

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 11/30

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 8:30am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 9:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 10:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)
 11:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 11:30am – Handbell Choir (Bell Zone)
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)

Monday, 12/1

8:00am – St. John's Men's Breakfast (Big Boy)
 12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm – Popup Bible Study (Library)

Tuesday, 12/2

9:00am – Building & Grounds Committee (McNab Room)
 10:00am – Samaritan Fund (Library)
 1:00pm – Knitpickers (Williams Hall)

Wednesday, 12/3

10:30am – Women's Bible Study (Library)
 12:00pm – Holy Eucharist (Chapel—use office entrance)
 1:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 5:30pm – Tai Chi (Williams Hall)
 6:30pm – Christian Meditation Williams Hall)

Thursday, 12/4

9:00am – Alissa's Coffee Shop Office Hours (Live Oak)
 1:00pm – Women Journeying Together (Activity Room)

Friday, 12/5

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 5:00pm – Preschool Holiday Movie Night (Williams Hall)
 5:45pm – Peer Support Meeting (McNab Room)

Saturday, 12/6

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 7:00pm – NA (McNab Room)

Sunday, 12/7

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 8:30am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 9:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 10:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)
 11:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 11:30am – Handbell Choir (Bell Zone)
 4:00pm – Youth Group (Activity Room)
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm – Lux Women's Choir (Williams Hall)
 6:30pm – Popup Bible Study (Activity Room)

Point your smartphone's camera here to view these announcements electronically →



Online Calendar: Click on the "[Events](#)" link at top right of our [website](#) & explore in a dynamic monthly or weekly format. Click on an entry and, if info is available, a brief description will share more about that ministry or event. Keep tabs on all going on at St. John's and share those happenings with others!

Our Daily Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers...



Cathy Chang & Juan Lopez, Susan & Bob, Char Bakeman, Ronnie, Henry Youngquist, Chris, Yvonne, Charlene & John Adams, Lynn Miller, Rebecca & the Roberts family, Linda Johannsen, Aubrey, Andrew, Julie, Phillip, Tellie & the Wright family, and the Gwaltney family.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week... none

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week... 1-Lillian Stoll, 5-Mike Staloch, 6-Rebecca Wieland

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for St. Andrew's, Big Rapids – Radha Kaminski, Rector; Trinity, Alpena - Matthew Roney

In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for The Anglican Church of Australia

Contact the church office

989-631-2260 / office@sjec-midland.org

- To add someone to the prayer list
- Request receipt of the weekly Worship++email
- Request receipt of the monthly Epistle
- To update your membership directory info

Pastoral Care

Members of the congregation who have received Pastoral Care training are available all year for friendly visits. Members who are in the hospital, nursing homes, or homebound may request a visit from our team to receive communion, a comforting prayer shawl or a pocket cross.

Team members include:

The Rev. Alissa Anderson and parishioners

**Chris Esquivel
 Jan Marcou
 Pat Roush
 Dave Schafer**

**Chris Schuster
 Fred Schuster
 Michelle Spencer**

*Call the parish office (989-631-2260) with a pastoral care request. In the case of a pastoral emergency outside office hours, please contact **The Rev. Alissa Anderson at 616-540-9102 (cell).***

We appreciate your ongoing support!

St. John's depends on the generosity of our friends and members. Please consider making a gift today. Visit tinyurl.com/Give2SJEC, mail your check to the church, place it in the drop box outside the office entrance, or point your smartphone's camera here: →



Next Sunday's Readings – December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-13
Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 Matthew 3:1-12

Spend some time this week looking at next Sunday's readings. It's a great way to prepare for worship & build a personal spiritual discipline of regular bible reading.

The Episcopal Church provides a Lectionary Calendar with links to all the upcoming and past readings:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/lectionary/>

Wednesday Noon in the Chapel—December 3, 2025
Commemoration: Francis Xavier

Ecclesiasticus 2:1-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Psalms 62 Mark 16:15-20

How to Connect with Rev. Alissa



Schedule a time via Calendly:

<https://calendly.com/sjec-rector>

Drop in for Coffee Shop Office

Hours: Thurs., 9-11 AM. This month you can find her at Live Oak (711 Ashman)



There will be **NO CHILDCARE** offered during the 10am service today. We are giving our staff some extra family time. Children and youth are always welcome during services. There is a coloring table and busy bags in the Narthex.



Calling all St. John's Men
Monday, December 1, 8:00 AM!!
Join us for food and fellowship at the Big Boy Restaurant at 1513 S. Saginaw Rd.

JULETIDE

with special guests The Detroit Handbell Ensemble

Staples Family Concert Hall

» Saturday, December 6, 2025 at **7:30 PM**

» Sunday, December 7, 2025 at **4:00 PM**

» \$10 General Admission | \$7 Students and Seniors

Under the direction of our own Director of Music and Cantor, Amon Eady, this collage concert will feature nonstop holiday and seasonal songs of varying styles. This year, the Detroit Handbell Ensemble will be featured alongside the choirs. Many of our singers in the choir at St. John's are students at CMU, so please buy a ticket and support the musicians in our community!

» **TICKETS ON SALE**
» [MUSIC.CMICH.EDU](https://music.cmich.edu)



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Awaken: Advent

This Advent, we're listening for what God is stirring in us and around us. Our theme is "Awaken: Advent," a gentle invitation to pay attention, not only to joy and beauty, but also to the deeper truths we often move too quickly past.

Each Sunday in Advent, we'll reflect on a different kind of awakening: to wonder, to change, to joy, and to love.

These awakenings help us prepare not just for Christmas, but for the ways Christ keeps arriving in our lives.

Between services, you're invited to a simple, discussion-based offering in the parish hall. Each week includes a short reading, a brief reflection, and some open-ended questions—no preparation required; this is an invitation to space to reflect and share in good company. All ages and perspectives are welcome.

Come with whatever you're carrying—there's room for you here.



There are Advent Calendars, provided by St. Martha's Guild, available for pickup in the Narthex.



The **St. Martha's Guild Annual Basket Auction** (and sale) continues **TODAY!** This is our major fundraiser for the year, and we use these funds to bless a number of charitable endeavors around Midland. We have some assembled baskets as in years past, though we also have some homemade decorative items directly for sale as well. The auction will end on Sunday, December 14th at 11:30 am. If you would like to purchase a direct-purchase item, you may take that item before December 14th.



Please see Denée Koonce or Christy Hopper for payment options for those items.

Thank you ALL as always for your generous support!



The featured Detroit Handbell Ensemble for Juletide will also be playing in our 10am service **next Sunday, December 7**, where they will collaborate with our handbell choir as well, so you'll want to make sure you're here to delight in that special offering!





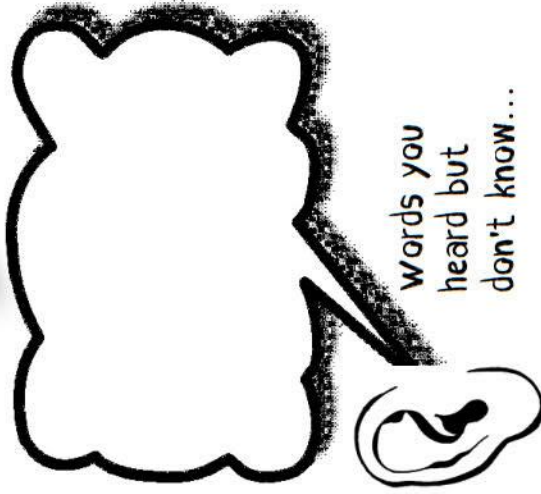
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.

Date:

who is speaking?



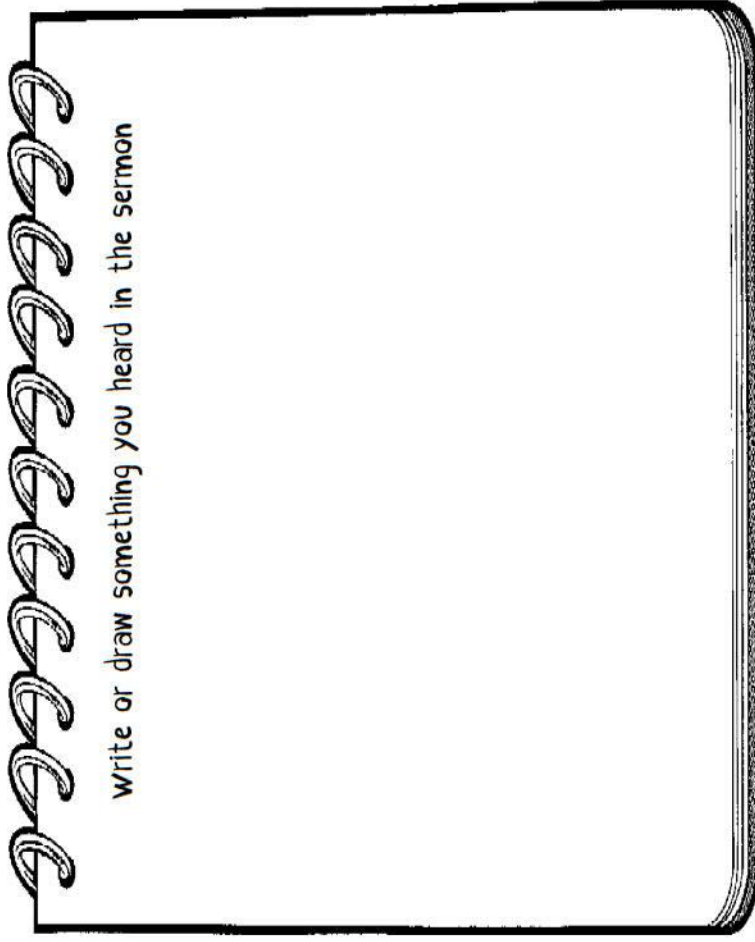
what is the main
passage we are
reading today?

Book:

chapter:

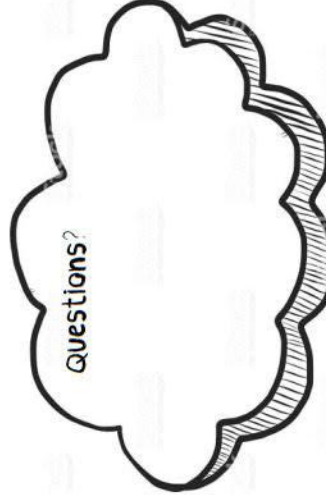
verse:

Favorite song
today was:

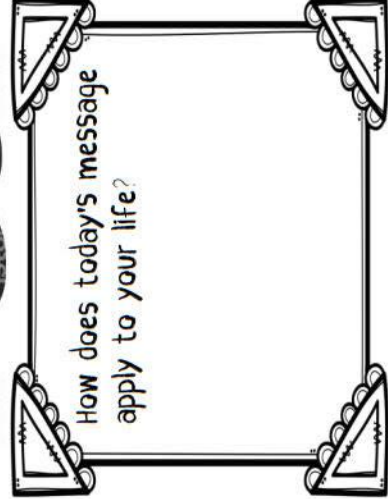


Questions?

The most important thing you learned was:



How does today's message apply to your life?



what are we learning about
God from this passage?

