

Proclaiming Christ | Delighting in His Grace | Sharing in His Mission

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Silent Night”
John Hoobler, piano

Stille Nacht

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

“Ye Gates, Lift Up Your Heads”

St. George’s Edinburgh



Ye gates lift up your heads on high; ye
doors that last for ay— be lift-ed up, that— so the King of—
glo - ry en - ter may! But who of glo - ry is the
King? The might-y Lord is this, Ev'n that same Lord, that
great— in— might— and strong in bat-tle is. Ev'n that same Lord, that
great— in— might— and strong— in— bat - tle— is.
Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia!
A - men, A - men, A - men.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN NO. 145

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Adeste Fideles

*DECLARATION OF FAITH—THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 624

“Doxology”

Old Hundredth

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

9:30 *Rev. Corey Gray*

11:00 *Rev. Thomas Myrick*

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, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

“O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion”

George Frideric Handel

Stephanie Weidle, mezzo-soprano

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
Get thee up into the high mountain:
O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,
Lift up thy voice with strength;
Lift it up, be not afraid;
Say unto the cities of Judah,
Behold your God!
Arise, shine, for thy light is come,
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

9:30 *The Murira Family*

Isaiah 53:1–6

11:00 *The Lee Family*

pages 613–614, pew Bible

*HYMN NO. 128

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

Carol

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

9:30 *John Sillin*

11:00 *John Hocker*

OFFERTORY	“Wexford Carol” <i>James Steele, alto saxophone, Esther Steele, piano</i>	Irish Traditional arr. Catherine McMichael
PRAYER FOR CHILDREN & DISMISSAL	<i>Children K–3rd grade may come forward. If you are new to our church, please accompany your child.</i>	
NEW TESTAMENT READING	Luke 2:1–7	page 857, pew Bible
SERMON	“The Miracle of the Manger” <i>4th in the series, “The Miracles of Christmas”</i>	Dr. Robert Norris
*HYMN NO. 136	“The First Noel”	The First Noel
*BENEDICTION		
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		
POSTLUDE	“Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella”	arr. Keith Chapman

**Congregation standing as able*

An Elder and Women’s Ministry representative are available for prayer or ministry at the front of the Sanctuary at the conclusion of each service.

Sanctuary flowers are a ministry of the Flower Committee.

The morning worship service is broadcast each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. locally on WAVA 105.1 FM and streaming at wava.com.

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NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
MORNING SERVICE
NEW YEAR'S EVE

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

"God Unsurpassable"

Micah 4:1-5

Rev. Thomas Myrick

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

Annual Budget \$ 4,706,216

Year to Date Received \$ 4,184,817