

St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you



The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Pageant and Holy Eucharist: Rite II

December 24, 2025

3:00 p.m.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*Welcome to St. Alban's! Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you choose to kneel for parts of the service, please use the kneeler beneath your own chair. Children of all ages are always welcome in worship. *The congregation is invited to stand as able when indicated by an asterisk.*

The Prelude: A Selection of Christmas Carols

Various Composers

Teddy Liadis & Margaret Liadis, Piano; Chris Presson, Sarah Bamford, & Jason Bamford, Violins

***The Processional Hymn: Once in Royal David's City**

IRBY

The first stanza is sung by the choir, with the congregation joining in on the subsequent stanzas:

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

We, like Mary, rest confounded that a stable should display
heaven's Word, the world's creator, cradled there on Christmas Day;
yet this child, our Lord and brother, brought us love for one another.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child who seemed so helpless is our Lord in heav'n above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

***The Opening Acclamation**

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: Unto us a child is born.

People: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

***The Gloria: Hymn 96, Angels We Have Heard on High**

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

***The Collect: 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 Word of God: A Pageant of Lessons and Carols

Preface

Lesson 1: The Birth of Christ is Foretold

Isaiah 7:13-14, 9:2, 6-7

The Prophet Isaiah: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he

is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Carol 79: O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

Lesson 2: The Angel Visits Mary

Luke 1:26-38

Luke the Evangelist: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said,

The Angel Gabriel: "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

Luke: But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her,

Gabriel: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary: "How can this be true?"

Gabriel: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God."

Mary: "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Luke: Then the angel departed from her.

Carol 265: The Angel Gabriel

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

**The Angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady," Gloria!**

**"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee,
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady" Gloria!**

Lesson 3: Jesus is Born in Bethlehem

Luke 2:1-7

All stable animals are invited to come forward at this time.

Luke: In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Carol 101: Away in a Manger

MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Lesson 4: The Shepherds Are Visited by Angels and Go to Worship Jesus

Luke 2:8-20

All angels are invited to come forward at this time.

Luke: In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

Gabriel: “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

Luke: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Carol 99: Go! Tell It on the Mountain

African American Spiritual

**REFRAIN: Go! tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere!
Go! tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. REFRAIN**

**The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our savior's birth. REFRAIN**

Lesson 5: The Magi Follow a Star

Matthew 2:1-12

All kings are invited to come forward at this time.

Matthew the Evangelist: In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet. Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Carol 128: We Three Kings

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

**We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

**REFRAIN: O, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

**Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies. REFRAIN**

Lesson 6: John Unfolds the Mystery of the Incarnation

John 1:1-14

John the Evangelist: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Carol 83: O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;**

**REFRAIN: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest; REFRAIN**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; REFRAIN**

Afterword *All pageant participants return to their seats at this time.*

***The Prayers of the People**

Deacon: Let us pray for the needs of the whole world.

Jesus, of whom the angels sang, accept our jubilant worship and celebration of your birth.
God of hope, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, whose parents journeyed far away from home, protect all refugees and travelers.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, for whom there was no room in the inn, be with all who are poor, hungry, lonely, or without shelter.
God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, who died on the cross, be with the people in every place where war and violence rage.
God of peace, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, who rose to new life, heal those who are ill, welcome home those who have died, and comfort all who feel sad.
God of joy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Jesus, help us to honor you like the shepherds did, and to share your light with the whole world. **Amen.**

The Exchange of the Peace

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem: *In the Bleak Midwinter*
Children's Choir

Christina Rosetti, Gustav Holst

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. To utilize our text-to-give option, simply text "ALBANS" to 73256.

*The Presentation of Gifts

***The Offertory Response:** *In the Bleak Midwinter (The congregation joins in singing the final stanza.)*

CRANHAM

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

Book of Common Prayer p. 367

*The Sursum Corda

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.

The Celebrant continues.

*The Sanctus: S 124

Holy, Holy, Holy

David Hurd

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

The congregation is invited to stand or kneel as able.

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,

Celebrant and 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.**

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

***The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant and 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 Fraction Anthem: S 161**

Lamb of God

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Ministration of Communion

All are welcome to gather at the Lord's table. At the appropriate time, you may come forward to one of the two communion stations in front of the altar. Those seated in the Parish Hall will be guided to the nave by an usher and will proceed to the front first. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the clergy. Wine is available either by sipping from the common cup (silver chalice) or by intinction (dipping the wafer into the pottery chalice). Please take utmost care to keep your fingers from touching the wine as you dip. You may choose to receive only the bread or the wine, as either one alone is a full Communion. Please tell an usher if you need Communion brought to you. In the Episcopal Church, it is customary that those receiving Communion have been baptized in any Christian tradition, and no one who comes to the altar in faith is turned away. If you would like to learn more about Baptism at St. Alban's, please be in touch with the clergy. If you are not receiving Communion, we hope you will come forward and cross your arms over your chest, so that we might share a blessing with you.

The Communion Anthem: It came upon the midnight clear

Edmund H. Sears, Richard S. Willis

Sarah Bamford, Jason Bamford, Sarah Hicks, Matt Presson

The Communion Hymn: 115, What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

REFRAIN: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. REFRAIN

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. REFRAIN

The Post Communion Hymn: 111, Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

The first stanza is sung by the Children's Choir in German, with the congregation then joining in on the first stanza in English.

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!"

Silent night, holy night, Son of God: love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*The Post Communion Prayer

The congregation is invited to stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Christmas Blessing

May God, who sent angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. The blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this night and always. **Amen.**

*The Recessional Hymn: 100, Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

***The Dismissal**

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Thank you to Lois Buesser, who is serving as our interim organist and choir director during our time of staff transition.

St. Alban's Children's Choir

Austin Arnett, Sydney Arnett, Logan Buckner, Miriam Buckner, Elizabeth Engram, Caroline Finnerty, Reagan Finnerty, Finnick Hicks, Margaret Liadis, Teddy Liadis, Anna Claire Lopez, Lane Lopez, Hazel McKillop, Emery Miller, Maggie Nickles, Addy Otterline, Camille Pierce, Chris Presson, Lise Stover, Sabine Stover, Melissa Wally, Madeleine Wellens, Turner Wellens, **Director:** Matt Presson

Assisting Musicians

Sarah Bamford, Jason Bamford, Sarah Hicks

Bulletin Cover Artist

Caroline Cunniff

2025 Pageant Cast

Thank you so much to all of our pageant participants! You all did an amazing job! In addition, many thanks goes to all the volunteers and parents that helped make the pageant happen!

The Prophet Isaiah: Annie Ruthstrom

Luke the Evangelist: Luke Wetherbee

The Angel Gabriel: Margaret Liadis

Mary: Mira Buckner

Matthew the Evangelist: Porter Fulton

John the Evangelist: Chris Presson

Joseph: Ben Mollenkopf

Donkey: Anna Claire Lopez

Star: Emery Miller

Shepherds: Logan Buckner, Teddy Liadis, Callaway Clark, Jack O'Connell,

Daniel O'Connell, Carson Jolley, Lucas Jolley, Anthony Fagan

Sheep & Other Animals: Charlie McKillop, Hayes Clark, Caroline Cunniff, Austin Arnett, Sydney Arnett

Angels: Melissa Wally, Addy Otterline, Reagan Finnerty, Hazel McKillop, Rosie McKillop,

Maddie Wellens, Hannah Kalhagen, Madelyn Kalhagen, Ellie Goodson, Elizabeth Engram

Magi: Lane Lopez, Finn Hicks, Turner Wellens

Servers Today

Acolytes: Quinn Notte, Elsie Cunniff, Addie Fossett

Eucharistic Minister: Dave Pylipow

Ushers: Connor Fulton, Matthew Goodson, Mike Kingsley, Chris & Kelly Ruthstrom

Vestry Person: Dave Pylipow

St. Alban's Altar Guild

Doreen Anding, Susan Beaumont, Joan Carpenter, Jean Cunningham, Colleen Hager, Jay Hammond, BJ Havens, Rosemary Pitts, Sarah Ruiz, Sharon Sale, Irvn Stevenson, Leane Turner, Leslie Urban

St. Alban's Flower Guild

Alison Boughrum, Susie Dickman, Diane Hamilton, Beatrice Harnett, Linda Hoekstra, Annamarie Klemm, Connie Knott, Lisa McDonnell, Linda McDuffie, Cheryl Nealy, Sally Trask

Many thanks to the members of the St. Alban's Altar Guild and Flower Guild for their tireless efforts beautifying the church and enriching our worship experience.

Christmas Poinsettias & Music Donations

Claire and Geoffrey Allen, in honor of Beverly and Jim Mitchell
Guy and Susan Beaumont, in appreciation of the St Alban's Adult Choir and Children's Choir
Zee Berl, in memory of Dan, Ennalls, and Chris
The Bischoffs, in honor of their beloved parents
Hayden and Margot Leydic-Boyd, in memory of Margot's grandparents, Dr. C. L. and Alberta Leydic
Elaine Carmann and family, in memory of Larry Carmann, Jerry Hibbeler, Marcia Carmann, and other loved ones
Newt and Joan Carpenter, in loving memory of Ronnie Carey
Jon and Gennine Davis, in memory of Gene and Jean Davis, and Bob and Marilyn Butler
Anne and John Depenbrock, in memory of Doris Penello and Barbara Depenbrock; in honor of the Children's Choir
Charles and Mary Emerich, in memory of Richard and Millie Emerich
Jessica Ewell, in memory of Janice Parker, Deryl Parker, and Dutch Mietz; in thanksgiving for clergy and colleagues
Courtney Fossett, in memory of Caroline Wisley
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Carmen Germino, Matt Presson, and Chris Presson, in memory of Mark Germino, Marvin Presson, and Chris Germino
Nannette Ghanatzian, in memory of Clyde Smith
Matthew and Kimberly Goodson, in memory of Ben Simms
Diane Hamilton, in memory of Robert Hamilton and Hilary Hamilton
Martha Harlte, in memory of her sister, Susan MacGregor
Don and Sheryl Herrema, in memory of their son, David Herrema, sister, Linda Herrema, father, Russell Herrema, mother, Frances Herrema, and father, Robert Spiotta
Greg Hicks, in honor of Sarah and Finnick Hicks
Lynn and Bodil Himes, in memory of Bodil's mother, Charlotte Bennett
Bob and Susan Kinzler, in memory of their daughter, Suzanne Kinzler Luhrs; their parents, Catherine and Grant Fenstermacher and Daphene and Kenneth Cantrell; and sister, Marilyn Fenstermacher Mica
Ginger and Greg Knudson, in loving memory of Richard White Manlove
Joan and Joe Konen, in memory of Annie Konen and Connie Iannettone
Helen and Bruce Langhorne, in honor of those who give their time and talent to enrich our services and lives with music
The Liadis Family, in memory of Greta Parker
Jann and Bob Lorch, in memory of their parents
Mike and Lisa McDonnell, in memory of Michael McDonnell Sr. and John and Nancy Robb
Mike and Kathleen McMillan and family, in memory of their dad and grandpa, Frank White
Norma Merrell, in memory of Hal Merrell
Alice Mietz, in memory of Dutch Mietz; in honor of all her faithful drivers
Lindsay Miller, in honor of her mom, Kendall Forester
Dave and Mary Pylipow, in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren
Chris and Kelley Ruthstrom, in memory of Cricket Dell and Dave Gorzelanczyk
Michael and Pam Sass, in honor of Carolyn Sass
Jo Vallone, in memory of Joseph Vallone
Linda, Daniel, Chantal, and Jordan Vinson, in memory of The Very Reverend Donald Vinson
Suzette Watson, in memory of Jane and Sal Logreco
Danny, Sandi, and Anna Wiles, in memory of James Wiles
Madeline Williams, in honor of her mother, Julia Dibbini

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music

Weekly Announcements

Adult Spiritual Formation in January *Sundays 9:10-10:10 a.m.*

January 4: Journeys Poetry Discussion Group: *Journeys* is a group for adults who enjoy poetry, theological discussion, and diving into the deep topics of life and faith. All are welcome to join the conversation, which begins with reading a poem several times in a meditative way, then looking at its spiritual themes, before often meandering in a variety of different directions. (*Reflection Room*)

January 11: To Be Announced

January 18: A Public Reading of Selections from the Writings of The Rev. Dr. King Jr. Stay tuned for details. (*Parish Hall*)

January 25: Annual Parish Meeting: The Annual Meeting will include the election of new vestry members along with reports from clergy and lay leaders about the current state of the parish, plus a tasty breakfast thanks to the Ministry of Fun. (*Parish Hall*)

Year End Giving: Thank you to everyone for your 2025 contributions! In order to have your contribution to Saint Alban's recorded in 2025, please ensure that your contribution is received as follows:

- Mailed to the church office (301 Caldwell Lane, Davidson, NC 28036) postmarked on or before Wednesday, December 31
- Contributed online through Realm by **December 29**
- Dropped off at the church office by **12pm on Wednesday, December 31.** (Any contributions dropped off at the office after this date and time will be recorded in 2026.)

January 4: Sunday School: Sunday School for Children and Youth will resume on Sunday, January 4 at 10:15 a.m.

January 5: Men's Group Gathering: Please mark your calendars for Monday, January 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall as we begin our Men's Group Gatherings for 2026. Greg Knudson's topic will be "China's Impact on the World in 2026 – What Should We Expect". He plans to cover some of the most interesting and concerning developments in China – including China's military expansion, infrastructure achievements, technology developments, Green Technology, and their export assault of manufactured products on the world, and will also touch on China's weaknesses which will impact them in 2026 and beyond.

January 7: Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Our weekly Bible Study for adults will resume on Wednesday, January 7 at 10:00 a.m. in the Reflection Room, adjacent to the narthex. Led by our priests, this group discusses the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. It is a wonderful way to deepen your understanding of the Bible and get even more out of the Sunday sermons.

January 8: Moms Connect: Calling all moms and mother-figures! If you are a mom or mother-figure of any kind (mom of littles, mom of bigs, mom of grownns, dog mom, fun auntie, etc), Moms Connect may be for you! While we normally meet on the first Thursday of the month, in January we will be meeting on the **second Thursday, January 8**, for our annual planning meeting. While our plans are always flexible, having a general game plan for the year gives everyone a better chance to participate each month. Please join us to have your ideas included! We will be meeting in the Reflection Room at 7pm. Bring a snack or a drink if you'd like, or just bring yourself and your ideas. Hope to see you there!

January 11: Weaving a New Story Meeting: Weaving a New Story is a St. Alban's Anti-Racism Team group developing and deepening relationships with local BIPOC - Black, Indigenous, & People of Color - communities.) The group will meet on Sunday, January 11 at 12 p.m. in the Reflection Room.

January 18: Music @ St. Alban's: On Sunday, January 18 at 3:00 p.m., Music at St. Alban's presents *Bach with Barbara*, featuring Artistic Director and baroque cellist Barbara Blaker Krumdieck with Martie Perry, baroque violin and viola; soprano Sarah Lynch; and harpsichordist Todd Fickley. The program includes solo cello works, soprano arias, and a viola sonata with obbligato harpsichord by J.S. Bach. A Spotlight Event hosted by DavidsonLearns precedes the concert at 2:00 p.m. For tickets and live streaming information, visit www.masaconcerts.org. This event is supported in part by ASC and WDAV, with News of Davidson as media partner. M@SA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

January 26: Women's Group Gathering: Ladies, please join us for our next Women's Group gathering! This will be hosted by Eunice Aikins & Pam Stofberg at St Albans on Monday, January 26 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. We invite all attendees to bring a snack, an appetizer, or a bottle of wine if you like. However, the most important thing is to just bring yourself.

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Together We...*Gather to Worship, Scatter to Serve, Love Like Jesus*



St. Alban's is a friendly, inclusive, and growing congregation that seeks to honor the Lord Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, and outreach. We pray that your worship with us will bring you the grace, peace, and joy of Christ. If you are new to our faith community, we would love to connect with you. Please fill out a purple sheet located on the Welcome Center table in the narthex or scan the QR code to the left with the camera on your smart phone which will direct you to an online newcomer form.

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