

The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022
Choral Evensong at 4:30pm



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Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada

Welcome to St. James Cathedral

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations - the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

Liturgical Note

In the context of Christian Liturgy, Israel does not refer to the current political state, but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East or, in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

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(scroll to the bottom of the page).

Questions? Speak to a sidesperson – the people wearing gold name tags.

Children & Families

Godly Play meets every week at both the 9:00am and 11:00am services.
Please email Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

Accessibility

A Wheelchair Accessible Washroom is located
at the front of the Cathedral through the doors by the pulpit.
Assisted hearing devices are available from the sidespersons.

Coffee Hour

Join us in Snell Hall following the 9:00am & 11:00am services.

Parking

There are a variety of inexpensive parking lots available around the Cathedral.
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*As this is a very public and open space please be aware of your personal belongings.
Do not leave them unattended in the Cathedral or in the Cathedral Centre.*

Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us for worship this afternoon. Please ensure that cell phones are turned off and refrain from taking photographs during the liturgy.

Choral Evensong

Prelude Chant Pastoral

T. Dubois

Please remain seated.

Introit **The Angel Gabriel**

arr. Andrew Ager

Choir

The angel Gabriel from heaven came
His wings as drifted snow his eyes as flame
"All hail" said he "thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For known a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."
Most highly favored lady. Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
"Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Please stand, as you are able, when the organ plays.

Preces and Responses

William Smith

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord;
Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm 8

Please be seated.

Choir O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!
Your majesty above the heavens is praised
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
You have founded a stronghold against your foes,
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them;
mere human beings, that you should seek them out?
You have made them little lower than the angels
and crown them with glory and honour.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands
and put all things under their feet,
All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!

Psalm 84

Choir How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house:
they will always be praising you.
Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion,
Who going through the barren valley find there a spring,
and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.

They will go from strength to strength
and appear before God in Zion.
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
listen, O God of Jacob.
Behold our defender, O God,
and look upon the face of your anointed.
For one day in your courts
is better than a thousand.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory;
no good thing shall the Lord withhold
from those who walk with integrity.
O Lord God of hosts,
blessed are those who put their trust in you.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

First Lesson

Please be seated.

Genesis 3: 8-15

Reader

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

Reader

Here endeth the first lesson.

Magnificat*Please stand, as you are able.**Service in D major - Charles Wood**Choir*

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things;
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Second Lesson*Please be seated.**John 3: 16-21**Reader*

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.’

Reader

Here endeth the second lesson.

Nunc Dimittis*Please stand, as you are able.**Service in D major - Charles Wood**Choir*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Officiant I believe in God

All **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Please kneel, as you are able.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Our Father

Choir 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 them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the King;

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;
Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou O Lord.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Officiant Shepherd of Israel, who by a dream guided your servant Joseph to embrace your promise of salvation: lead us in the way of grace and peace, so that we may bear your promise into the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Choir Amen.

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

Please be seated.

Anthem The Lamb

John Taverner

Choir Little Lamb who made thee dost thou know who made thee
Gave thee life & bid thee feed. By the stream & o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing woolly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice!
Little Lamb who made thee dost thou know who made thee

Little Lamb I'll tell thee, Little Lamb I'll tell thee!
He is called by thy name, for he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek & he is mild, he became a little child:
I a child & thou a lamb, we are called by his name.
Little Lamb God bless thee. Little Lamb God bless thee.

Homily

An offering will now be taken to support the life and ministry of the Cathedral.

Please stand, as you are able.

Tune: Besançon

Hymn at the Collection

All People, look east to see at last
hopes fulfilled from ages past:
now in the promise of the morning, see,
a brighter day is dawning,
rich with the visions long foretold,
prophets' dreams from days of old.

God reaffirms the gracious call:
words of welcome meant for all;
comfort enough for all our sorrows;
justice shaping new tomorrows.
Mercy bears fruit in lives restored,
freed to praise and serve the Lord.

Now, with the coming of the light,
darkest fears are put to flight;
see how the clouds of gloom are clearing,
blown aside by hope's appearing.
Jesus, the Light of all our days,
comes and sets our hearts ablaze.

Born of our race, a child so small—
hail the promised Lord of all!
Nailed to a cross for our salvation,
he shall rule God's new creation.
Lift up your eyes, and look again:
see, he comes in power to reign!

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Offertory Prayer

Officiant All things come from you, O Lord.

People **And of your own have we given you.**

Officiant God of mercy, accept all we offer you this day. Increase our faith, deepen our hope, and confirm us in your love. May these offerings be used to support your church in the spread of the gospel and may our lives be spent in the pursuit of peace and justice in the world. In Christ we pray.

People **Amen.**

Prayers

Please kneel, as you are able.

A Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

People **Amen.**

Advent Prose

Please join in the refrain.

Refrain ***Pour down, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.***
(Isaiah 45:8)

Choir Turn your fierce anger from us, O Lord, and remember not our sins for ever. Your holy cities have become a desert, Zion a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation; our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised you.
(Isaiah 64:9-11) ***Refrain (all)***

Choir We have sinned and become like one who is unclean; we have all withered like a leaf, and our iniquities like the wind have swept us away. You have hidden your face from us, and abandoned us to our iniquities.
(Isaiah 64:5-7) ***Refrain (all)***

Choir You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know me and believe me. I myself am the Lord, and none but I can deliver; what my hand holds, none can snatch away.
(Isaiah 43:10-13) ***Refrain (all)***

Choir Comfort my people, comfort them; my salvation shall not be delayed. I have swept your offences away like a cloud; fear not, for I will save you. I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your redeemer. (*Isaiah 40 and 41*) **Refrain (all)**

The Blessing

Officiant Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Please stand, as you are able.

Final Respond

Ferial - Edward Woodall Naylor

Officiant The Lord be with you;

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant The Lord give us his peace;

Choir And life eternal. Amen.

Postlude Postludio

E. Bossi

The flowers in the Cathedral are given to the glory of God.

Officiant & Homilist: The Reverend Canon Beth Benson

Reader: William Cowling

*Music Director & Organist: Thomas Bell • Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Jacob Wiens
Assisting at the Organ: Imre Olah • Sung by The Evensong Choir of St. James Cathedral*

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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, December 18, 2022

***8:00am - Said Eucharist:** The order of service is found in the leaflet. The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel are also provided.

*2023 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up today in the West aisle.

Coffee Hour: Join us!

*The 9:00am Coffee Hour is held in the Cathedral's Southwest Porch

*The 11:00am Coffee Hour is held in Snell Hall in the Cathedral Centre.

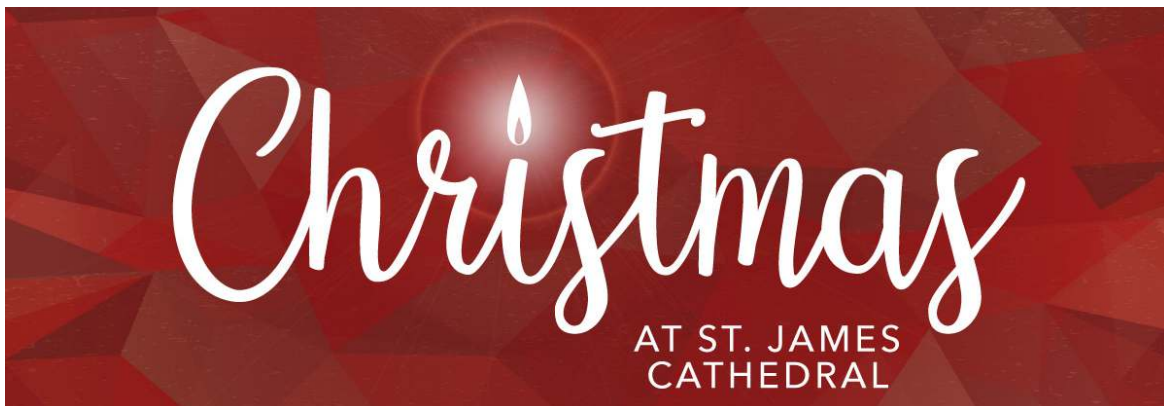
*We welcome a group of young Muslim women from the Ahmadiyya Community, along with Rahila Chaudhry, their leader, to the 11:00am liturgy this morning. We are glad to have you visiting us!

***Visit us:** The Cathedral is open from 10:00am–3:00pm, Monday-Friday.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

Let's celebrate together the miracle of the Incarnation when the blessings of hope, peace, joy, and love came to us in the child of Bethlehem.

Please join us for these special Christmas services:



Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24:

4:00pm: Festive Organ Recital

4:30pm: A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

7:30pm: Choral Eucharist

The recital and services will also be live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at youtube.com/tordio135

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25:

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist

11:00am: Choral Eucharist *(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel)*

*There is no Choral Evensong on Christmas Day.

WE COUNT ON YOU, THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Today, Sunday, December 18: St. James Cathedral pewter ornaments!

Get yours after the 9:00am and 11:00am services during the coffee hour. **From Monday, December 19 until Friday, December 23**, you can get them at our **front desk from 9:00am to 1:00pm**. Each ornament is \$25. For more information send an email to Kate Uchendu at kate1973.ku@gmail.com and info@stjamescathedral.ca

St. James Cathedral Christmas Food Drive

If you want to help with the **St. James Christmas Food Drive**, please donate non-perishable food items in the red bin located in the Cathedral (King Street entrance). Your **donations will support food programs** at St. Bartholomew's Church in Regent Park.

Volunteer with the Drop-In

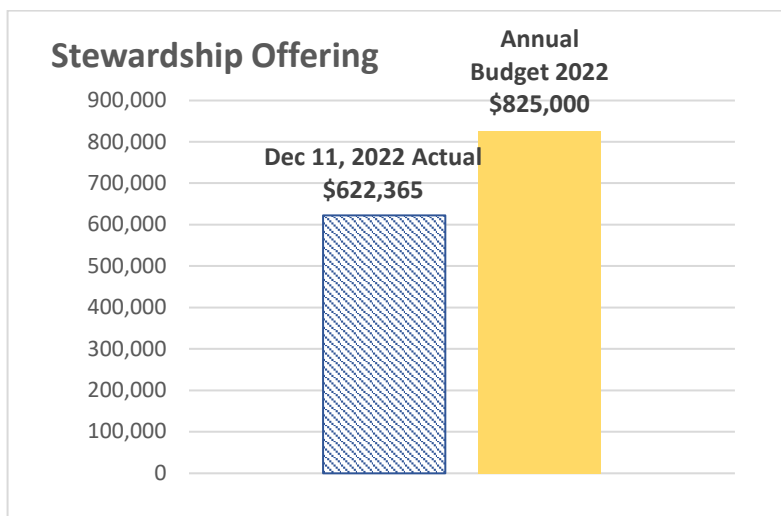
The Drop-In will be celebrating with a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings for their special **Christmas Lunch on Friday, December 23**. There will be Christmas Carols, too! There will also be a special **New Year's lunch** for our guests on **Friday, December 30**.

Would you like to volunteer at the Drop-In during this season? You can assist with preparing the meal, packing, serving, and cleaning up at the end of the day.

There will also be a small gift for each of our guests. **Donations of chocolates and winter wear for adult men and women are really appreciated.**

To sign up to volunteer on December 23, 30, or January 6 or to donate, please contact Kathy Biasi at (416) 364-7865, ext. *222 or kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

This is the giving season



We thank you for your generous support throughout the year.

As of December 11, our stewardship contribution is 20% behind budget.

Your donation helps ensure the continuation of our vibrant ministries.

If you would like to make a year-end donation, please do so by December 31 to receive a tax receipt for 2022.

PLAN AHEAD: NEW YEAR 2023 AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, January 1: New Year's Day

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist

11:00am: Choral Eucharist *(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at youtube.com/tordio135)*

3:30pm: Festive Music

4:00pm: Choral Evensong, *Presentations of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto, and Installation of the New Chancellor *(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at youtube.com/tordio135)*

*We are delighted to announce that Bishop Andrew Asbil has named **Don Solomon**, our Deputy Rector's Warden, to the Order of the Diocese of Toronto. This distinction was created to honour outstanding lay people in the Church in the Diocese of Toronto. Congratulations, Don, on this well-deserved honour!

Saturday, January 14, 2023: World Day of Prayer Festival Day

World Day of Prayer Festival is a day for anyone from churches in Toronto and the GTA to come to prepare for the 2023 World Day of Prayer. Taiwan is the focus country this year. It will be a great time of fellowship and learning with resources and ideas for WDP services. Our guest speakers from Taiwan are members of the Toronto Formosan Presbyterian Church. The registration fee is \$15. Please bring a bag lunch.

Please be in touch with Jane Rowan if you are interested in participating.

For more information email communications@wicc.org.

Location: Yorkminster Park Baptist Church (1585 Yonge Street)

Time: From 9:00am to 1:30pm (Registration starts at 8:30am).

African Fashion and Culture

The Interim Dean, Yosola Sholagbade-Adeoye, and Nancy Mallett invite all who may be interested in joining them for a meeting on **Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 2:00pm** in the Cathedral Centre to brainstorm ideas for a special evening, or possibly week, to celebrate the diversity of the Cathedral congregation and its surrounding community and the common interest in fashion and its expression of self sometime in late Spring 2023. Members of the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood and other Cathedral neighbours have also been invited to talk about this exciting idea and initiative.

Please join us if you can!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL: YOU ARE INVITED

Morning Prayer – online only

Monday – Friday at 8:30am
via the **Cathedral YouTube channel**

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

Monday – Friday
In the Cathedral - St. George's Chapel.

Final Week of “Advent Through the Gospels”! Join us Tuesday or Wednesday!

TUESDAY: At 4:00pm

* **December 20:** ‘Zoom’ with the Interim Dean for the last week of Advent.

Register for Zoom coordinates by sending an email to info@stjamescathedral.ca

WEDNESDAY: At 11:00am & 7:00pm

***December 21:** Join the Scripture Circle in-person on the second floor of the Cathedral Centre for the last week of Advent at 11:00am.

***December 21:** Join the “Becoming the Story We Tell” Small Group in-person in the Library for the last week of Advent at 7:00pm.

FRIDAY: Drop-In from 1:30pm to 3:30pm

*Our Cathedral opens its doors for guests to come in for a meal in Snell Hall.

*On December 23 we will serve a special Christmas Lunch!

SATURDAY:

*Pre-recorded Morning Prayer - 8:30am on the Cathedral YouTube Channel.

*Christmas Eve services at 4:30pm & 7:30pm (see page 1).

SUNDAY: Coffee Hour

*Please note that there will not be a coffee hour on the next two holiday Sundays: Christmas Day, December 25, and New Year's Day, January 1, 2023.

*Our Regular Coffee Hours will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist

11:00am: Choral Eucharist

(Also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at youtube.com/tordio135)

Readings for next Sunday, December 25:

9:00am

Isaiah 62: 6-12

Psalm 97

Titus 3: 4-7

Luke 2: 8-20

11:00am

Isaiah 52: 7-10

Psalm 98

Hebrews 1: 1-4

John 1: 1-14

***Save the date:** As many know, our beloved Senior Sexton, **Emile Rhineland** is retiring at the end of January! Please hold **Sunday, January 29** for a special celebration of Emile's time with us at a reception following the 11:00am service.
More details to come.

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