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## CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

*The three principal feasts of the Church's year are Christmas, Easter, and Whitsunday; and for their souls' health, all baptized and communicant members are encouraged to receive -with repentance, faith, and charity - the Sacrament of Holy Communion on these days or as soon as possible afterwards. For Christmas these days are: Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, the feasts of St. Stephen, St. John, and Holy Innocents (the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday after Christmas), or the Octave Day of Christmas, Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>. If unable to attend public worship by reason of health, please consult the clergy. See page 3 for service times.*

## A CHILD MY CHOICE

Let folly praise that fancy loves, I praise and love that Child  
Whose heart no thought, whose tongue no word, whose hand no deed defiled.

I praise Him most, I love Him best, all praise and love is His;  
While Him I love, in Him I live, and cannot live amiss.

Love's sweetest mark, laud's highest theme, man's most desired light,  
To love Him life, to leave Him death, to live in Him delight.

He mine by gift, I His by debt, thus each to other due;  
First friend He was, best friend He is, all times will try Him true.

Though young, yet wise; though small, yet strong; though man, yet God He is:  
As wise, He knows; as strong, He can; as God, He loves to bless.

His knowledge rules, His strength defends, His love doth cherish all;  
His birth our joy, His life our light, His death our end of thrall.

Alas! He weeps, He sighs, He pants, yet do His angels sing;  
Out of His tears, His sighs and throbs, doth bud a joyful spring.

Almighty Babe, whose tender arms can force all foes to fly,  
Correct my faults, protect my life, direct me when I die!

ROBERT SOUTHWELL (c.1561—1595)

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour down righteousness:  
let the earth open, and bring forth a Saviour. Isaiah 45.*

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**STANDING NOTICES**

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary.

**HOSPITAL VISITATIONS**

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

**ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE**

Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site:  
[www.stjohnssav.org](http://www.stjohnssav.org)

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
 10:30 Mr. Floyd G. Whittington, Jr.

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Floyd G. Whittington, Jr.  
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The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish, Sr., Mr. Shack B. Wimbish, Jr. and Mr. Roy E. Cook by Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Michal Nadeau.

And in loving memory of Mahla Kent Wilson by Mr. and Mrs. Randolph K. Wilson.

And in loving memory of Betty Shepherd by Dr. Edwin Shepherd and family.

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Mrs. Timothy E. Coy, Ms. Anne H. Mingleddorff  
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**Daily Advent Communion**

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Mrs. George E. Warner  
 and Mrs. Mark D. Stevens

**ACOLYTES**

**8:00** Cord Helmken  
**10:30** Lawson Turner  
 Kameron Sallee, John Osborne  
 Charles Perrie Louis Palla  
 Patrick Perrie Hunt Wasden

**ACOLYTE PRACTICE**

**Tuesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m.** for  
 acolytes in the **11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve**  
**Service Please be prompt!**

**WREATHS, GARLANDS AND POINSETTIAS**

If you would like to give a Poinsettia, Wreath or Garland for the decoration of the Church, please send a check to the Church Office, made out to **St. John's Chancel Society**. Please include with the check a note of how the memorial should read and by whom it is given. **Poinsettia--\$30, Wreath or Garland \$80.**

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

*Ice Skating and Trim the Tree*  
**Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**

All Confirmed Youth of St. John's are invited to meet in the Parking lot at 3:15 to walk to the Civic Center for Ice Skating (please bring \$15.00). After skating we will walk back to the Green-Meldrim House for supper and "trim the tree", with carol-singing around the piano. Pick up will be 8:30 p.m. from the Green Meldrim House. Please RSVP to Mrs. William E. Osborne at

[osbornejes@mac.com](mailto:osbornejes@mac.com)

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

**CHRISTMAS AT  
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

**Saturday , December 24:**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

5:30 P.M. Pageant Service

11:00 P.M. Solemn Eucharist

**Sunday , December 25:**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

10:30 A.M. Sung Eucharist

**Monday, December 26:**

**ST. STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR**

8:15 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. Morning or  
Evening Prayer and Holy Communion

*Church Office Closed*

**Tuesday, December 27:**

**ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**

8:15 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. Morning or  
Evening Prayer and Holy Communion

**Wednesday, December 28:**

**HOLY INNOCENTS.**

8:15 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. Morning or  
Evening Prayer and Holy Communion

9:45 A.M., Litany &

10:00 A.M. Holy Communion

**Thursday and Friday, December 29 &**

**30: *No services***

**Sunday, January 1**

**THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST**

10:30 A.M. Holy Communion

5:30 P. M. LESSONS AND CAROLS

**FOR THE EVE OF EPIPHANY**

**No Services at 8 a.m., 9:30a.m.**

**or 12 (Noon).**

**Monday, January 2,**

***The Church Office is closed.***

**Tuesday, January 3**

Daily Prayers resume:

Morning Prayer 8:15 A.M.

Evening Prayer 5:30 P.M.

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST**

Where is this stupendous stranger?

Swains of Solyma, advise;

Lead me to my Master's manger,

Show me where my Saviour lies.

O Most Mighty! O Most Holy!  
Far beyond the seraph's thought,  
Art thou then so mean and lowly  
As unheeded prophets taught?

O the magnitude of meekness!  
Worth from worth immortal sprung;  
O the strength of infant weakness,  
If eternal is so young!

If so young and thus eternal,  
Michael tune the shepherd's reed,  
Where the scenes are ever vernal,  
And the loves be love indeed!

See the God blasphem'd and doubted  
In the schools of Greece and Rome;  
See the pow'rs of darkness routed,  
Taken at their utmost gloom.

Nature's decorations glisten  
Far above their usual trim;  
Birds on box and laurels listen,  
As so near the cherubs hymn.

Boreas now no longer winters  
On the desolated coast;  
Oaks no more are riv'n in splinters  
By the whirlwind and his host.

Spinks and ouzles sing sublimely,  
"We too have a Saviour born";  
Whiter blossoms burst untimely  
On the blest Mosaic thorn.

God all-bounteous, all-creative,  
Whom no ills from good dissuade,  
Is incarnate, and a native  
Of the very world he made.

CHRISTOPHER 'KIT' SMART,  
(1722-1771)

**8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION**

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel ..... Prayer Book, page 92 (90)  
The Order of Service begins on page 67 of the Prayer Book  
*A continental breakfast is available in the Cranmer Hall following service.*

**9:30 a.m. — 12 Noon NURSERY** (*Cranmer Hall*)

**9:30 —ADULT, YOUTH and CHILDREN’S CLASSES**  
(*Chapel and Cranmer Hall*)

**10:30—Pre-School—3 year olds through Kindergarten—Only**  
(*Cranmer Hall*)

**10:30 A.M.— A PROCESSION WITH  
ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS**

*Details of the service are found on a separate leaflet.*

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*Everyone is invited to attend the **Special Advent Coffee Hour** in the Parish House immediately following the 10:30 service. If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

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**12 Noon—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel)**

**Collect, Epistle, Gospel p. 95**

*The Order of Service begins on page 67 of the Prayer Book.*