

# *Welcome!*

We are so grateful to have you here! Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, whether you are visiting from Houston or from out of town, we invite you to experience how God is changing lives at St. John the Divine. We wish you a merry Christmas and invite you to come back and join us again!

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# FESTIVE EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

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7:00 & 10:30 pm — December 24, 2017

The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord

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We warmly welcome all guests today. Thank you for silencing all cell phones and mobile devices.  
Please dispose of all food and beverages before entering the worship space.

Hymns in large print are available from the ushers.

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PRELUDE	In dulci jubilo	Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750
	What Child Is This	arr. Don Gillis 1912-1978
	Hodie Christus Natus Est	Giovanni Gabrieli 1557-1612
	Coventry Carol	arr. Don Gillis

SOLO	O Holy Night	Adolphe Adam 1803-1856
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O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining.  
Till He appeared and the Spirit felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, the night when Christ was born.

Truly He taught us to love one another,  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains he shall break, for the slave is our brother.  
And in his name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
With all our hearts we praise His holy name.  
Christ is the Lord! Then ever, ever praise we,  
His power and glory ever more proclaim!

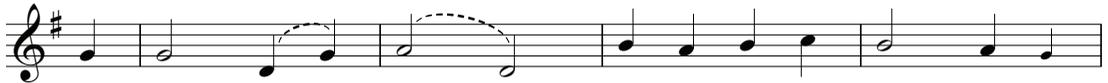
*Jon Janacek, tenor*

# THE WORD OF GOD

Congregation stands

CAROL IN PROCESSION 83 O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Adeste fideles*



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 Lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
 Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given;



come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O



come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *and blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: 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.*

# CAROL AT THE GLORIA 96 Angels We Have Heard on High

*Gloria*



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## THE COLLECT FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

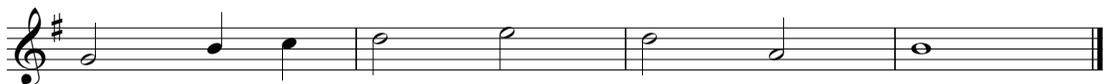
*Congregation seated*

Psalm 96:1-4, 11-12

*psalmtone: Henry Smart*

*Congregation sings refrain*

*refrain: Steven Newberry*



Sing and re - joice! Al - le - lu - ia!

1 O sing unto the LORD a new song;  
sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.

- 2 Sing unto the LORD and praise his name,  
tell the glad tidings of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his honor unto the nations;  
and his wonders unto all peoples.
- 4 For the LORD is great and highly to be praised.  
he is more to be feared than all gods. **Refrain**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea roar and all that therein is  
Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them.
- 12 Yea, let all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD  
when he cometh to judge the earth.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. **Refrain***

#### The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7 (p. 573)

- <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.
- <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
- <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- <sup>5</sup>For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for the fire.
- <sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and of peace  
 there will be no end,  
 on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
 to establish it and to uphold it  
 with justice and with righteousness  
 from this time forth and forevermore.  
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Carol 100 Joy to the World

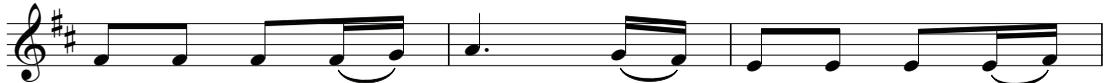
Antioch



1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her King; \_\_\_ let ev - ery heart \_\_\_ pre - pare him room \_\_\_ and  
 songs em - ploy, \_\_\_ while fields and floods, \_\_\_ rocks, hills and plains, \_\_\_ re -  
 fest the ground; \_\_\_ he comes to make \_\_\_ his bless - ings flow \_\_\_ far  
 na - tions prove \_\_\_ the glo - ries of \_\_\_ his right - eous - ness, \_\_\_ and



heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

The Gospel

Luke 2:8-20 (p.857)

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Gospel Fanfare

David N. Johnson 1922-1987

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Clay A. Lein

THE NICENE CREED *standing*

BCP 358

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Form III*

BCP 387

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: *That we all may be one.*

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People: That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People: That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

*People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:

Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Congregation kneels*

*All: 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.*

Celebrant: 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 *standing*

BCP 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

Anthem *Gloria from Missa Trinitatis*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756-1791

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 coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens,

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu 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, quoniam tu solus altissimus, quoniam tu solus Dominus,  
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, Jesus Christ;*

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,*

*Thou 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.*

PRESENTATION HYMN

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below;  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia; Praise him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

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

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 125

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*Congregation kneeling*

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

Celebrant: 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 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. *AMEN*

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

*People: 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please be guided by the ushers to either the front or back rail. You may sip the wine from the common cup or intinct [dip] your wafer into the smaller intinction cup. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please come to the rail and cross your arms over your chest. Everyone is welcome to receive a blessing.

Anthem Mary's Magnificat

Andrew Carter b.1939

Softly, a light is stealing, sweetly a maiden sings,  
Ever wakeful, ever wistful, watching faithfully, thankfully,  
tenderly her King of kings.

My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
Mary, her song to Jesus softly, serenely sings:  
'I will love you, I will serve you, may my lullaby glorify, magnify my King of kings.'

Lullaby.

*Imogen van der Werff, soprano*

Carol 115 What Child Is This

*Greensleeves*



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is sleep - ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant, king, to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
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.

Carol 79 O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath-ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won-drous gift is given!  
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-dering love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Carol 101 Away in a Manger

*Cradle Song*

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.  
 close\_ by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear child - ren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is night.  
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*We share light from the Christ Candle as a witness  
that the Light and Love of the Lord Jesus Christ has entered the world.*

Anthem Salvation Is Created

Pavel Grigorievich Tschesnokoff 1877-1944

Salvation is created, in the midst of the earth, O God. Alleluia.

*Text: Psalm 74*

Carol 111 Silent Night

*Stille Nacht*

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,  
 all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
 at the pure sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
 love's light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,  
 Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy  
 peace. born! Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 birth. Christ the Sa - vior is born.  
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *standing*

BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*People: Almighty and everliving God,  
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
 of the most precious Body and Blood  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
 And now, Father, send us out  
 to do the work you have given us to do,  
 to love and serve you  
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

HYMN 87 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

*Mendelssohn*



1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!  
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,  
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.  
Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,  
with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!  
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

THE DISMISSAL

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

POSTLUDE Toccata on *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Samuel Hunter *b.* 1988

## **TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERING IN THE CHURCH**

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The Gloria in excelsis Deo (Latin for “Glory to God in the highest”) which we sing each Sunday as part of our liturgy is a hymn known as the Greater Doxology (as distinguished from the Minor Doxology or Gloria Patri). The name is often abbreviated to simply the Gloria. The hymn begins with words that the angels sang when the birth of Christ was announced to the shepherds, making it very appropriate in our celebration of The Nativity. Tonight at the Offertory, the Chorale sings Mozart’s particularly festive setting of this hymn of praise.

As candlelight lights the darkness of the sanctuary at the conclusion of communion, the Chorale offers the words of the Psalmist “Salvation is created in the midst of the earth, O God. Alleluia.” The austere musical setting of the text by Pavel Tschesnokoff creates a profound moment in tonight’s liturgy.

This evening’s celebration of The Nativity concludes with a commissioned work composed especially for tonight’s services. At the Postlude we hear a festive Toccata for organ and brass based on the final hymn, “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” written by Samuel Hunter. Samuel was on staff at St John the Divine for several years as a member of the Chorale and also as an administrative assistant in the music and worship office. He currently serves as Communications and Administration Specialist at The Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville, North Carolina.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF**

Steven A. Newberry - Director of Music and Worship  
John Meier - Associate Director of Music and Worship  
Zach Meeks - Associate Director of Music and Worship  
Lois Trego - Director of Music for Children and Youth  
Patrick Schneider - Administrative Assistant, Music and Worship  
Jesse Enderle - Administrative Assistant, Music and Worship  
Larry Williams - Carillonneur  
Jyung Kim - Chapel Organist

## **THE CHORALE OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE**

SOPRANOS: Sarah Bauer, Julia Flemming, Joan Groth, Virginia Hesse, Heather Hughes,  
Laura LeVoir, Dominique McCormick, Imogen van der Werff

ALTOS: Kelly Brooke, Janet Flasch, Marilyn Gore, Irene Lee, Katie Marcell, Dawn Monachino,  
Janet Preston, Abby Powell

TENORS: Cody Arthur, Bill Groth, Bob Hilsher, Tony Rodcas, Scott Towns

BASSES: Roger Beebe, Jim Brown, Bryan DePan, Jon Janacek, Andrew Nalley, Patrick Schneider

## **BRASS ENSEMBLE**

Trumpets: Ayman Aboulish, David Sedgewick

French Horn: James Wilson

Trombone: Mark Holly

Tuba: Chris Torissi

Timpani: Brandon Bell

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# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

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## ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In memory of Herbert, Helen, David,  
and Michael Allen  
by Anne Allen Symonds

In memory of Michael Herbert Allen  
by Patrice Melville Allen

In memory of Alice Carey Alsup  
by her family

In memory of their daughter  
Kathy Greenwood Armer  
by Cody and Jim Greenwood

In memory of Khleber V. and Lucille M.,  
and Lucille and Nancy M. Attwell  
by the Kirby Attwell family

In memory of our parents  
Sydney and Margaret Bailey  
and our sister Bonnie Margaret Klindworth  
by Buddy and Cindy Bailey

In memory of Laura and Clifford Baker  
by Carolyn Baker

In memory of her father Howard Barnstone  
by Chip and Lily Wells

In memory of our grandmothers  
Halene A. Bearden, Jean E. Sparks,  
and Lena Mae Hamner  
by the Hamner family

In memory of our beloved son Joseph  
by George Bement and Barbara Strobel

In memory of Conrad Bering, Jr.  
and W.C. English, Jr.  
by Walter Bering

In memory of Rick Rice and Buck Bonner  
by Kay Rice

In memory of George R. Bouchard,  
Leslie Arundell Chapman,  
and Doris Haynie Chapman  
by Gina Chapman Bouchard

In memory of Irene Georgen  
and Tenie Braniff  
by Marsha and Jim Braniff

In memory of the Tyrrells, the Campbells,  
Eastman Gathright Nayes,  
and the Brock families  
by Dr. Gary and Cathy Brock

In memory of Brandi Brown  
by Shari Wescott and Kelly Perdue

In memory of John Donvie Cain  
by his family

In memory of their parents  
Mary Wood Caldwell, Porter Lee Caldwell,  
Mary Pedan Cox Greenwood,  
and James Greenwood, Jr.  
by Cody and Jim Greenwood

In memory of Mary Ann Carrico  
and William Bundy Shouse  
by Mr. and Mrs. August Shouse

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In memory of Roger Carson  
and Evelyn Wilkins, Susan Wilkins Griffith,  
and Harry and Winnie Gentry Black  
by Brian, Jennifer, Carson, and Susie Black

In memory of Marilyn Carroll Cartwright,  
Stewart Elbert Cartwright,  
and Janet Carroll Cartwright  
by their family Grace, Keith, Carroll  
and Stewart

In memory of Paul D. Chapman  
by Gay and Ron Tigner,  
and Teal Tigner Reamer

In memory of their parents,  
her grandmother, and her sister  
by Pam and Craig Christie

In memory of his parents  
Alfred Cleon and Clara Childs Nicol Moore,  
and his brother Alfred Cleon Moore, Jr.  
by their son and brother,  
Dwight "Clint" Moore and his wife Diana

In memory of Bethalea Cornish, James R.  
Cornish, and James and Vera Rosenberger  
by Sherry D. Pirsch

In memory of David Michael Cox  
by Diane, David, Craig, and Daisy

In memory of Carolyn Easter Crawford  
and Dr. E. Stanley Crawford  
by their family Clay E. and Julia Crawford,  
John L. and Marjory Crawford,  
Bruce G. and Laura Crawford,  
and Carolyn Crawford

In memory of Martha Alexander Crouch,  
Aziel Guy Crouch, Jr., Charlotte Nicolai  
Dearien, and James Nelson Dearien  
by Susan, Craig, Denise, Collier,  
Christopher, and Chase Crouch

In memory of Chuck Dalio  
by Shawn Dalio, Kitty and Lex Hochner,  
Kelly and Adam Tepper,  
and Leigh and Chris Joseph

In memory of their parents  
Carl and Phyllis Detering,  
and Catherine and John Newman  
by Kit and Carl Detering

In memory of Wayne B. Duddlesten  
by Karen Duddlesten

In memory of Margaret and James Earle  
by Ned and Judy Earle

In memory of Anne and Seaborn Eastland,  
and Thetis and Edward Gardner  
by Tara and Stacy Eastland

In memory of Lloyd and Mary Edwards,  
and Eugene and Edith Shepherd  
by Marilyn and Gene Shepherd and family

In memory of her brother  
Robert Boyt Evans  
by Betty Evans

In memory of Ruth Ferris  
by the Reverend and Mrs. Laurens Hall

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In memory of Jane "Gigi" Pridgeon Fortner  
by Dr. and Mrs. Stephen G. Slade,  
and Rachael and Jacqueline Bennett

In memory of Patsy Fox  
by the Reverend and Mrs. Laurens Hall

In memory of Jolé Galvan  
by Jesse Galvan

In memory of Dick and Mildred Ganchan,  
Stewart and Claudine Rice,  
and David Hannah  
by Steve and Meg Rice

In memory of Alfred C. Glassell, Jr.  
by Clare A. Glassell and family

In memory of my parents  
the Rev. Sam and Mrs. Catherine Gouvellis  
by Gail Tarsinos

In memory of W. Carter Grinstead, Jr.  
by his wife Linda Grinstead,  
his children Cindy and George Craft and  
Carter and Laura Grinstead,  
and his grandchildren

In memory of Ada Allen Hall, W. Earl Hall, Sr.,  
Bailey Grant, Dorothy Grant,  
Eleanor Amanda Hall, W. Earl Hall, Jr.,  
and Laura Baker Hall  
by the Reverend and Mrs. Laurens Hall

In memory of Bill Harvin  
and Virginia and Griff Lawhon  
by Susan, Harvin and Julia,  
and Bryan and Katie Lawhon

In memory of Edward and Hazel Healy  
and Vernon Goehrs  
by Laura and Paul Goehrs

In memory of the the Honorable Wyatt Heard  
by Duoli and Zhenge

In memory of Jack E. Heemer  
by Ellen Heemer

In memory of Robert T. Herrin,  
Hazel J. Herrin, John Elton Lyons,  
Deborah Jean Lyons, and Bannie Loretta Lyons  
by Joan H. Lyons

In memory of Anne and Leslie Hillebrandt  
by the Santangelo family

In memory of our family and friends  
by Pam and Randy Hiriart

In memory of Jack Holloway  
by Mary Eleanor Holloway

In memory of Tany and Jack Hopper  
and Dar Holm  
by John and Sally Hopper

In memory of Betty P. Hudson  
by Chip and Lily Wells,  
Katy, and John and Annie

In memory of Sara Jacob  
by her husband Matt  
and children Sonia and Vinita

In memory of Daniel R. Japhet  
by his family

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In memory of Margie Jeter, Tany and Jack  
Hopper, Frances and Jack Pollard,  
and Tany Shumate  
by Frances and Rick Jeter

In memory of Teresa Blaney Johnson  
by the Zorich family

In memory of Ken Kangieser  
by June Kangieser and family

In memory of Jack Dalton Kinard  
and Louisa Grace Kinard  
by Daisy Kinard, Elizabeth,  
Beverly, and Katherine

In memory of Jack D. Kinard  
by Sally and Charley McCollum

In memory of Jack Dalton Kinard  
by Russell and Elizabeth Thomas

In memory of their parents  
Alma Buaas Kormeier and Victor A. Kormeier  
and  
Elizabeth Rivers Stayton and John W. Caudill  
by Lucy and Vic Kormeier

In memory of Robert Ashton Lawhon  
by Susan, Harvin and Julia,  
and Bryan and Katie Lawhon

In memory of Dennis Lawrence  
by Kimberly and Jennifer Lawrence

In memory of Sarah Lehmborg  
by Sally, Gary, and John Lehmborg

In memory of John W. and Faye Hinson Lewis  
by Charles Lewis

In memory of Henry Lichty  
by Frances and Rick Jeter

In memory of Tom Lyons  
by Suzanne Lyons and family

In memory of Imogene and Frank Males  
and Anita and John A. Jakubik  
by John and Jane Jakubik

In memory of Dale L. Martin, Jr.  
by the Craig Christie family

In memory of David Clinton Mason  
by Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Mason

In memory of Gayle McCollum King  
and Mary Dulany Lingo

In memory of Rick McCord  
by the Charles T. McCord III family

In memory of Malcolm Scott McCorquodale,  
member of the church and of the choir,  
by Ellen McCorquodale Martin

In memory of Stephanie Milburn  
by Roy Hill and Judy Jones

In memory of Marian Minniece  
by Laurie Minniece, Grace,  
and Jack and Edward Schlesinger

In memory of Joseph-Reuben Montoya  
by Wendy and Shawn Cloonan and family

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In memory of Leone and Don Naus  
and Elli and Bill Watters  
by Mary, Bill, William, Travis,  
and Shannon Watters

In memory of Lyla Nettles  
by Michael and Caroline Kennedy

In memory of Linwood Newman,  
William Newman, and Betty and Bill Jameson  
by Mary Ann Newman

In memory of Elma and Wiley Noble  
by Ellen and JB Mallay

In memory of Carol Colglazier Peden,  
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Prior, Jr.,  
Mr. and Mrs. David D. Peden,  
Mr. Robert W. Colglazier,  
Mrs. Barbara Colglazier Wall,  
and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sorrells  
by Mr. and Mrs. David D. Peden, Jr.

In memory of Jerry Perlitz  
by Louise Perlitz

In memory of James E. Petersen, Sr.  
and Maxine Petersen  
by Sarah Petersen

In memory of Don W. Pranke, MD  
by the Pranke and Kadlick families

In memory of my parents  
John and Doris Quinn  
by Cathleen and Patrick Trask

In memory of our grandson  
William Joseph Keith Ransdell  
by Debbie and Kenny Meyer

In memory of their parents  
Asa and Eleanor Richardson  
by Tim and PJ Richardson

In memory of his father, mother,  
brother, and sister  
by Peter Roussel

In memory of William F. "Bubba" Russell, Jr.  
by Louisa and Bill Russell,  
Lindsey, Clara, and Mary Grace Russell

In memory of Wayne D. Schoonover  
and Robert D. Hudson  
by Clinton Wells

In memory of Sterling  
and Dorothy Laird Sharp  
by Joanne Gibson and Jeanne Morgan

In memory of Lana Short and James Short  
by their family

In memory of Candace Utley Simmons  
by her loving family

In memory of Nell Rowan Slade  
by Dr. and Mrs. Stephen G. Slade  
and Rachael and Jacqueline Bennett

In memory of Stan Smith  
by Gil and Betsy Smith

In memory of Joseph William Soper  
by the Soper family

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In memory of our Pops, Butch Sparks  
by the Hamner family

In memory of Robert L. and Myrle R. Sult  
by J. R., Susan, and Sarah Sult

In memory of Kittsie Thomas  
and Ginger Boyer  
by Robin and Danny Klaes

In memory of Garrett and Phyllis Tucker  
by Ned and Judy Earle

In memory of David M. Underwood  
by Sarah and Duncan Underwood

In memory of David M. Underwood  
by Mrs. David M. Underwood and family

In memory of Theodore Vincent  
by the Keyes family and the Marlin family

In memory of Frank Wagner,  
Sheilah Franklyn, and Stephanie Milburn  
by Steve and Anna Marie Palmer

In memory of her parents  
Laurie and Clay Waters  
by Laurie and David Eckman

In memory of Jack Watkins  
by the Reverend and Mrs. Laurens Hall

In memory of Dr. O.D. Weaver  
by Aneita Weaver, Carol and Bill Sanford,  
and David and Leslye Weaver

In memory of John L. Weiler and Don Weiler  
by Patsy Weiler

and James and Chaille McCord

In memory of Amelia and Lewis White  
by Bill and Mimi Booker  
and Amelia W. Wymer

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Whitley  
by the Salmonsens family

In memory of Dr. and Mrs. Darrell Willerson,  
Dr. and Mrs. James Edward Willerson,  
Mrs. Eleanor Crane, Mrs. Bettie Townsend  
Oliver, Mrs. Bettie Driver, Mr. Robert Foard  
Townsend, Mrs. Helen Blair,  
Mrs. Grace Beamer, Dr. James Beamer,  
and Mr. Dick Blair  
by Dr. Jim Willerson and Nancy B. Willerson

In memory of Frank F. Willingham,  
Dr. George Geeseman,  
and Cora Geeseman  
by B.J. and Delby Willingham

In memory of Jim Wilson III  
by Pam Wilson  
and Zac, Meg, and Merritt Wilson

In memory of Betsy and Don Woodard  
and Jake B. Clegg Jr.  
by Woody and Liz Woodard

In memory of Mimi and Lee Wootters  
by their children and grandchildren

In memory of  
those forever present in our hearts  
by Janet and David Wrather, John, and Abbie

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## ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Youngflesh,  
Mr. and Mrs. Hill P. White, Hill P. White II,  
and Frances Anne White  
by Sara E. White

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In honor of Homero, Adolfo, and Maria

In honor of Bonnie and George Allen  
by Melinda and Joe Abell, Amy Roam,  
and Candace and George Allen

In honor of Eleanor Bonner Bering  
by Walter Bering

In honor of my grandchildren  
Alex, Liberty, Sydney, Matthew, and James  
by Gina Chapman Bouchard

In honor of all the angels  
that helped us after Harvey,  
especially SJD clergy, staff, and volunteers  
by Dr. Gary and Cathy Brock

In honor of their children and grandchildren  
by Craig and Pam Christie

In honor of Janet and Lynn Estep  
by Margaret and Thad Hill

In honor of our grandparents  
Patricia and John McDonald,  
and Nancy and Nelson Fisher  
by Elizabeth Wright Fisher  
and Vivian Margaret Fisher

In honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Laurens A. Hall,  
and the Rev. and Mrs. Doug Richnow  
by John and Jane Jakubik

In honor of the Rev. Larry and Bennie Hall by  
Duoli and Zhenge

In honor of their children  
Mary Martha and Justin Hardin,  
Grace, Andrew, and Zel Wessels,  
and Jack Rose  
by Martha and Robert Wessels

In honor of Jack Dillingham Heemer  
and Charlotte Ann Heemer  
by Ellen Heemer

In honor of Channing, Sarah Margaret,  
and Ballard Hill  
by Margaret and Thad Hill

In honor of Judy and John Hill  
by Margaret and Thad Hill

In honor of their parents  
Bill and Mary Frances Jones  
by Tim and PJ Richardson

In honor of Meg Jorn  
by the Jorn and Pranke families

In honor of our grandchildren  
Tennessee, Kyri, Austin, Dillan,  
Payton, and Kai  
by Candy and Tom Knudson

In honor of our parents  
William and Mary Leah Lawrence  
by Buddy and Cindy Bailey

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## ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In honor of Alecia Lawyer  
by Mimi Lloyd

In honor of their son John Lehmborg  
by Sally and Gary Lehmborg

In honor of Jill and Clay Lein  
by Mary Ann and Dean Callender

In honor of the Rev. Dr. Clay and Jill Lein  
by Duoli and Zhenge

In honor of my father  
by Ellen McCorquodale Martin

In honor of our grandchildren  
Millie Elizabeth Meyer  
and William George Meyer  
by Debbie and Kenny Meyer

In honor of Patti Mullendore  
by Frances and Rick Jeter

In honor of my family and church  
by Patti Mullendore

In honor of Steven Newberry, John Meier,  
and the St. John's Chorale  
by Sally and Charley McCollum

In honor of Teal, Jeff, and Talley Reamer  
by Gay and Ron Tigner

In honor of the Rev. Dr. Doug  
and Nikki Richnow  
by Duoli and Zhenge

In honor of Emily Catherine,  
Ben and Tany Riggs, and Tany, Chaz,  
Mary Frances, and Charlie Klaes  
by Frances and Rick Jeter

In honor of her grandchildren  
Charles, Will, and Anna Sampson,  
and Edward and Henry Morris  
by Grammy

In honor of my beautiful baby granddaughter  
Maia Simmons-Vineyard  
and her parents Ryan and Dana  
by Bob Vineyard

In honor of their grandchildren  
Harper Grace,  
James and Margaret Jane Smith,  
William and Andrew Fox,  
and Jack and Peter Tripple  
by Woody and Liz Woodard

In honor of their daughters  
Mary Smith, Catherine Fox, and Julia Tripple,  
and their husbands  
by Woody and Liz Woodard

In honor of Ron and Gay Tigner  
by Tom and Barbara Bates Press

In honor of Carolyn Wimberly  
by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ray

In thanksgiving for the ministry of the  
St. John the Divine Staff and Clergy  
by the Rev. Dr. Clay Lein

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# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

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### THE FLOWERS IN THE COLUMBARIUM ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In memory of Lois Ayers  
by Candy and Tom Knudson

In memory of Mac Burgher  
by his loving wife Shirley

In memory of Martha Alexander Crouch  
by Susan, Craig, Denise, Collier,  
Christopher, and Chase Crouch

In memory of the Rev. Jack DeForest  
by John and Jane Jakubik

In memory of Ann Lowdon Hamilton  
by Anna Beth and Doug Hill,  
Cameron Hill, and Hallie Sutter

In memory of John Louis Hamilton  
by Anna Beth and Doug Hill,  
Cameron Hill, and Hallie Sutter

In memory of Bruce M. Harrington  
by Sally and Charley McCollum

In memory of Jack E. Heemer  
by Ellen Heemer

In memory of Jack Holloway  
by Mary Eleanor Holloway

In memory of Kenneth Kangieser  
by June Kangieser and family

In memory of Ann Rutledge Keyes  
by the Keyes family and the Marlin family

In memory of Jack Dalton Kinard  
by Daisy Kinard, Elizabeth,  
Beverly, and Katherine

In memory of Bonnie Margaret Klindworth  
and Margaret Donohue Bailey  
by Buddy and Cindy Bailey

In memory of her parents  
Georgia Ballas Kramer  
and Charles Donald Kramer  
by Donna Kramer Bearden

In memory of Sarah Lehmberg  
by Sally, Gary, and John Lehmberg

In memory of June and Harry McGuire  
by LuAnne and Jay Carter

In memory of Linwood Newman  
and William Newman  
by Mary Ann Newman

In memory of Carol Colglazier Peden,  
and Mr. and Mrs. David D. Peden  
by Mr. and Mrs. David D. Peden, Jr.

In memory of Jerry Perlitz  
by Louise Perlitz

In memory of Patricia Pranke  
by the Kadlicks and Dodie Pranke

In memory of Craig Rassinier  
by Kerry and Becca Rivas and family

In memory of his father, mother,  
brother, and sister  
by Peter Roussel

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In memory of William F. "Bubba" Russell, Jr.  
by Louisa and Bill Russell, Lindsey,  
Clara, and Mary Grace Russell

In memory of Lana Short and James Short  
by their family

In memory of Margaret Monroe Simonds  
and Robert Simonds  
by Margaret and Mark Petersen

In memory of Myrle R. Sult  
by J. R., Susan, and Sarah Sult

In memory of Robert L. Sult  
by J. R., Susan, and Sarah Sult

In memory of David M. Underwood  
by Sarah and Duncan Underwood

In memory of Dr. O. D. Weaver  
by Aneita Weaver, Carol and Bill Sanford,  
and David and Leslye Weaver

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### THE CHURCH ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of their parents  
Virginia and Henry Peters  
and Vernadine and Harry Stone  
and

In thanksgiving for Alena Peters,  
Austin Peters, and Reagan Stone  
by Anne and Bob Stone

### THE NAVE WREATHS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of  
Eleanor Cruikshank Moore,  
Helene Cruikshank and Louis Cruikshank,  
and Edith and Neill Amsler  
by their family

### THE CHANCEL WREATHS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of  
Patty Amsler Cruikshank  
and Eleanor Cruikshank Moore  
by their families

### THE CHAPEL ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of  
David M. Underwood  
by Sarah and Duncan,  
and their children Austin and Riley

### THE CHRISTMAS TREES IN THE CHURCH, NARTHEX, AND HALL LIFE CENTER ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of David M. Underwood  
by his wife Lynda,  
his children Christine and David, Jr.,  
Sarah and Duncan, and Trina and Fulton,  
and his grandchildren



