

Advent & Christmas @ St. John's, 2023

WORSHIP

Dec. 3 - 1st Sunday of Advent

7:45 AM Spoken Eucharist
9:30 AM Advent Lessons & Carols (no Eucharist)
(10:30 AM Annual Parish Meeting, Part 1)
11:30 AM Tapestry (lower floor, Education Bldg)

Dec 10 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:45 AM Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist
11:15 AM Tapestry (Main Church)

Dec 17 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

7:45 AM Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM Cookies & Carols in the Parish Hall
11:15 AM Tapestry (Main Church)

Dec 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent (Sun morning)

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist
(one morning service ONLY today)

Dec 24 — Christmas Eve (Sun evening)

4:00 PM Christmas Pageant for All Ages (no livestream)
(Arrive by 3:30 PM if your child would like to participate)
7:00 PM Candlelight Eucharist (livestreamed)
(Links to view livestream at www.stjohnswf.org)

Dec 25 - Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Morning (Mon)

Eucharist in-person spoken service @ 8AM

Dec. 31 - The First Sunday after Christmas

No 7:45 AM Worship Service
Eucharist @ 9:30 AM with Christmas Lessons & Carols

DEVOTIONALS FOR PERSONAL USE (may be purchased through your favorite bookseller)

AdventWord

Go to www.adventword.org to sign up. Engage with Forward Movement's interactive global Advent calendar and explore how the congregations of our diocese are engaging with the ideas included in this year's offering. Follow along on the diocesan [Facebook](#), Instagram (@episdionc) and X accounts (@episcopalnc).

Advent with Evelyn Underhill (ed., Christopher L. Webber)

Preparing Room (Russell J. Levenson, Jr.)

Let Every Heart Prepare (Barbara Crawthorne Crafton)

What We Do in Advent: An Anglican Kids' Activity Book (Anne Kitch)

The Gift of the Present, from the Society of St. Andrew—free download available at <https://endhunger.org/advent/#download>

WALK IN LOVE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE COMMUNITY

Joy of Christmas

Help give local households some budget relief during the holidays by providing essential household & hygiene items not covered by other assistance. Look for the "Joy of Christmas Giving Tree" located in the Parish Hall. Select an ornament. Purchase the item listed, and return the UNWRAPPED item to the tree **NO LATER than Sun, Dec 17**.

Make Handmade Christmas Cards

We'll gather after Tapestry (11:15 AM intergenerational service) on Sundays, Dec 3, 10, & 17 to make handmade cards including heartfelt prayers and Christmas blessings for our neighbors receiving items through Joy of Christmas giving, and fellow parishioners who are ill or homebound this Christmas. Join us and bring any card-making supplies you have on hand!

CELEBRATING THE SEASON TOGETHER

Tues, Dec 5, 11:30 AM — SAGEs Christmas Lunch at Cape Fear Seafood Restaurant, Wake Forest

(SAGE—Seniors Actively Growing & Exploring is our 60+ community at St. John's.) **RSVP by Fri, Dec 1** to EdnaToney53@gmail.com

Fri, Dec 8, 7:30 PM — Northeast Piedmont Chorale "Sounds of the Season" Concert @ Wake Forest Baptist Church

Several St. John's parishioners sing with the Northeast Piedmont Chorale, so come out to support them and enjoy a beautiful concert! The Sophia Sisters (St. John's women's group) will gather nearby for a social before the concert starting at 5:30 PM. Contact Helen Holt for more information at hwholt09@gmail.com. **RSVP for social by Tues, Dec 5.**

Sun, Dec 17 — Parish Cookie Exchange & Caroling (after the 9:30AM service)

Bring your favorite holiday cookies to share while we enjoy a bit of Christmas caroling! *Please wrap cookies in packages of two (Paper cookie sleeves are available in the parish kitchen if you need them.) Label with cookie type and any common allergens they may contain.*