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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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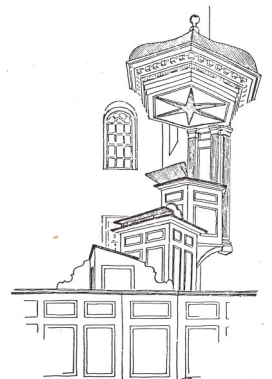
All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27

Hark!

The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."

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FROM THE RECTOR

Upcoming Clergy Sabbaticals

Father James Rickenbaker, the vestry, and I have recently agreed that he will take a two-month sabbatical at the start of 2024. In January and February, our assistant rector will have a break from the usual demands of ordained ministry, and our parish should be glad to make this opportunity available.

The concept of a sabbatical is rooted in the first two chapters of Genesis. Just as God rested on the seventh day following six days of creation, so we are to enjoy rest on the sabbath. Similarly, members of the clergy and certain other professionals (such as academics and senior executive leaders) increasingly are finding it helpful to take a deliberate pause from their ordinary duties in order to become free for accomplishing something important, such as full-bodied refreshment and work toward special projects. Clergy are never quite ‘off duty’ without such a break that can suitably come roughly after every seven years of ordained ministry.

Most assistant rectors (especially those arriving right out of seminary) do not serve in their positions long enough to be considered for a sabbatical. Father Rickenbaker, however, completed seven full years of faithful and significant ministry back in May of this year. Since I first met him, he has graduated from seminary, moved to a new home, gotten married, had two children, faced several health concerns within his family (including the death of a grandmother), and undertaken substantial growth and considerable responsibility in ministry—including covering for me during my own sabbatical in 2017. I recall vividly how meaningful my own sabbatical was after thirteen years here, and it is important for him to have a comparable break for his well-being without having to wait as long as I did for mine.

Father Rickenbaker’s sabbatical will offer him a chance to relax and to enjoy some recreation, which may include visiting with family and friends and doing some traveling. He will also undertake some reflection about his vocation, and

undoubtedly he has some goals for additional reading and study. A special project for his time away will be conducting interviews with other clergy in various locations and several denominations about how their churches are growing, so that we at Aquia might gain insights from their experience and learn some best practices—all of which he will share in a Morning Call series later this year. The overall goal of being refreshed by this change of pace and scenery and this shift in focus is intended to strengthen his ministry for the long term.

Our parish’s operating budget already provides funding for the assistant rector’s continuing education and travel, and there is no need to hire substitute clergy for so short a duration as the first two months of 2024. Accordingly, Father Rickenbaker’s sabbatical is not expected to affect next year’s budget adversely. Yet this opportunity to be refreshed in ministry is indeed an appropriate investment that Aquia is making for this priest, his family, and their long-term contribution to the Church. Everyone will benefit from that.

I should add that I am currently exploring the possibility of taking a sabbatical myself during the year ahead—probably late spring through mid-summer—but the vestry and I have not yet settled on anything about that. I have in mind some projects that require attention during a professional break, and the seven-year mark from my first sabbatical is just around the corner from now. But my first concern is to ensure that Father Rickenbaker may enjoy the refreshment of a genuine sabbath at this particular point in his ministry, for the sake of the good that this sabbatical will do for him and for our parish.

Jay Morris



FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

Advent and Christmas

Dear Family in Christ,
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! I thank our God for you, especially for how willing and interested you are in celebrating the various seasons of the church year. As we begin December and make our way into January, we will participate in two very important seasons: Advent and Christmas. Both seasons are of profound importance to the life of the church.

Advent is the season of the church year where our eyes are intentionally focused on the second coming of Jesus Christ. The Scripture lessons on Sundays during Advent focus on Christ's return and what it will be like. We already heard quite a bit about Christ's return in the weeks that led up to the beginning of Advent. Now we continue to hear about his return throughout this season. The season of Advent, like the season of Lent, is a time when we call to mind all the ways that we have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). As we recognize our sinfulness, we are reminded also of the reality that when God came to us in the first Advent on that first Christmas, it was for the purpose of saving us from sin, death, and the devil. Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, did just that. In his second Advent, Christ will come to judge the living and the dead, as we say in the creeds. The second Advent would be bad news for us if it weren't for the cross. But now we recognize our sins, our inability to save ourselves, and our deep tendency to curve in on ourselves. During Advent we hear God's holy law, which points out our sinfulness; then we hear God's Gospel message, the Good News that we have a Savior who was born, lived, died, and was raised for our salvation. He saves us in spite of what we have done. All of this is tied up in the season of Advent, because you can't have Advent without Christmas.

In the season of Christmas, we celebrate the fact that Christ was indeed born for us. On that first Christmas, an angel of



the Lord announced to the shepherds in the fields, "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" (Luke 2:10-11 KJV). Each Christmas we celebrate that the entirety of the Old Testament led up to the moment when Jesus Christ came to be among us as Immanuel (Hebrew for "God with us"). Yet embedded in the celebration of Christmas is the reminder that Christ will return. That is Good News. For we who have received him by grace, through faith, in baptism have the promise that we will inherit the kingdom of God and join Christ our brother in the new creation.

My prayer for you is that you live into Advent and Christmas this year. Hear the conviction of God's holy law. Recognize that you are a sinner in need of a Savior. Repent and trust in God's work for you in Jesus Christ, which is the consolation of God's holy Gospel. Thank God that we have a Savior born to redeem us from our sin and to save us for himself. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*In Christ,
Fr. James*



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The ECW of Aquia Church invites our parish families to join us on Sunday, Dec. 17 for our Annual Meeting as we honor our 'Gift of Life' honorees. We will host a breakfast/brunch reception immediately following the 7:30 a.m. service. Following a short business meeting of the ECW, we will honor and introduce the 2023 'Gift of Life' honorees: Anna Rall, Anette Evans, Judith Basinger, and Kimberly Bamber. We joyously celebrate their faith and service in our parish and for our Lord. A contribution will be made to the ECW of the Diocese of Virginia in their honor, and their names recorded permanently at Mayo House, the diocesan headquarters. We hope you will join us in celebration of these women whom we honor with a time of fellowship and celebration. Their deeds do not go unnoticed as they share their time and talents with many good works.

I am excited to announce that several new officers of the board and of our Sts. Mary and Martha guild will be introduced during the meeting as well. We are very grateful for the work and dedication of those women who have served so well in the past and now are stepping aside (not away) to allow others to share our mission and ministry. Their work and guidance will not stop as they take time for personal matters. I hope you will join the board in thanking those ladies for their years of service and in thanking our new leaders, too.

In summarizing our 2023 year, the ministry and mission of the ECW continues to support our community through donations and partnering with other parish ministries in service. An important part of the ECW ministry is to bring our parish family and friends together in fellowship, prayer, and good works in Christ's name. The success of this year's Fall Fest, even with the threat of rain, can be credited to the weeks of planning and work by our

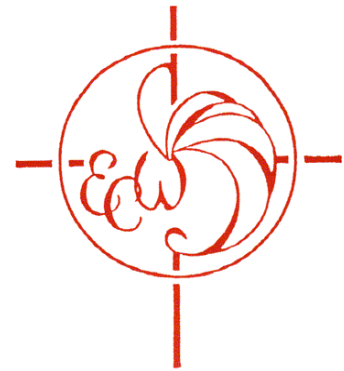
parish. It serves as the ECW's largest fundraising event each year. The 67th annual event is on the books for Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024. The ECW will continue to support our yearly ministry by working locally, in the diocese, and worldwide.

We invite all women to share in the ministry and mission and enjoy the fellowship of ECW. I can be contacted via e-mail (bkwings_n_things@yahoo.com), or contact the church office for my phone number) with any question you have. In sharing your time and talents we are all enriched. The Sts. Mary and Martha guild meets on the first and third Thursdays monthly for study and reflection. Members of this guild also devote some of their time between service to our parish and community. On the fifth Thursday of a month, our service projects encompass the needs of our campus. There is always much to do and share as we unite in the service of our Lord doing good works.

Here is a prayer for this time in the world, from *The Prayers for Episcopal Women*:

When we wake and discover our lives
Are suddenly in a never-before time,
A never-again-the-same time,
Grant us courage, O God, in knowing
That all times are yours,
That you are ever before and after,
That with you there is no "never."

Briget Kane
ECW President



Congratulations to the 2023 Gift of Life Honorees

Anna Rall

Anette Evans

Judith Basinger

Kimberly Bamber



STS. MARY AND MARTHA

Worship, Service, and Fellowship

If you have not yet had a chance, please visit the ECW Advent Gift Shop at the far end of the great hall. There you will find a lovely assortment of handmade Advent wreaths, Christmas ornaments, and comfy hand-crocheted slippers, along with Aquia Church gold ornaments, note cards, and cookbooks, plus sets of purple and pink taper candles for your Advent wreath.



Aquia Episcopal Church gold ornament

We also have little wax angels, votive candles, and star candles all repurposed from Aquia Church's altar candle stubs. New this year are kitchen towels featuring chef Gary Perkins; not only is Gary the head of and chef for the monthly Men's Breakfast Ministry, but he is also a weekly chef for Aquia's Table. So this year we celebrate Gary! We also have tea towels featuring two other great Aquia Church cooks, Pat Moncure and Jackie Chichester.

The shop is officially open each Sunday morning through Sunday, Dec. 17, but you are welcome to browse and shop anytime you find the Christian Formation and Fellowship Building open.

During December and January, the Sts. Mary and Martha guild will continue with our traditions of worship, service, and Christ-centered fellowship. Our only meeting in December will be on

the 7th. In January, our meetings fall on the 4th and 18th. We shall continue with our challenging study of the book *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* and get started on the crafts for Fall Fest 2024—which will then be only nine months away!

If you can join us for any of the above occasions, please do. We treasure friendships with our sisters-in-Christ whom we have found in our parish and our guild, and we welcome all who seek a morning of women's fellowship. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Carolyn Hendrickson (cvhendrickson35@gmail.com), Kathie League (kleague6412@gmail.com), or Mary Jane Cole (maryjane@cfsw.biz).

Mary Jane Cole

TREASURER'S NOTE

Monetary contributions intended for 2023 must be received by the church by Dec. 31, 2023, or be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2023. Contributions, such as checks which are dated in 2023 but which are received after Dec. 31, 2023 or postmarked after Dec. 31, 2023, will be counted towards 2024. Electronic contributions must be made by the end of Dec. 31, 2023 to count towards 2023.

After Dec. 31, 2023, for in-kind donations made during this year which have not previously been identified, parishioners are asked to provide the receipts to the office as soon as possible. In the event that in-kind receipts

are not received by the church office before end-of-year statements are produced, the Treasurer will provide a separate statement for these in-kind donations.

End-of-year contribution statements for 2023 will be available at church on Jan. 21, 2024. Any discrepancies should be referred to Sue Selz, our parish administrator, for resolution.

For 2024, if you are requesting a reimbursement for an in-kind contribution, please consider holding your request until you reach the amount of \$25.00. Our new security-enhanced checks cost \$0.88 each, and postage for each check is now \$0.66, so we are



trying to minimize the cost of producing checks for small dollar amounts. If this is not feasible for you, we will process your check per your request.

Chris Arey
Treasurer



Dorothy L. Sayers

If you have an inclination towards British crime fiction, then you have probably come across the adventures and detection of Lord Peter Wimsey, a character who first appeared in writing 100 years ago and whose exploits have continued up until this century. The creator of Lord Peter was Dorothy L. Sayers, who wrote the first Lord Peter Wimsey novel in 1923, when she was 30. Though much of her fame rests on the popularity of her novels, Sayers shone bright as an advocate of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; through her creative endeavors, she championed Christianity using her artistic lens. Her story that follows is taken mainly from an article, “The Transforming Imagination of Dorothy L. Sayers,” written by Crystal Downing, co-director of the Marion E. Wade Center and co-holder of the Marion E. Wade Chair in Christian Thought at Wheaton College, which appeared in *Wheaton*, Volume 24, Issue 1, Winter 2021. The entire article is available online (<https://www.wheaton.edu/magazine/winter-2021/the-transformation-imagination-of-dorothy-l-sayers/>).

The story of Dorothy L. Sayers echoes some of the same themes that marked the life of her contemporary, C. S. Lewis. The only child of an Anglican priest, she grew up in the church and was confirmed (as was expected), but she regarded Christian piety and the adherence to rituals of the faith as annoying. A precocious student, she would go on to be accepted and to study at Somerville College, at Oxford University. An added bonus for her was the fact that chapel at Somerville was not mandatory; as Downing writes, at Somerville Sayers “spent more time asking people for cigarettes than for spiritual advice.” In 1915 she graduated with first class honors from Oxford in medieval French, but did not receive a degree, as women were ineligible for degrees back then. When that changed in 1920, she was among the first to receive her degree. Unlike Lewis, she had not descended into atheism, yet she compartmentalized her faith.

After graduation she taught school and worked for Blackwell’s, the famous bookseller in Oxford. After Blackwell’s she moved to France, and in 1922 she returned to England to work as a copywriter at S. H. Benson, the largest advertising agency in Britain. She stayed there till 1929; among other achievements, she was responsible for the introduction of the Guinness toucan, the image of which was an advertising logo for Guinness for many decades. In her spare time, she toiled at writing fiction. In 1923, Sayers published her first detective novel, *Whose Body?*, featuring Lord Peter Wimsey, a quite non-religious character, and likely a composite of male friends she had known at Oxford. She would write 11 novels featuring Lord Peter, ending in 1937. However, as Downing writes,

It would be art and imagination that kept her from abandoning Christianity altogether. As she told a friend several years before she died, Sayers probably would have become a scientific materialist, entirely disdainful of supernatural realities, if it were not for the imaginative writings of G. K. Chesterton. While still a “sullenly unreceptive adolescent,” Sayers read Chesterton’s quirky novel *The Napoleon of Notting Hill* (1904), which destabilized the idea that only science can explain truth.

The Napoleon of Notting Hill was Chesterton’s first novel. His story takes place 80 years into the future, or 1984. Curiously, some two decades after this book was written, Chesterton helped a young writer by publishing his first essay in *G.K.’s Weekly*, which was Chesterton’s own periodical. The writer, Eric Blair, would also write a novel about the future under his pen name, George Orwell, and would place the novel in 1984. Like Sayers, C.S. Lewis experienced something similar after reading George MacDonald’s unusual novel *Phantastes* (1858). Though neither book led either Lewis or Sayers to Christ, Downing writes that the novels

“provided perspectives that freed Lewis and Sayers from the legalistic pietism and resistance to change they encountered among Christians during their youth.”

According to Downing, in 1936, Sayers was asked to follow in the footsteps of the distinguished poet T. S. Eliot by writing a play celebrating the history of Canterbury Cathedral. Eliot’s play, *Murder in the Cathedral*, focused on Thomas Becket. Sayers’s play, *The Zeal of Thy House* (1937), focused not on a martyred archbishop, but on characters she created who were like the real Christians she had met in her life, from those who condemn artistic imagination to those who believe that God can be glorified through the arts. *The Zeal of Thy House* enabled Sayers to advocate her belief in the power of creativity. Downing writes, “To do so, she ended her script with an angel proclaiming that, because God is a Creator, humans most fully illustrate that they have been created in the image of God (Gen. 1:27) when they themselves are creative.”

The impact of this work altered Sayers’ life. She would write no more detective novels. Encouraged by others, she expanded her thoughts on creativity into a book, *The Mind of the Maker* (1941), which she later expanded by proposing that human creativity is the aspect of humanity that gives mankind its best chance of understanding (however imperfectly) the nature of God’s mind.

During World War II, at the BBC’s request, she created a cycle of twelve radio plays portraying the life of Christ, *The Man Born to be King* (1941–42). These radio plays were broadcast across England during the darkest days of the war. Sayers insisted from the outset on realism, modern speech, and a portrayal of Jesus that eschewed use of the King James Bible (or the Authorized Version), even incorporating American slang. Though some conservative Christians expressed shock as an actor voiced Christ in the plays, the controversy eventually subsided and

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VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Oct. 24, 2023

Dinner and Fellowship (starting at 6:15 p.m.)

Business Session (starting at 7 p.m.)

Attendance: Fr. Jay Morris, Rector; Fr. James Rickenbaker, Assistant Rector; Chris Arey, Treasurer; Christine Bowie, Michael Golasz, Dale Hendon, Carolyn Hendrickson, Sarah Kirby, Walt Peterson, Anna Rall, Lisa Schwartz, Penny Stevens

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Treasurer's Report

- Pledge income received in September had a significant dip compared to the last two years.
- Year-to-date, we have received 68% of our anticipated pledge income, which is not entirely unusual at this point in the year.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

- **R-2023-11: Adjustments to the 2023 Budget** (approved 9/26)
- **R-2023-12: Sale of Burial Rights to Carol & Ron Korth** (approved 9/26)
- **R-2023-13: Sale of Burial Rights to Anna & Drew Rall** (approved 9/26)
- **R-2023-14: Sale of Burial Rights to Brenda & Carrol Frederick** (approved 9/26)
- **Annual Pledge Campaign**
- **Fall Fest 2023**

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the plays became widely respected and admired. Downing notes that C.S. Lewis himself was so moved by the print version of the plays, that he read through it every year for his Lenten devotions for two decades.

Dorothy L. Sayers's literary achievements also included a highly regarded translation of Dante's *The*

The draft minutes were approved by the Vestry.

Continuing Business

- **Review of Visitation by Bishop Dabney Smith on 10/22**
 - ◇ Vestry would have preferred additional time with Bishop Smith
 - ◇ Potential to have outlined points for the next visit by a bishop
- **Report on External Audit**
 - ◇ AUP (Agreed-Upon Procedures) — An accounting checklist, not a full-fledged CPA review
 - ◆ Appropriate findings and corrections were made
 - ◇ Report approved by Vestry
- **Clergy Sabbaticals**
 - ◇ Potential for Father James to take a sabbatical January/February 2024
 - ◇ Potential for Father Jay to take a sabbatical in summer 2024

New Business

- **2024 Parish Annual Meeting and Election of New Vestry Members**
 - ◇ Planning one morning worship service which includes presentation of candidates and election of new members

Reports from Committees, Wardens, and Rector

- No new updates from administration committee and buildings & grounds committee



Vestry Highlights

- Finance committee
 - ◇ Increasing fraud prevention by purchasing checks with limited ability to be photocopied
 - ◇ Requesting parishioners in an upcoming bulletin to consider holding reimbursement requests until at least a \$25 amount has been reached, or to report the purchase as an in-kind donation

Upcoming Dates

- 11/3-4 229th Diocesan Annual Convention, Fredericksburg
- 11/18 Fall grounds cleanup
- 11/22 Thanksgiving Eve worship service
- 11/28 Vestry meeting
- 12/19 Vestry meeting *NOTE: THIRD TUESDAY INSTEAD OF FOURTH* (7 p.m. in person, with dinner available starting at 6:15 p.m.)
- 1/7/2024 Parish Annual Meeting and election of new vestry members

Good of the Order, Closing Prayer, and Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Rall

Register

Divine Comedy. She died suddenly on Dec. 17, 1957, at her home in Witham, in the county of Essex, and on that day annually she is remembered by the church. The contemporary-language collect for her feast day is this:

Almighty God, who strengthened your servant Dorothy Sayers with eloquence to defend Christian teaching: Keep us, we pray,

steadfast in your true religion, that in constancy and peace we may always teach right doctrine, and teach doctrine rightly; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*
[*Lesser Feasts and Fasts* (2018)]

Chris Arey



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Transferred in: *"And the Lord added to their number day by day"* (Acts 2:47)

Christopher Kamm, Esther Kamm, Thomas Kamm

Baptisms: *"sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever"* (BCP 308)

Matteo Andreas Dearing

Burials: *"Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them"* (BCP 486/502)

Sylvia Margaret Tinkler

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AT AQUIA CHURCH

New Babies: Please call the church office after the birth of a child so that a red rose can be placed on the altar in thanksgiving.

Those being deployed: Please call the church office so that we can offer special prayers at a service prior to your departure. Also, we want to put you on our prayer list for all those in the service of our country who are deployed.

FUTURE BAPTISMS

If you would like to schedule a baptism, please contact the church office so that counseling with the clergy can be arranged.

Sue Selz

Aquia Church Prayer List

December 2023–January 2024

Janet Arey, Rhett Blythe and Family, Debbie Byers, Laura Chichester, Richard Chichester, Paula Davis, Robert & JoAnn Feldman, Jeanette Lempka, Lori, Lori Hendon, Ken Luehrs, Pat Moncure, Rebecca Poole, Arnie Schwartz, Scott Smith, Dennis Springer, Nicole Sundby, John & Pam Tompkins, Kenneth Tompkins, Warner Tompkins, Tom Tremper, Bryce Vinson, Jen Wassmer, Walt & Elizabeth Yager.



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We, as Aquia Church, joyfully respond to the grace, love and fellowship
of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit at work in our midst
by celebrating His presence, sharing His abundance,
and proclaiming His word throughout the world.





Christmas Flowers



In England and in colonial Virginia, Christmas decorations were a common sight inside churches. The approach of the holiday was an excuse to sweep the church clean, clear out the dust and cobwebs, and carry in boughs of greenery. Garlands of holly, ivy, mountain laurel, and mistletoe dangled from the church walls, encircled pillars, and clung to second-story gallery railings, freshening the sanctuary with their clean, woodsy scent. Peter Kalm, a Swedish botanist who visited Philadelphia at Christmas time in 1749, wrote that “Pews and altar were decorated with branches of mountain laurel, whose leaves are green in winter time” (*Williamsburg Christmas*, 1999, page 28).

Please help the flower guild decorate Aquia Church with flowers, wreaths, and garland for Christmas and Epiphany, by contributing a check for \$20 payable to Aquia Episcopal Church, with “Christmas Flowers” in the memo portion of your check. Those submitted prior to the deadline of Dec. 19 will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Please fill out the form below and submit it to the church office along with your check.

Enclosed is my donation for Christmas and Epiphany altar flowers, wreaths, and garland. I understand that I am giving my donation toward the overall preparation of the church for Christmas.

I would like my gift for the Christmas altar to be:

In Thanksgiving for _____

In Memory of _____

I would like to take a poinsettia home after December 25

(Circle One) Yes No

Otherwise, I understand that the poinsettias will be taken to shut-ins or other people in pastoral need during the Christmas season.

Thank you.

Name _____

Phone _____





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Worship Schedule for December and Beyond

Sunday, Dec. 3 (First Sunday of Advent)

7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 4 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, Dec. 10 (Second Sunday of Advent)

7:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

4 p.m. Advent Lessons and Carols (not a communion service; 4 p.m. is the correct time)

Sunday, Dec. 17 (Third Sunday of Advent)

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. E.C.W. Christmas Reception in the great hall

10:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant with Holy Communion in the great hall

4 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, Dec. 24

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Fourth Sunday of Advent) (the only worship service that morning)

4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., & 10 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Christmas Eve), with Christmas music beginning 30 minutes before each service

Monday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (the only worship service that day)



Sunday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve)

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion

(no afternoon/evening worship service)

Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024 (First Sunday of the New Year)

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Parish-Wide Annual Meeting in the great hall

(in case of snow or ice, the annual meeting will be postponed one week)

Sunday school activities throughout the morning for students in pre-K through 12th grade

4 p.m. Holy Eucharist