

HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2019 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Barnabas, we are delighted that you're here. We hope you'll participate fully in our worship through singing, praying, hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and coming to communion. May God richly bless you as you bless us!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Sleepers, wake, a voice is calling

J. S. Bach



All stand as able at the sound of the tower bell.

HYMN (sung by all, next page)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

(HYMNAL 66)



Wheat Field in Rain, 1889
Vincent van Gogh, 1820-1888

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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. Amen.

CANTOR: Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
 mor - tal One, ALL: Have mer - cy up - on us. CANTOR: Ho - ly God,
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Presiding Priest The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presiding Priest Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

READER: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.



Cantor: 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob / for their help! *
whose hope is in the \ Lord their God;

Choir: 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is / in them;*
who keeps his promise \ for ever;

**All: 6 Who gives justice to those who / are oppressed, *
and food to those \ who hunger.**

**7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes / of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who \ are bowed down;**

**8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the / stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of \ the wicked.**

**9 The Lord shall reign for / ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hal\lelujah!**

THE SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

READER: A Reading from the Letter of James

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

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ALLELUIA VERSE

Gabriel Fauré, arr. Dent Davidson

Choir, then all and after the verse:



Cantor: The Spirit of the Lord is up/on me, *
he has annointed me to preach good / tidings to the poor.

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



THE SERMON

Karen Haig

Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.



THE NICENE CREED

Presiding Priest and People

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

God of many names, God beyond all names; the beginning and the end of every story, the meaning of every life; infinite Mystery both hidden and revealed, we pray to you:

Come, O come, Emmanuel.

Blessed are You who join us together in the communion of Christ's Body. Renew and energize your holy Church in this parish and throughout the world, that we may be a resurrection people, manifesting your steadfast love in our common life of praise and service, we pray to you:

Come, O come, Emmanuel.

O perfect Wisdom, direct and rule the hearts of the leaders and shapers of society, raise up prophets of justice and peace, and empower your people for the holy vocation of repairing the world. May we entrust all our labors to the work of Providence, we pray to you:

Come, O come, Emmanuel.

O Deliverer, you unlock every door and make a way where there is no way. Set free all who are afflicted or distressed in body, mind or spirit. Resurrect their hope, grant them peace and refreshment, and restore their joy, we pray to you: **Come, O come, Emmanuel.**

O compassionate One, hold us in your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the immigrant and refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle, we pray to you: **Come, O come, Emmanuel.**

O Morning Star, bright splendor of the light eternal, illumining all things with your radiance: Come, enlighten all who sit in darkness, and those who dwell in the shadow of violence and death. Grant us your peace and teach us to live in the dawn of your unfailing promise, we pray to you: **Come, O come, Emmanuel.**

O Lover of souls, when we wander far away, lead us back to you; when we refuse your embrace, do not give up on us; when we forget you, you do not forget us, we pray to you:

Come, O come, Emmanuel.

O Desire of every heart, the answer to every longing: You are the strong force that draws us into the mystery of love divine. Forgive us those things which distract and delay us. Lead us ever deeper into the Way, the Truth and the Life, we pray to you: **Come, O come, Emmanuel.**

God who has come, God who does come, God who is yet to come, God who is always coming: Make us an Advent people, ready and alert to welcome and receive you in the stranger's face, the loving act, the moment of grace, the presence of healing, the birth of possibility, the gift of wonder. Let every heart prepare You room, we pray to you: **Come, O come, Emmanuel.**

We pray for healing peace and comfort for _____
and we pray for the dying and those who have died, especially _____.

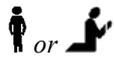
Dear people of God, for whom else or what else shall we pray?

The People offer their own concerns and thanksgivings, aloud or in silence.

Then the Presider concludes the Prayers:

O Emmanuel, God-with-us, you show us the face of divinity, and reveal the fullness of our humanity. Come: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ, and enable us to become who we are, your faithful and loving people. We pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.



Silence may be 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.**



THE PEACE

Presiding Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**



WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthday prayer is on page 830, No. 50 and Anniversary prayer on page 431 in the red Book of Common Prayer.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please remain seated. At the offertory sentence, an offering of money is collected.

ANTHEM

The King shall come when morning dawns

arr. K. Lee Scott

The King shall come when morning dawns And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills And like to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child, To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

O brighter than the rising morn When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the loathsome place of death, Despite the rage of foes.

O brighter than that glorious morn Shall dawn upon our race,
The day when Christ in splendor comes, And we shall see his face.

The King shall come when morning dawns And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ, the Lord, your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings.

TEXT: *Anonymous Greek Text*



PRESENTATION ANTHEM

Presiding Priest All things come from you, O Lord,

People **and of your own have we given you.**

The people remain standing as able.

Presiding Priest and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presiding Priest continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed Barnabas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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

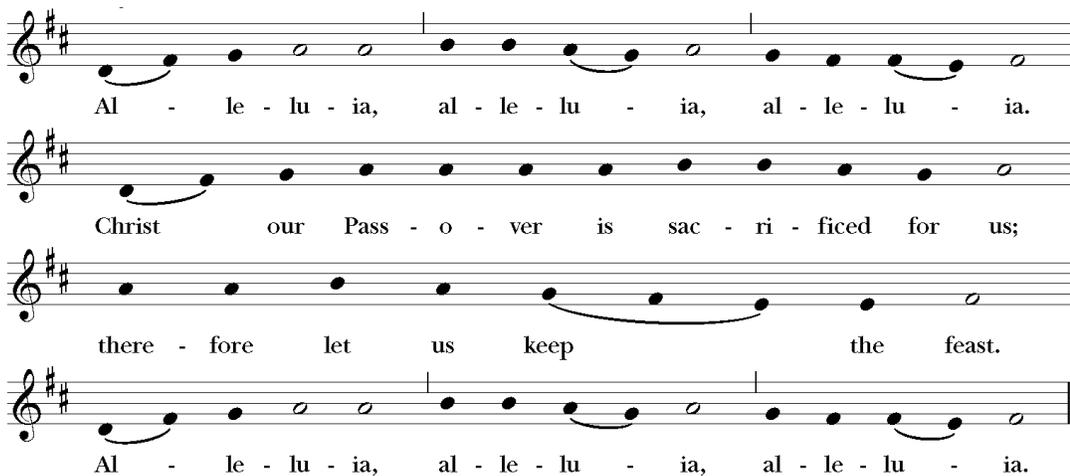
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.

ACCLAMATION AFTER THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

David Hurd



THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.



COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*This is Jesus' table where all are welcome to share in the bread and wine of Holy Communion.
If you prefer to receive a blessing (or not to receive wine), fold your arms across your chest as a sign.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

HYMN (sung by all)

Creator of the stars of night

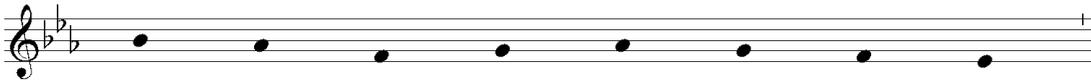
(HYMNAL 60)



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 *6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Words: Latin, 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Conditor alme siderum*, plainsong, Mode 4; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956) Copyright ©1984, Bruce Neswick. All rights reserved. Used with permission.



THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING



1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to



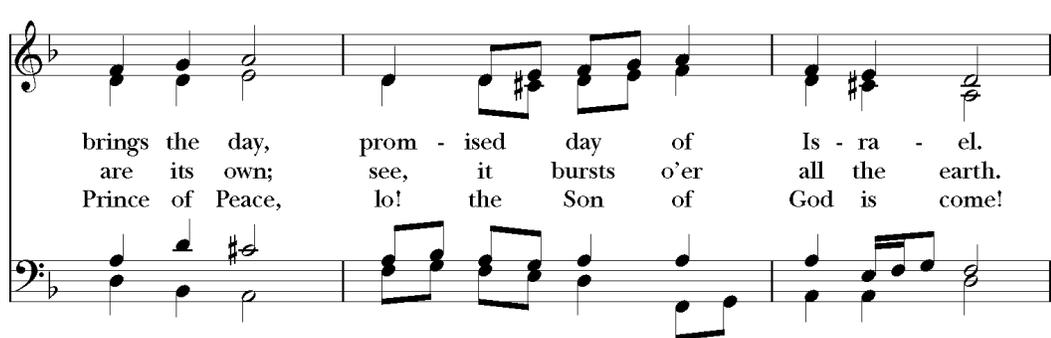
are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo - ry -
 scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its
 dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror



beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray
 course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone
 are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;



aught of joy or hope fore - tell? Trav-eler, yes; it
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav-eler, a - ges
 hie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav-eler, lo! the



brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

Two groups may sing antiphonally, alternating by sentences.

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872) Music: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People

Thanks be to God.

PROCESSION

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Sleepers, wake, a voice is calling

Robert Powell

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presiding Priest & Preacher	The Reverend Karen Haig
Organist & Choirmaster	Paul Roy
Song Leaders	The Parish Choir
Eucharistic Ministers	Donna Brookfield, Linda Heller
Lectors	Sally Sulonen, Sue Ellen Case
Intercessor	Sue Ellen Case
Ushers	Borgan Anderson
Godly Players	Phil Fergusson, Deena Hanke
Greeters	Babe Kehres, Peggy Vitale
Altar Guild	Joan Collins, Penny Egger, Peter DeMann, Helene & Steve Schmitz Dale Walker
Bread Baker	Elaine Percival
Coffee Hour	Beth Gudmundson, Sylvia Dunning, Kristen O'Keefe, Suzanne Miller, Barb Herrick, Marnie Arlen
Welcome Table	Babe Kehres

Personal Rites for Advent – A Take Home Sheet for Your Refrigerator Door

Pay attention. That is the Advent message. Attentiveness to the mystery of the Coming One is not easily practiced in the midst of crowded calendars and unrelenting din of December. It is important to make time for paying attention, for silence, for waiting.

Here are some suggestions:

1. **Attend Sunday church service on all four Sundays.** Throughout Advent, the liturgies tell us more and more about the future God is making... don't miss a single chapter of the unfolding drama as we wait for God together!
2. **Follow the daily readings found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP),** or on line at <http://satucket.com/lectionary/>. You may want to use the forms provided in the BCP for home prayers. Compline is a lovely way to end the day – you'll find it on page 127.
3. **Create an Advent wreath on the first Sunday of Advent.** Light the Advent candle when you say your prayers and sit down to supper. Use an Advent Calendar. Talk with family or friends about the season and the feelings it brings. Listen to the promise of God in each other.
4. **Meditate on the [O Antiphons](#).** You may want to do this by candlelight, or in front of a fire.
5. **Break habitual patterns.** Cultivate surprise. See all things as new! Take an unusual route to work or use an alternative form of transportation. Do something you have never done before, or see something you have never seen before. Take a walk, letting colors, patterns and movements surprise you. Wear your watch on the wrong wrist, or don't wear it at all. Every time you look in the wrong place for "the time", pray God to make you ready for the unexpected.
6. **Practice waiting.** Sit or lie by a window where you can see only the sky. Wait for something to pass by – a cloud, a plane, a sparrow, an angel....
7. **Climb a hill and watch for the moon to rise.** Watch for the sunrise after the longest night (December 21). Watch for the first star on Christmas Eve. "Wait without thought."
8. **Keep the prayer "Maranatha, come Lord Jesus" in your mind and heart.** Say it in various places. Empty your mind as you pray it. Watch for signs.
9. **Make at least one conscious act of being a sign of God's future to others.** Look to [Matthew 25: 35-40](#) for guidelines.
10. **Make room for silence and inactivity.** Schedule it. Put the television in a closet. Set aside one evening and do nothing – not even books or music. Turn off the lights. Stop talking. Listen. Who is knocking at the door of your heart?

Waiting is really a period of learning. The longer we wait, the more we hear about Him for whom we are waiting. As the advent weeks progress, we hear more and more about the beauty and splendor of the One who is to come. There is a stark beauty about it all... Advent invites us into a growing inner stillness and joy allowing us to realize that He for whom we are waiting has already arrived and speaks to us in the silence of our hearts. Just as a mother feels her growing child in her womb, and is not surprised on the day of the birth and joyfully receives the one she learned to know during her waiting, so Jesus can be born in our lives – slowly and steadily – and be received as the one we learned to know while waiting.

Adapted from [The Genesee Diary](#) by Henri J. M. Nouwen



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Advent III

Sunday, December 15th, 8am & 10am

Contemplative Holy Eucharist Service

Sunday, December 15th at 5pm

Do you long for more silence in your worship? Would you like to sink more deeply into chant, reflection, Word and Sacrament? Please join us in the church this Sunday Evening, 12/15 at 5pm for our monthly Contemplative Holy Eucharist. This service is a wonderful way to step away from the busy-ness of the wider world and to steep ourselves in the Holy as we prepare for the week ahead.

A Quiet Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 18th at 7pm

Sometimes the holiday season is not "the most wonderful time of the year," and for those of us experiencing loss or grief, Christmas can be an especially difficult time. The death of a beloved friend or family member, a divorce or job loss, an illness or frightening diagnosis or myriad other personal struggles can make this time of year particularly tender.

At St. Barnabas, we offer a special worship service - A Quiet Christmas Holy Eucharist - for those who find themselves sad, grieving, or in need of any sort of healing during this Christmas season. This service

includes gentle carols and communion, is open to everyone and especially meaningful for those who are experiencing loss.

Advent IV

Sunday, December 22nd, 8am & 10am

Community Caroling Party

December 22nd, 3pm-5pm

Accompanied by Paul Roy and Jim Friedrich, we'll sing lots of favorite Christmas songs, and enjoy sweet treats, mulled wine and a hot cocoa bar! This is an event for the whole community and perfect for families. Don't miss the visit from the BI Fire Dept. Christmas Caroling Truck at 4:45!

Christmas Eve

All services include Christmas Carols and Holy Communion

Family Christmas Service | 4pm

This service begins with the children's pageant! Bring children to the Parlor to be outfitted in costumes -all are welcome!

Festive Christmas Service | 7pm

This service includes special instrumental music.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Incense

Carols at 9:30pm | Service begins at 10pm

Christmas Day

Rite 2 Holy Eucharist at 10am with Christmas Carols

