



Morning Prayer
January 4 – January 10
Matins

- L: O Lord, open my lips,
C: and my mouth shall declare your praise
- C: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen
C: Alleluia! Alleluia!

January 4 – 5

- L: Alleluia. Unto us a child is born
C: Oh, Come, let us worship Him. Alleluia.

January 6 – 10

- L: The Word was made flesh, and we beheld his glory
C: Oh, Come, let us worship Him.

- C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
the heights of the hills are also his,
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Oh, come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

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Psalms

Jan 4 Monday: 20

Lord God, you accepted the perfect sacrifice of Your Son upon the cross. Hear us during times of trouble and protect us by the power of His name, that we who share His struggle on earth may share in His victory in heaven, where He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Jan 5 Tuesday: 99

Lord our God, King of the universe, You love what is right. Lead us in Your righteousness, that we may live to praise You; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jan 6 Wednesday: 72

Almighty God, You gave the kingdom of justice and peace to David and his descendant, our Lord Jesus Christ. Extend this kingdom to every nation, so that through Your Son the poor may receive justice, the destitute relief, and the people of the earth peace in the name of Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Jan 7 Thursday: 26

Lord Jesus, Lamb without stain, image of the Father's glory: Give us the strength to avoid sin and be faithful to You always. Lead us to the place where God dwells in His glory, that we may praise Him with joy among His saints now and forever. Amen.

Jan 8 Friday: 25

Lord our God, You show us Your ways of compassion and love, and You spare sinners. Remember not our sins; relieve our misery; satisfy the longing of Your people; and fulfill all our hopes for eternal peace through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jan 9 Saturday: 125

Lord, surround Your People with Your presence. Do not let us stretch out our hands to evil deeds, nor be destroyed by the snares of the enemy, but bring us to share the land prepared for the saints in light, where You live and reign, God, now and forever. Amen.

Jan 10 Sunday: 66 The Baptism of our Lord

Almighty Father, You brought us through the waters of baptism to the shores of new life. Accept the sacrifice of our lives, and let us enter Your house, there to praise Your unfailing power and love, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lessons:

Jan 4 Monday

Exodus 3:1-15

Hebrews 11:23-31

John 14:6-14

Jan 5 Tuesday

Joshua 1:1-9

Hebrews 11:32-12:2

John 15:1-16

Jan 6 Wednesday Epiphany

Isaiah 52:7-10

Revelation 21:22-27

Matthew 12:14-21

Jan 7 Thursday

Isaiah 52:3-6

Revelation 2:1-7

John 2:1-11

Jan 8 Friday

Isaiah 59:15b-21

Revelation 2:8-17

John 4:46-54

Jan 9 Saturday

Isaiah 63:1-5

Revelation 2:18-29

John 5:1-15

Jan 10 Sunday The Baptism of our Lord

Isaiah 40:1-11

Hebrews 1:1-12

John 1:1-7, 19-20, 29-34

L: In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

C: But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

January 4-5

C: Today Christ is born: today salvation has appeared.
Today the just exult and say, Glory to God in the highest.

January 6-10

C: Our Lord and Savior, begotten before all ages,
Revealed Himself to the world. Alleluia.

C: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old that
he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

L: You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God,

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of
death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Prayer of the day:

Jan 4 Monday

Father, You make known the salvation of mankind at the birth of Your Son. Make us strong in faith and bring us to the glory Your promise. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Jan 5 Tuesday

Lord, fill our hearts with Your light. May we always acknowledge Christ as our Savior and be more faithful to His gospel, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Jan 6 Wednesday Epiphany

Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to Your glory in heaven by the light of faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Jan 7 Thursday

Lord, let the light of Your glory shine within us, and lead us through the darkness of this world to the radiant joy of our eternal home. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Jan 8 Friday

Father, Your Son became like us when He revealed Himself in our nature: help us to become more like Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Jan 9 Saturday

God, light of all nations, give us the joy of lasting peace, and fill us with Your radiance as You filled the hearts of our fathers. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Jan 10 Sunday The Baptism of our Lord

Almighty, eternal God, when the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His baptism in the Jordan, You revealed Him as Your own beloved Son. Keep us, Your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

L: O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have brought us in safety to this new day; preserve us with Your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity; in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of Your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord almighty bless us, and direct our days and our deeds in his peace. C: Amen.

Empower the Mission and Ministry of St. John's!

We began 2020 by carrying a substantial deficit (\$95,890) in the Current Account. We are hoping to make a significant dent in the debt this year. *Amounts needed in offerings during December to meet our budget in the following accounts:*

Current Account:	\$26,022.55
Benevolence:	\$20,541.54

Every December we count on your generosity to make up the difference in these accounts so that we finish the year in the black. This year presents a very great challenge for each and every one of us! Thank you for your continued commitment to making the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ happen at St. John's.

Creative ways of year end giving to St. John's:

- It is possible, if you are over 70 1/2, to make a direct payment from your IRA to St. John's. This saves the taxes and the gift is still eligible for a charitable gift deduction.
- Giving stock saves capital gains taxes and the gift is still eligible for a charitable gift deduction.

***Annual Congregational Meeting* Scheduled for January 24, 2021**

Our annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, January 24. We will review the Bulletin of Reports, approve a budget for 2021 and elect an endowment trustee.



The flower chart for 2021 has been posted in the narthex. Please take this opportunity to sign up for the dates that you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or special event. Flowers are \$50.00.



DRIVE-BY PARADE The St. John's

Care Team has been reactivated!

During these difficult times, if there's any help you may need from your church family, please contact the church office @ 724-548-2051.

In addition, COVID pending, the Care Team will be holding another meal distribution on **Saturday, January 16, 2021**. Anyone can pre-order a meal. This is a great time to remember a neighbor or family member who could benefit. The menu will consist of your choice of chicken noodle (homemade) or tomato soup, ham salad or chicken salad sandwich and cookies.

Donations will be collected at the same time as the meal pick-up. Feel free to support this worthy cause!

Please call the church office by Thursday, January 7th to reserve a meal. Meals should be picked up at the side alley entrance to the church between 2:00-3:00 PM on Saturday, January 16th. Donations of cookies would be most appreciated. A few individuals willing to deliver meals to our shut-ins are also needed. Cookies should be left at the church prior to Friday, January 15th. Please let the church office know if you are able to assist with cookie donations or delivery.

John 15:12 says "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Please join us as we share our love with those within our church family, our neighbors, friends, family and those in our community.