

St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you



The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

December 24, 2025

5:00 p.m.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*Welcome to St. Alban's! Thank you for worshiping with us today. In order to allow for private prayer, we ask that you refrain from loud conversation upon entering the nave. 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. Crayons and a Bible story coloring page are available on the table just outside the doors to the nave. *The congregation is invited to stand as able when indicated by an asterisk.*

The Prelude Music

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Away in a Manger

Chip Davis
David Gwilliam

Hymn: 92, On This Day, Earth Shall Ring

PERSONENT HODIE

On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing
To the Lord, Christ our King born on earth to save us;
Him the Father gave us. *Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*

His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth,
Bethlehem saw his birth; ox and ass beside him,
From the cold would hide him. *Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*

God's bright star, o'er his head, wise men three to him led;
Kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts before him,
Praise him and adore him. *Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring,
Praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us;
Peace and love he gave us. *Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Still, Still, Still
O, Holy Night
In Dulci Jubilo (In Sweet Rejoicing)

Robert Rowland-Raybold
Adolphe Adam
Johann Michael Bach

Hymn: 102, Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Stanza 1: Choir alone, Stanzas 2, 4, & 6: Choir and Congregation.

2. 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.
4. For he is our life-long pattern; daily, when on earth he grew,
he was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew.
Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.
6. Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in heaven, where his saints his throne surround:
Christ, revealed to faithful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

*The Processional Hymn: 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.

God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten Son of the Father; REFRAIN

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

The Word of God

*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: 96, Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
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 First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

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. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: 87, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
 Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
 hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
 Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

The Second Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*The Sequence Hymn: 115, What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES

Stanza 1 is sung before the Gospel, stanza 3 is sung after.

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

*The Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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. 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, "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." 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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Hymn 115, Stanza 3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;
 the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
 This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

The Sermon

The Reverend Carmen Germino

*The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People

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

Deacon

Let us pray for the needs of the whole world.

Intervenor

In this holy night, O Lord, Christians the world over celebrate your Son's birth: open our hearts that he may be born in us anew. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn: protect those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night shepherds in the field heard glad tidings of great joy: renew our hope, kindle our joy, and send us out to share the good news with others. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night the angels sang of peace on earth: be with those affected by war and violence around the world, and strengthen those who work for peace and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night heaven came down to earth, and earth was raised up to heaven: bring all who have died to your eternal joy. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night the Word became flesh and lived among us: accept the worship we offer in the company of Mary, Joseph, the apostles, prophets, saints, and martyrs of every age, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Exchange of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

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

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem: Shepherd's Pipe Carol

John Rutter

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: 112 In the Bleak Mid-Winter, Stanza 4**

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

*The Sursum Corda

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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 125

Holy, Holy, Holy

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.

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 Hymn: 89, It Came upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.
Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

The Communion Hymn: 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.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

Where children pure and happy pray to the blessed Child,
where misery cries out to thee, Son of the mother mild;
where charity stands watching and faith holds wide the door,
the dark night wakes, the glory breaks, and Christmas comes once more.

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!

The Communion Hymn: 111, Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

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

Adapted from *The Work of Christmas* by Howard W. Thurman

Celebrant

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

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. May the work of Christmas begin in you tonight; and 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 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.

The Postlude: Joy to the World

Ronald Besemer

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

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Madeline Williams, in honor of her mother, Julia Dibbini

Servers This Evening

Acolytes: Colby Giersch, Charlie Calder, Jaxson Mihulka **Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike Billioni, Annamarie Klemm

Lectors: Claire Allen, Mike Billioni **Ushers:** James Kennedy, Greg Knudson, Bob & Nancy Vendley

Stream Team: Guy Beaumont **Flutist:** Chuck Rice

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

Thank you to the choir members for their musical offerings this evening.

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

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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.

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 obligato 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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