

## The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

### Sunday, 1/4

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
 9:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)  
 10:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)  
 11:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)  
 11:30am – Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Zone)  
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)  
 7:00pm – Bible in the Basement (Activity Room)

### Monday, 1/5

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

### Tuesday, 1/6

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

### Wednesday, 1/7

10:00am – Investment Committee (McNab Room)  
 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, 1/8

9:00am – Alissa's Drop-in Coffee Office Hours (Live Oak)  
 10:00am – Love Knots (Williams Hall)  
 1:00pm – Women Journeying Together (Activity Room)

### Friday, 1/9

9:30am – Rotary Foundation Committee (Williams Hall)  
 12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)  
 5:45pm – Peer Support Meeting (McNab Room)

### Saturday, 1/10

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

### Sunday, 1/11

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 Rehearsal (Bell Zone)  
 2:00pm – Girl Scout Troop 50593 (Activity Room)  
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)  
 6:00pm – Lux Women's Choir Rehearsal (Williams Hall)



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 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, Phillip, Michelle, and Julie.

*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...* 8-Lynn Miller, 9-Nathan Germain, 10-Jenny Estabrook, Jan Marcou

*Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes;* PRAY for St. Dunstan's, Davison - Sue Colavincenzo, Priest-in-Charge; Holy Spirit, Belmont - Dan Buchin, Rector  
*In our international Anglican prayer cycle;* PRAY for The Church of the Province of Central Africa

## 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  

<b>Chris Esquivel</b>	<b>Chris Schuster</b>
<b>Jan Marcou</b>	<b>Fred Schuster</b>
<b>Pat Roush</b>	<b>Michelle Spencer</b>
<b>Dave Schafer</b>	

*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](http://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:



**Contact the church office**

**989-631-2260 / [office@sjec-midland.org](mailto: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

### Next Sunday's Readings – January 11, 2026

First Sunday after the Epiphany  
The Baptism of our Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

*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 – January 7, 2026

Commemoration: The Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Matthew 2:1-12



#### 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)



## call for NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now open for positions to be elected at the **Annual Meeting** on January 25: three members of the Vestry, three members of the *Endowment Committee*, and three *delegates* plus one *alternate* for the *Diocesan Convention*. All adult (over 18) members in good standing are eligible. Members in good standing are baptized, faithful in corporate worship, and received Communion at least three times in the past year. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside Williams Hall. If you would like more information about any of these positions, please ask Mother Alissa or a member of the Vestry.

**Nominations close on Sunday, January 11.**



#### Ministry Leaders



The end of the year is coming fast! Please submit your Annual Report to the office **BEFORE January 5, 2026**. Thank you!!  
[office@sjec-midland.org](mailto:office@sjec-midland.org)



To celebrate the coming of the Christ child, SJEC St. Martha's Guild is collecting diapers around the Christmas tree in the church sanctuary through the Sunday after Epiphany, December 11. The diapers will be donated to several local charities for families in need.

#### Altar Flowers Sponsorship Update (Effective 2026) -

For many years, members of our parish have generously sponsored altar flowers in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones. We're grateful for this quiet but meaningful ministry that adds beauty to our worship week by week.

Beginning in **January 2026**, the cost to sponsor altar flowers for a Sunday will increase from **\$35 to \$45**. This change reflects the actual cost of the floral arrangements, which has risen over time. Updating the amount allows us to continue this tradition sustainably and with care for our resources.

As always, altar flower sponsorships are an invitation, not an obligation. If this change would create a financial hardship for you and you would still like to sponsor flowers, please know you are welcome to speak with **Mo. Alissa**—we're glad to find a way to make this accessible.

Thank you for the many ways you help make our shared worship beautiful and meaningful.

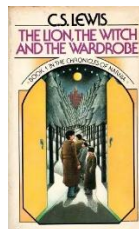
#### ❖ Step Into the Wardrobe ❖

#### The Chronicles of Narnia – Read Aloud Series

#### 📖 You're Invited!

Step into the magical world of *The Chronicles of Narnia* as we journey together through C.S. Lewis's beloved series – read aloud for all to enjoy.

We'll begin with the classic tale ***The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe***, where four children step through a wardrobe into a land of snow, magic, and adventure.



**When:** Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

**Starting:** January 11, 2026

**Where:** Williams Hall – in front of the fireplace

**Who:** Open to all ages – children, teens, and adults alike!

No sign-up, no homework, no commitment – just come, settle in by the fire, and let the story carry you to a land of courage, friendship, and wonder.





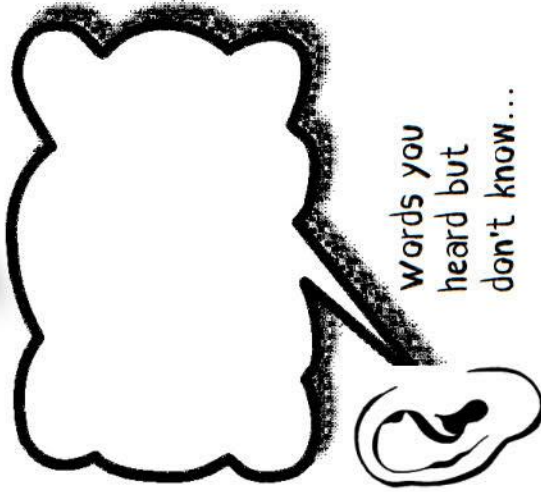
# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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?



words you  
heard but  
don't know...

what is the main  
passage we are  
reading today?

Book:

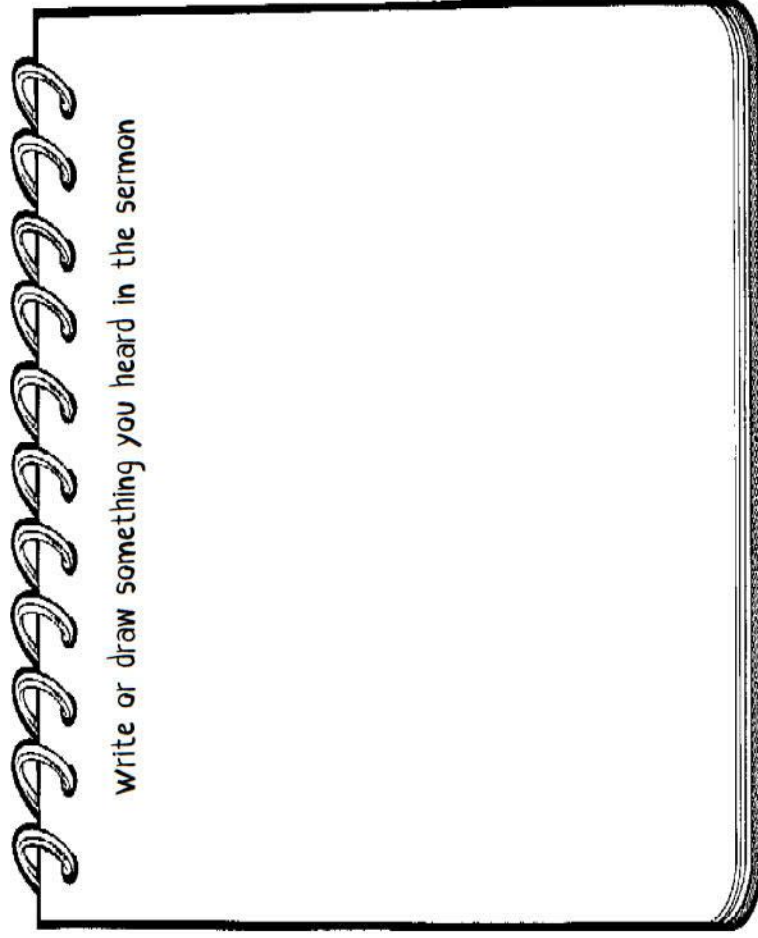
chapter:

**verse:**

Favorite song today was:



what are we learning about God from this passage?



## Questions?

The most important thing you learned was:

How does today's message apply to your life?

