

St. Francis *in the* Fields Episcopal Church

Harrods Creek, Kentucky



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

December 24, 2025

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) and place it in the offering plate or take to the Welcome Table. Donations are not expected from visitors or guests.

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* (1646) by a pupil of Rembrandt (1606-1669).
Oil on canvas. From the National Gallery, London.

CHORAL PRELUDE

Aria in a Classic Style

Marcel Grandjany (1891–1975)

Taylor Mermoud, *harp*

“Thou shall know him when he comes”

Mark Sirett (b. 1952)

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by any din of drums,
Nor his manners, nor his airs,
Nor by anything he wears.

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by a crown or by a gown,
But his coming known shall be,
By the holy harmony
Which his coming makes in thee. Amen.

“My dancing day”

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:
I would my true love did so chance
to see the legend of my play,
to call my true love to my dance:

Refrain

Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
of her I took fleshly substance;
thus was I knit to man’s nature,
to call my true love to my dance: *Refrain*

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,
so very poor, this was my chance,
betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
to call my true love to my dance: *Refrain*

Words from *Sandys’ Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern of 1833*

“The Song of Mary”

Larry King (1932–1990)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

Words from Luke 1:36-55

“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.

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.

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.

A frosty Christmas eve
 When the stars were shining
 Fared I forth alone,
 Where westward falls the hill
 And from many a village
 In the water'd valley,
 Distant music reached me
 Peals of bells were ringing
 The constellated sounds,
 Ran sprinkling on earth's floor
 As the dark vault above,
 With stars was spangled o'er.

Then sped my thoughts to keep,
 That first Christmas of all
 When the shepherds watching
 By their folds ere the dawn
 Heard music in the fields
 And marveling could not tell
 Whether it were angels
 Or the bright stars singing.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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 and on earth peace, good will towards men.

But to me heard afar
 It was heavenly music.
 Angels' song, comforting
 As the comfort of Christ
 When He spake tenderly,
 To His sorrowful flock:
 The old words came to me,
 By the riches of time
 Mellow'd and transfigured,
 As I stood on the hill
 Hearn'ing in the aspect
 Of th' eternal silence.

Words from Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930), “Noël: Christmas Eve 1913,” from *The Times*, first published 1913, and Luke 2:8-17

Aaron Eaves, *baritone*, Quentin Prewitt, *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.

All stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83 (stanzas 1-3 and 6)

O come, all ye faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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.

A - men.

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 O Magnum Mysterium*, Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548 – c. 1611)

*Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Iesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

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.



A - men.

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in 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 John Randall (1716–1799)

O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvelous things.

With his own right hand, and with his holy arm hath he gotten himself the victory.

The Lord declared his salvation; his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel,

and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands; sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp, sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and shawms, O show yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is, the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord, for he is come to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world and the people with equity.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 1:1-4

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

PICARDY

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

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

✠ 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 People sit.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Clint Wilson

All stand.

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People kneel.

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

Silence

The musical notation is written on two staves. The top staff is for the Deacon or Cantor, and the bottom staff is for the People (unison or harmony). Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody for the Deacon or Cantor is: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The melody for the People is: D4 (half), E4 (half), F#4 (half), G4 (half), A4 (half), B4 (half), C5 (half), B4 (half), A4 (half), G4 (half), F#4 (half), E4 (half), D4 (half). The lyrics 'Lord, in your mer - cy Hear our prayer.' are written below the staves.

The silence and response are repeated after each petition.

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.

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

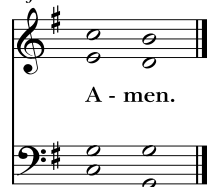
Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he hath loved us.

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 thy salvation.

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

O God, who makest us glad by the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

After the Collect



CONFESSION OF SIN

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*

All stand.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

The People sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Liturgy of the Table

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “My Lord has come”

Will Todd (b. 1970)

Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels:

No place for them but a stable.

My Lord has come.

Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven;

No place for them but a stable.

My Lord has come.

His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me.

Lead me, lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels;

No place for me but a stable.

My Lord has come.

Words by the composer

The People stand.

PRESENTATION HYMN

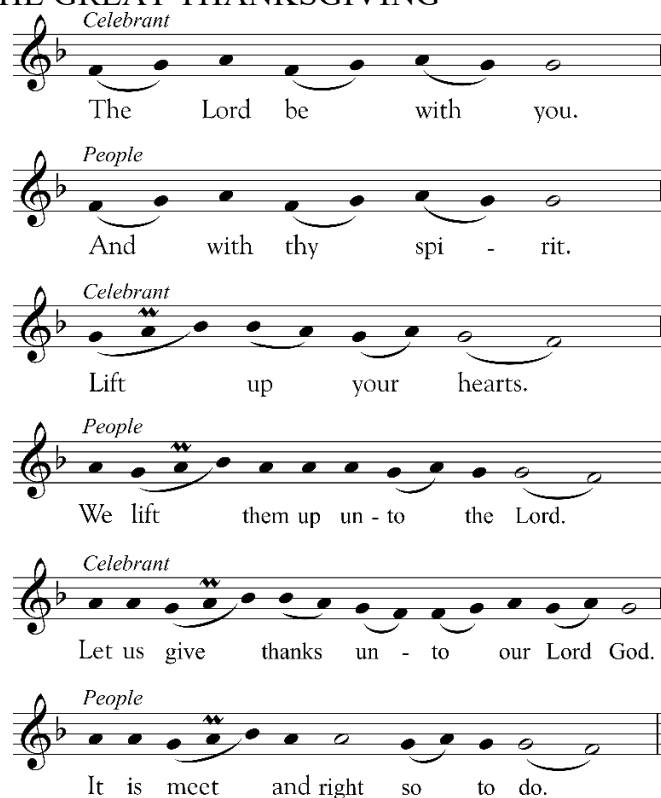
So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh

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



Celebrant
The Lord be with you.

People
And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant
Lift up your hearts.

People
We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People
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 give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

Setting: *Missa O Magnum Mysterium*, Victoria

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

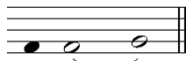
Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

The People kneel. The Priest continues the prayer.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father...

...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.

People



A - men.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

BENEDICTUS

setting: *Missa O Magnum Mysterium*, Victoria

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

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

AGNUS DEI

setting: *Missa O Magnum Mysterium*, Victoria

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel.

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.**

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 - el!
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



VOLUNTARY “And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed” from *Messiah* George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

THE PARISH CHOIR OF ST. FRANCIS IN THE FIELDS

<i>Soprano</i>	<i>Alto</i>	<i>Tenor</i>	<i>Bass</i>
Annabel Bartholomew	Elizabeth Bennie	Elijah Bowen	Aaron Eaves
Maria Cusick	Carol Kittner	Brent Collins	Isaac Love
Sarah Moser	Suzanne Lyon	Trexler Cook	Robert Rounsavall
Quentin Prewitt	Lea Ann Pipes	Paul Isaacs	Evan Tiapula
Anita Streeter	Elizabeth Rounsavall		
	Jessica Vanover		

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

<i>Violin I</i>	<i>Harp</i>
Dillon Welch	Taylor Mermoud
Sarah Hill	
Cayleigh Stewart	<i>Trumpet</i>
	Jim Recktenwald
<i>Violin II</i>	Maryna Pohlman
Christopher Robinson	
Annie Daigle	<i>Horn</i>
Caroline Joyner	Jon Gustely
<i>Viola</i>	<i>Trombone</i>
Meghan Casper	Guangwei Fan
Melinda Odle	
<i>Cello</i>	<i>Tuba</i>
Han Lee	Andrew Doub
Jon Silpayamanant	<i>Percussion</i>
<i>Bass</i>	Matt Hawkins
Jake Platt	Michael Launius
Jessie Dobson	<i>Organ</i>
	Maria Cusick

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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 Jaggars, 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 Enemu, 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	<i>Lectors:</i>	Paul Deaver, Verity Vonberg
	<i>Chalice Bearers:</i>	Ron Argo, Nathan Cedor, Carolyn Fass, Kevin Picklesimer
	<i>Acolytes:</i>	Andrew Cedor, Caleb Dickie
	<i>Verger:</i>	Ron Argo
11:00	<i>Lectors:</i>	Emma Melo, Suzanne Lyon
	<i>Chalice Bearers:</i>	Buzz Brown, Reid Brown, Aaron Calhoun, Powell Starks
	<i>Acolytes:</i>	Alejandro Brown, Maximo Brown, Mia Brown, Meredith Calhoun
	<i>Verger:</i>	Toby Reed
	<i>Thurifer:</i>	Aaron Calhoun
	<i>Altar Guild:</i>	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@sfitf.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@sfitf.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 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
Sally and Wally Adams
In honor of Alice, Hillary, Jacob, Joy Beth, and Hannah
Mrs. and Mrs. Gabriel Russell Allen
Bill and Lois Anderson
Jim and Ginger Baldock
Claude Basham
Jane Ogg Basham
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In honor of the birth of Eleanor Reagan Bush
Edward Callahan
Bob Calvert
Marge and Irv Calvert
Mr. and Mrs. William Carrell
Betty Christie
James Christie
Jane and Brent Clay
Craig Cogswell
Bob Cresbaugh and loved ones
John Crosbie
The Rev. and Mrs. Stephen R. Davenport
Bill Donley
Virginia Donley
Paul and Frances Eager
In honor of Daniel Eoghan Ellestad
In honor of Frederick Rodolfo Enderle
George Falk
James Falk
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Reed and Doris Fields
Lucy and Fred C. Finzer
In honor of the children and grandchildren of Richard and Barbara Floyd
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lee Foard
Jesse William Foard
In honor of the Fridley grandchildren: Kai, Murphie, Elijah, and Leilani
Flo M. Gall
In honor of Jean "GG" Gerrish
Hettie and Robert Gillette

Joyce Graves
Lillian and Grant Graves
Ann Torstrick Groth
Jack Hancock
Ashton Henley Harcourt
Andrew Harkess
In honor of the Harris family
Carroll DeWitt Henry
Evelyn VanHoy Henry
George Henry
Ruth Henry
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In honor of the birth of John G. Heyburn III
Frank and Becky Hogue
Robert M. Hogue II
Michael Hollo
Frederic N. Hord
Linda Foard Horn
Chris Hurst
Edward Hurst
Audra Hawkins James
Eve Jay
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Mr. and Mrs. William Ellery Jennings
Oliver Johnston
Max Julien, son of Mitch and Susan
David Kantor
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Harry and Frances King
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Edward and Frances Lenane
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and Briar Langley
William D. Price, Jr.
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Florence Treberg
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