for those who want to be members, while also giving you a chance to meet other newcomers, long time members, and clergy. We'll meet in the Miller Room (downstairs) at 12:30 p.m. (after the 11:15 a.m.

service) on January 4. Children are welcome! Please register on Realm and contact Mthr. Barbara at barbaraw@sfif.org with any questions or dietary restrictions.

How to Read the Bible ... Wednesdays beginning January 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Have you ever wanted to get more out of Bible study? Do you want to read the Bible, but feel lost by what you're reading? Join us for a Wednesday Night crash course designed to help you fall in love with Holy Scripture! We'll look at what it means to read Scripture within the Great Tradition and discuss practical tools and steps to help you get the most out of your time spent in God's word.

Women's Epiphany Dinner ... Thursday, January 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Join us January 8 for our annual Women's Epiphany Dinner! All attending the dinner are invited to a service of Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m. in the Nave. It will be followed by a catered dinner for the women of our parish where we will hear from our special guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Kristine Blaess, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Parishioners are invited to bring guests! **The deadline to register is JANUARY 1**, so sign up and pay today on Realm to reserve your spot! PLEASE NOTE: There is scholarship money available for those who require financial assistance to attend this event! All inquiries will be held in confidence. Please call the front office if you are interested.

Newcomers Class ... January 11, 18, and 25, at 10:15 a.m. New to St. Francis or the Episcopal Church? Want to learn more about what we believe or ways to connect to worship and fellowship? Join us for our St. Francis Newcomers Class! This three-week class contains a little theology, a little history, and a chance to ask questions about life at St. Francis in the Fields. Anyone new, visiting, or who feels new is welcome to join us. We'll meet in Room 201 on January 11, 18, and 25 at 10:15 a.m. Childcare is provided, and registration is not required. If you have any questions, please contact Mthr. Barbara at barbaraw@sfif.org.

Rooted: Young Adult Ministry Small Group ... Sundays at 10:15 a.m. beginning January 11 Join us this winter for Rooted, a Young Adult Small Group specifically for those in their 20s and 30s. We'll meet on Sundays at 10:15 a.m., January 11 through March 22 in the Williamson Room (next to the elevator). We'll be exploring a Rule of Life—what it is, how to thoughtfully build one, and how it can grow with you through different seasons. Together, we'll reflect on spiritual rhythms that foster intentional living, deeper faith, and sustainable practices for everyday life. Whether you're new to the concept or looking to refine your spiritual rhythms, this group offers a welcoming space for conversation, learning, and growth. (And, as an added bonus, we'll provide breakfast each week!)

Mahjong Monday ... Monday, January 12, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please come join us for Mahjong and fellowship! Men, women, beginners, and experienced players are all welcome. We will have multiple tables set up and a teacher on hand to help those still getting familiar with the game. Please bring your 2025 NMJL card(s) (spare cards will be available). We have 3 dates planned this winter (January 12, February 9, and March 9)—sign up on Realm and join us when you can!

Tuesday Bible Study: The Book of Signs – John 1-12 ... Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. beginning January 27 The Gospel of John has captivated minds and hearts from the earliest days of the Church. It is a rich and challenging gospel that was “written that you may believe,” and which has just as much resonance today as ever. This winter, join us an exploration of the first half of this fascinating gospel during Tuesday Bible Study. Each session will include a one-hour lecture followed by optional small-group discussion. New registrations welcome! Those who participated in TBS this fall are already registered for winter 2026.

The flowers behind the altar, 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	Joyce Graves
Sally and Wally Adams	Lillian and Grant Graves
In honor of Alice, Hillary, Jacob, Joy Beth, and Hannah	Ann Torstrick Groth
Mrs. and Mrs. Gabriel Russell Allen	Jack Hancock
Bill and Lois Anderson	Ashton Henley Harcourt
Jim and Ginger Baldock	Andrew Harkess
Claude Basham	In honor of the Harris family
Jane Ogg Basham	Carroll DeWitt Henry
John Greer Beam	Evelyn VanHoy Henry
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blythin	George Henry
Mr. Clayton P. Boardman, Jr.	Ruth Henry
Adelaide and Gerhard Bockhorst, Jr.	The Hon. John G. Heyburn II
Mr. and Mrs. C. Craig Bradley	In honor of the birth of John G. Heyburn III
William Lee Bradley	Frank and Becky Hogue
Eli H. Brown	Robert M. Hogue II
John W. and Selma F. Brown	Michael Hollo
Morgan and Suzanne Brown	Frederic N. Hord
Thomas W. Brown	Linda Foard Horn
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene J. Burch	Chris Hurst
Donna Burdette	Edward Hurst
In honor of the birth of Eleanor Reagan Bush	Audra Hawkins James
Edward Callahan	Eve Jay
Bob Calvert	Ben Tallmadge Jennings
Marge and Irv Calvert	Mr. and Mrs. William Ellery Jennings
Mr. and Mrs. William Carrell	Oliver Johnston
Betty Christie	Max Julien, son of Mitch and Susan
James Christie	David Kantor
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