

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 1/18

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)
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm – Lux Women's Choir Rehearsal (Williams Hall)
 7:00pm – Bible in the Basement (Activity Room)

Monday, 1/19 – MLK DAY (PARISH OFFICE CLOSED)

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 6:00PM – Popup Bible Study (Activity Room)

Tuesday, 1/20

10:00am – Samaritan Fund (Library)
 1:00pm – Knitpickers (Williams Hall)
 6:30pm – Vestry (via Zoom)

Wednesday, 1/21

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, 1/22

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, 1/23

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)

Saturday, 1/24

9:30am – Midland Quilters Squared (Williams Hall)
 12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 7:00pm – NA (McNab Room)

Sunday, 1/25

8:30am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 9:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)
 10:00am – Annual Meeting (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)

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 (Denée's mother), Charlene & John Adams, Phillip, Michelle Monto Metry, Julie, the family of Lynn Miller, Lee Smith, and Jan Stoney.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week... 19-Glen & Beth Chateauf

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week... 21-Tom Lane, Dave Whisler, Vic Albright, 23-Eric Carlson

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for St. John's, Alma - Doug Ballard, Senior Warden; Church of the Nativity, Boyne City – Kathryn Holley, Senior Warden
In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

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).***

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

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 – January 25, 2026
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Psalms 27:1, 5-13 Matthew 4:12-23

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 21, 2026
Commemoration: Agnes & Cecilia of Rome

Song of Songs 2:10-13 2 Corinthians 6:16-18
Psalms 45:11-16 Matthew 18:1-6



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)



The Parish Office will be CLOSED
Monday, January 19,
In observance of Martin Luther King Day.



Next Sunday, January 25

We'll worship together at a single, combined service at 9:00 AM, followed by our Annual Meeting in Williams Hall. Appetizer-style refreshments will be shared during the meeting—please bring something to contribute if you're able. Come help us celebrate the year past and look ahead to what's next!



❖ **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.
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.



St. Martha's Super Bowl of Caring kicks off **TODAY!** We are collecting items on our team table in Williams Hall that are hard to obtain for the food pantry:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body wash
- Lotion
- Facial tissue
- Storage bags
- Aluminum foil
- Cling wrap
- Tampons
- Sugar-free food items
- Gluten-free food items
- Coffee
- Tea
- Can openers

This will be ongoing until Super Bowl Sunday, February 8th. Vote for your favorite team (which we will know shortly) by donating to help those in need!



St. Alban's Episcopal Church
INAUGURAL CONCERT SERIES
LISTEN TO LOVE
Betsy Scott, Vocalist
with pianist Kevin Cole
January 18, 2026; 4pm

Reserve your free seat:

Free-will Offering to be collected

105 S. Erie, Bay City, MI; Office: 989-892-4135
www.stalbans-baycity.org/concert-series & Facebook

Community Game Night is going so well that we will now be hosting it on the second **AND** fourth Fridays of the month! Bring a friend, bring a game or play one of ours, and come have a good time!!

Community



Second and Fourth Fridays of each month
 6-10 pm
 St. John's Episcopal Church
 405 N Saginaw Rd, Midland, MI



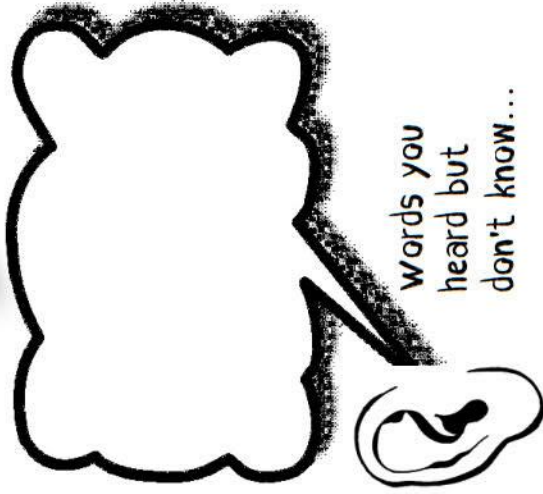
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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:

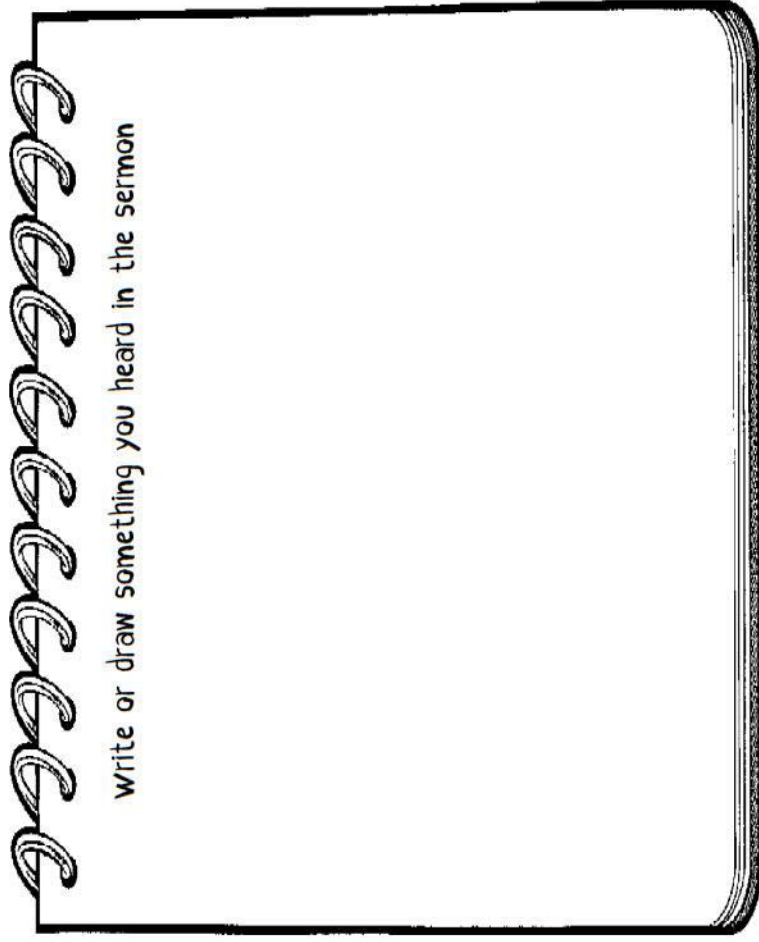
chapter:

verse:

Favorite song
today was:

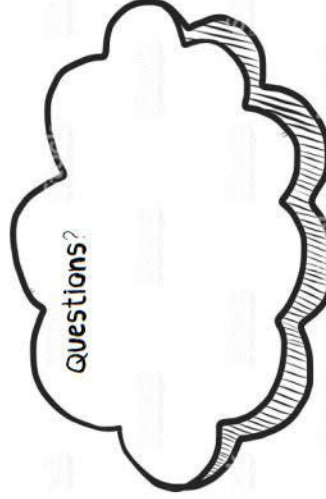


what are we learning about
God from this passage?



Questions?

The most important thing you learned was:



How does today's message apply to your life?

