



WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you with us today. You are invited to God's table to receive communion and to share in our community. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself and fill out a Welcome Card. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are looking for a church to call home, you are welcome here!

CHILDREN AT ST. JOHN'S

Children's Chapel is offered for ages ten and under during the Gospel and Sermon, with infant and toddler care in the nursery. We enjoy a family worship service and Children's Sermon on the second Sunday of the month.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. Charles Maggs

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

During the season of Advent, our worship begins with a prayer and the lighting of the Advent wreath.

Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

God, as we light these candles, we thank you for all the blessings in our lives. You have done great things for us. In you we find faith, hope and great joy. We thank you especially for the gift of our family and the joy we share. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry" vs. 1-5, The Hymnal 76

The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.


THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

GATHERING HYMN


“Kyrie” The Glendalough Mass

Cantor, then all




Ky - ri - e, e - lei - son.

Cantor, then all




Chri - ste, e - lei - son.

Cantor, then all



Ky - ri - e, e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e, e - lei - son.



Ky - ri - e, e - lei - son.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray. Gracious God, who looked upon the humbleness of Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we, ever inspired by her cry for justice and mercy, may always be part of the promise of Christ and share in the glory of your eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The People Sit

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

ISAIAH 61:1-4,8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 15

THE SONG OF MARY *Magnificat*

Remaining seated, the Lector and the People say the Psalm responsively

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

**the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him *

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *

to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

“O come, O come, Emmanuel” vs. 5, 6, The Hymnal 56

The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel

The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, and rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some lines having two versions (5 and 6) indicated by a bracket. The hymn concludes with a double bar line.

(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us

5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of

5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 1:6-8,19-28

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Mary Eirckson

The People may be seated

A moment of silence will be observed for reflection after the sermon

THE NICENE CREED

The People stand as able and say together

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.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER
The Anglican Church of Papua
New Guinea

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Santa Maria Magdalena,
Favorito, Cuba
AMOS Health & Hope,
Nicaragua

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER
Holy Nativity, Kinnear

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Stan Burch
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Meghan Davis
Paul Davis
Parker Felton & Family
Helen Fraser
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Ann Kelley
Deborah Lopez
Kip MacMillan
Keith Mader & Family
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Parish Family
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Jim Ross
Isabel
Kelly & Randy Sales
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A'ida Shaw & Family
Frank Sidles
Glendon Smith
Parker Steveson
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Jim West
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Anne Bell
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Oscar Jaubert
Dick Jones
Lurette Keegan
Warren Kraemer
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Catherine Morahan
Betsy Murphy
Marcus Olson
Sharon Parrott
Finley Peightal
Nanci Turner Steveson
Myles Still

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES
John & Danette Jolly
Kip & Lin MacMillan
John & Suzanne Whitmore
John & Ann Willott

**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

The Intercessor and People pray responsively, kneeling or standing

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For Joe, our President, and for all the world's leaders; for those on our Military
Prayer List: Charlie Ezzell, Major Alic Kelso, Lieutenant Commander Wolf Klotz,
and all officers and enlisted people.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New
Guinea; for our partners in ministry, Santa Maria Magdalena in Favorito, Cuba and
AMOS Health and Hope, Nicaragua; and in our own Diocese of Wyoming we pray
for Holy Nativity, Kinnear. We pray for Emilie who is serving abroad on a mission.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Paul-Gordon, our Bishop; and for all bishops
and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, those on our prayer list,
and those we now name,

People may add their petitions silently or aloud at this time.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

In thanksgiving, we pray for those celebrating birthdays and those celebrating
anniversaries. We will exalt you, O God;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

People may add their petitions silently or aloud at this time.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

I ask your prayers for our Legacy of Love campaign. As we share the vision, may our hearts be open and lives be touched by the love we have for each other. Continue to give us courage to reach out, as we continue to serve our Jackson Hole community.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The People kneel or stand as able

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

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

The People stand as able

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People sit. The Revelations Newsletter is available in the Narthex and Hansen Hall for more happening around the parish.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

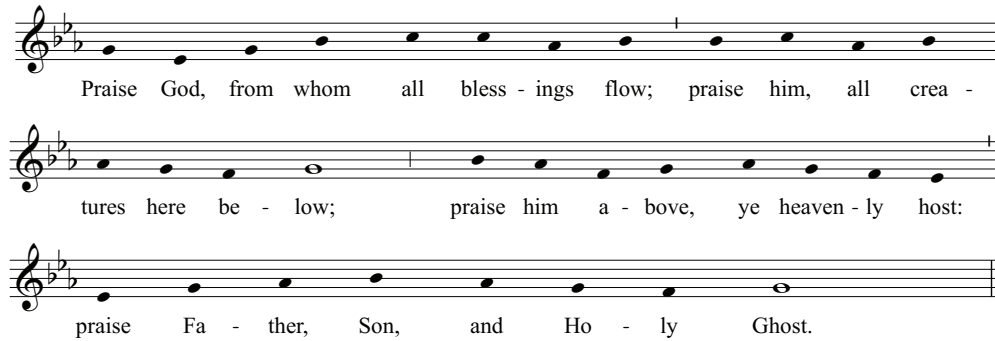
OFFERTORY

“A Festive Intrada” Cynthia Dobrinski

PRESENTATION HYMN

“From all that dwell below the skies” vs. 3, The Hymnal 380

The People stand as able



GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I, ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

The People stand as able

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 God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy” The Glendalough Mass

The Celebrant and the People sing together



The People kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Sarah and Abraham you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

<i>Celebrant</i>	Christ has died.
<i>& People</i>	Christ is risen.
	Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

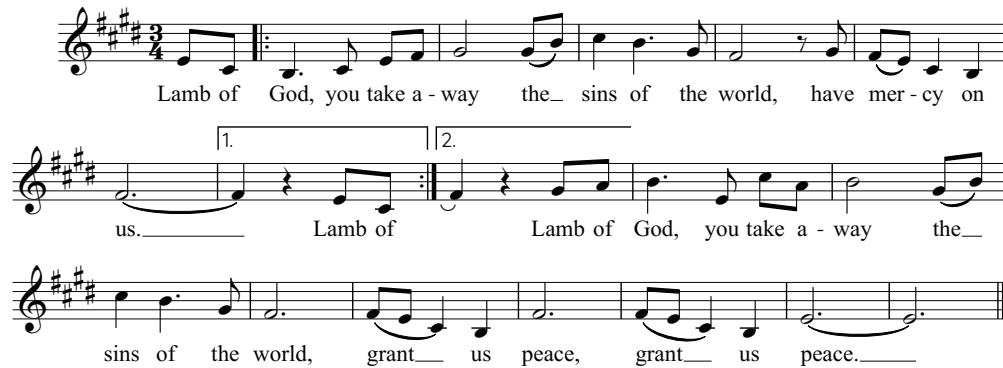
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

<i>Celebrant</i>	Our Father, who art in heaven,
<i>& People</i>	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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept

“Lamb of God” The Glendalough Mass



Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive communion in this parish. If it's your first time to receive communion or the first time in this church, the most important thing to know is it's impossible to do it wrong! We're glad you're joining us. You may kneel or stand as you approach the communion rail. Place your hands together and clergy will place the wafer in your palm. You may eat the bread and receive communion as bread alone. You may dip the bread in the wine chalice (there's a fancy word for this—intinction) or you may drink from the chalice. In that act of receiving communion, we remember the life and teachings of Jesus, along with his death and resurrection, AND it's something we do TOGETHER in order to remember we are all connected—communing with one another through this life and what's to come.

A member of St. John's Healing Ministry is available to be a companion in prayer in the Columbarium to the left of the main altar during Communion and after the service.

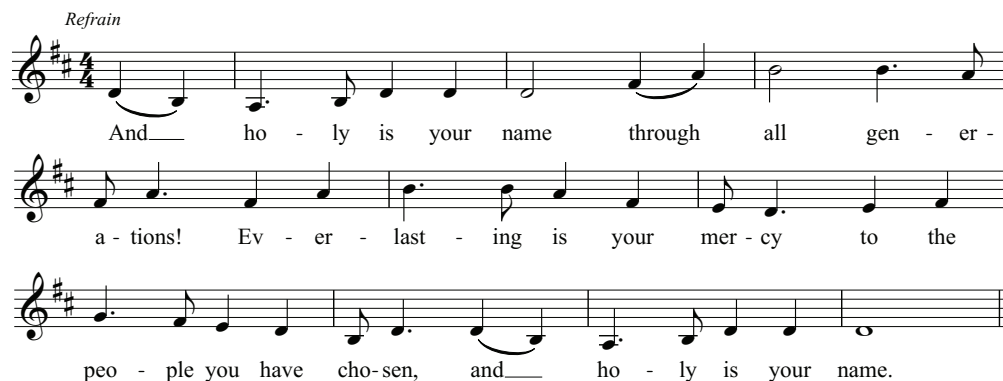
COMMUNION HYMNS

The People are invited to sing

“Savior of the nations, come!” arr. Cathy Moglebust

“Holy Is Your Name” David Haa

My soul is filled with joy as I sing to God my savior:
you have looked upon your servant, you have visited your people.



I am lowly as a child, but I know from this day forward
That my name will be remembered, for all will call me blessed. *Refrain*
I proclaim the power of God, you do marvels for your servants;
though you scatter the proud hearted and destroy the might of princes. *Refrain*
To the hungry you give food, send the rich away empty.
In your mercy you are mindful of the people you have chosen. *Refrain*
In your love you now fulfill what you promised to your people.
I will praise you, Lord, my savior, everlasting is your mercy. *Refrain*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel or stand as able

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant

& People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Prepare the way, O Zion” vs. 1-3, The Hymnal 65



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

THE DISMISSAL

As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors of the church for the Dismissal

Deacon

Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Ode to Joy” Ludwig Van Beethoven, arr. Charles Maggs

We invite you to join us for a Puppet Show in Hansen Hall after the service.



CAMPFIRE presents
Benny Wilson + John Long
Jackson Hole
Air Force

Sunday, Dec 17 | 6-7:30pm
The Saloon at the Virginian



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DECEMBER 24

8:00 AM - Advent IV Eucharist, St. John's Chapel
10:00 AM - Advent IV Eucharist
12:00 PM - Holy Eucharist, St. John's Chapel
1:30 PM - Carols & Firelight, St. John's Lawn
3:30 PM - Holy Eucharist Family Christmas Pageant
6:00 PM - Holy Eucharist with Choir
8:30 PM - Holy Eucharist with Brass Ensemble



DECEMBER 25

10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist, St. John's Chapel
4:00 PM - Carols & Candlelight, The Chapel of the Transfiguration

JOIN US FOR THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY

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The Flower Team provides altar flowers for the church on Sundays and when a parishioner dedicates flowers to a loved one. The ministry shares these arrangements with those on our In Need of Comfort list. If you would like to donate flowers in honor or remembrance of someone, contact Pam Woodson at pam@stjohnsjackson.org, call 307-733-2603 or use the sign up sheet in Hansen Hall.

The altar flowers flowers in loving memory of Carolynn Hawtin by Bruce Hawtin.



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

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