St. John's Cathedral

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

The First Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:30 AM Sunday, November 29th, 2026

Service items listed in red can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer. Hymns, listed in blue, can be found in the blue Hymnal.

The Word of God

8:00 AM

The Opening Sentence *(Stand at the bell)*
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn 66: *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* (v. 1 & 2)

The Collect for Purity page 323
The Summary of the Law page 324
The Collect of the Day
Dancing God, you exult over us with joy; as we celebrate what has past renew us by your love that we may face the future with hope and joy; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Reading *1 Corinthians 1: 3–9*
The Psalm *Psalm 80: 1–7, 17–19*
The Gospel *Mark 13: 24–37*

The Sermon *The Rev. Canon Chris Chase*

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The Prayers of the People – Form III page 387
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The Peace
The Offertory Sentence & Offertory
The Doxology: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*
(Hymn 380, v. 3)
The Great Thanksgiving page 333
Proper Preface
For when Christ humbled himself to come among us, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world.

The Sanctus page 334
The Lord's Prayer page 336
The Communion of the People
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Hymn 72: *Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes*
(v. 1 & 4)

Postlude: *Lo! he comes with clouds descending*
Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)

10:30 AM

The Opening Sentence *(Stand at the bell)*
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn 68: ***Rejoice, rejoice, believers***

Baptismal Sentences
Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day
Dancing God, you exult over us with joy; as we celebrate what has past renew us by your love that we may face the future with hope and joy; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Reading *1 Corinthians 1: 3–9*
The Psalm *Psalm 80: 1–7, 17–19*

Sequence Hymn 67: *Comfort, comfort ye my people*

The Gospel *Mark 13:24–37*

The Sermon *The Rev. Canon Chris Chase*

The Baptism *(see insert)*

The Peace

Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence
The Offertory Anthem Paul Manz (1919–2009)
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

The Doxology: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*
(Hymn 380, v. 3)

The Great Thanksgiving page 361
Eucharistic Prayer A

Proper Preface
For when Christ humbled himself to come among us, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world.

10:30 AM Holy Communion *continued*

The Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy Lord* (S 129 Powell)
The Lord's Prayer
The Fraction anthem: (S 154)

The Communion Anthem: Sam Batt Owens (1928–1998)
He shall come down like rain

Communion Hymns
454: *Jesus came, adored by angels*
71: *Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes*

The Post Communion Prayer page 365

Hymn 57: *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending*

Postlude: *Lo! he comes with clouds descending*
Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)

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Altar Flowers & Anthem Dedications

The flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God
and in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallace McClellan
by Martha and Matthew McClellan.

Lay Ministries

8:00 AM

Usher	John Melnick
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Chris Copelan
Crucifer	Steve Bailey

10:30 AM

Ushers	Tim O'Connor - Lead, Steve Brewington, Bailey Sharp, Roy Brown , Robert Straight
Greeters	Mary Keller, Jessica & David Wilds
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Anne Sprouse
Lector / Chalice Bearer	Kae Wrinkle
Chalice Bearer	Mercy Hankins
Crucifer	Bill Hackett
Acolytes	McAfee Sprouse, Beatrice DeAlejandro, Henry DeAlejandro, Audrey Rigsby
Thurifer	Oliver DeAlejandro
Verger	Stu Sprouse
Safety	Larry Hutsell
Broadcast Team	Caleb Bales, Mike Bensey, Nick Cassell, Jim Foust, Christibeth Paul, & Whitney Ross
Altar Guild	Candy Brownlow & Team
Flower Guild	Mary Hugh Bedinger & Team

Announcements

more information available at www.stjohnscathedral.org

Today at the Cathedral

9:30 AM	Nursery Opens - infant - 4 yrs. old - 2nd Floor
9:30 AM	Newcomer's Class - Rm 7 (bottom floor)
9:30 AM	Lectionary Bible Study - Rm 9
10:30 AM	SJKids - 2nd floor
11:30 AM	Cookies & Coffee - Ross Hall

Stewardship Season is Here

Scan the QR code below or visit www.sjcknox.org to make your 2027 Pledge in support of the mission and ministry budget for the coming year.

Second Harvest Food Bank Holiday Offering

Donations Accepted through Tuesday, Dec. 1st

Each November/December we collect donations to support East Tennessee's largest hunger-relief charity. Your donations directly serve our local community. To donate scan the QR code below.

A Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 20th 10:30 AM *with Choir & Brass*

A Visit with St. Nick & the Grinch

Sunday, December 20th 11:30 AM | Ross Hall

Christmas Eve Services

Thursday, December 24th
Nursery & Childcare available at 2PM, 4:30PM, and 7PM.

2:00 PM *with Choir & Organ*
Anticipated Service duration 1h 5m.

4:30 PM *with Choir & Orchestra Prelude*
featuring The First Cantata from Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*
Prelude begins at 4:30 PM | Service begins at 5 pm
Anticipated Prelude & Service duration 1h 40m.

7:00 PM *with Choir & Orchestra Prelude*
featuring The First Cantata from Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*
Prelude begins at 7 PM | Service begins at 7:30 PM
Anticipated Prelude & Service duration 1h 40m.

10:45 PM *with Choir & String Quartet Prelude*
Prelude begins at 10:45 PM | Service begins at 11:00 PM
Anticipated Service duration 1h 20m.

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- Prayer Request Submission
- Weekly Cathedral Update
- And more

The Reading

1 Corinthians 1: 3–9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: THANKS BE TO GOD

The Psalm

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

At 8:00 AM the Psalm is read by ALL. *At 10:30 AM the Psalm is chanted by the choir.*

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned
upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim,
Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon
the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made
so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

The Gospel

Mark 13: 24–37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:
People: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD. *People:* GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. *Reader*: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST. *People*: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

Offertory anthem: *E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come*
(Paul Manz)

Peace be to you and grace from him
who freed us from our sins, who loved us all
and shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; Sing holy, holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be
no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun,
for Christ will be their All!

From Revelation 22, adapted by Ruth Manz

Communion anthem: *He shall come down like rain*
(Sam Batt Owens)

O come down.
He shall come down like rain
upon the fresh mown field.
Like showers that water the earth.
And there shall be abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more.
He shall come down like rain.

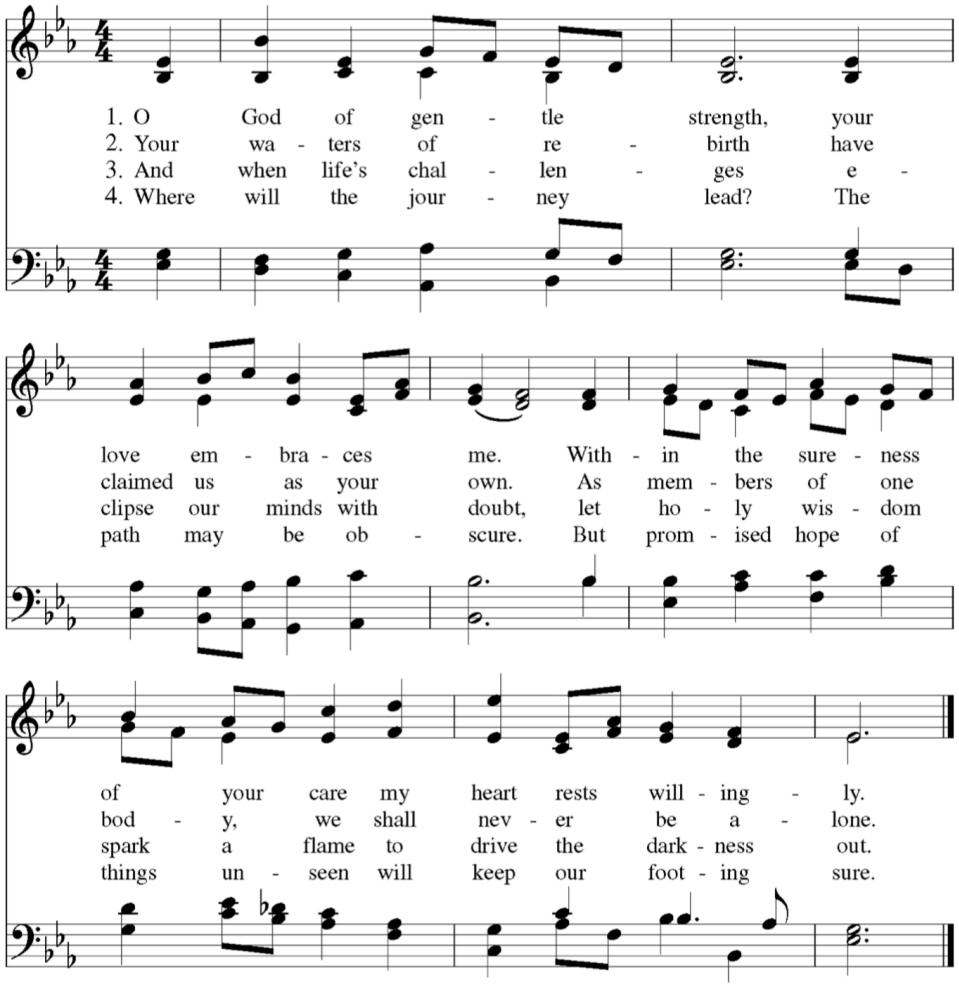
From Psalm 72, adapted by Sam Batt Owens

Holy Baptism

St. John's Episcopal Cathedral
Sunday, November 29th, 2026

Pauline Rose Hodges





Presentation of the Candidate

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents & Godparents: I present Pauline Rose Hodges to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
Celebrant to Parents & Godparents: Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents & Godparents: I will, with God's help.
Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help Pauline grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents & Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant asks candidate or parents and godparents who speak on behalf of infants and younger children.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer: I renounce them.
Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer: I renounce them.
Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Pauline in her life in Christ?
People: We will.
Celebrant: Let us join with Pauline who is being committed to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: I do.
Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: I do.
Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: I do.
Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People: I will, with God's help.
Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People: I will, with God's help.
Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: I will, with God's help.
Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: I will, with God's help.
Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant to congregation: Let us now pray for Pauline, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who live and reigns now and for ever more. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over Water

Celebrant blesses water: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John.

Celebrant touching water: Now sanctify this water, we pray, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Baptism

Candidate presented by name to Celebrant, priest, or deacon, who immerses, or pours water upon candidate saying:

Celebrant: Pauline, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Bishop or Priest prays over candidate.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, the spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Bishop or Priest places hand on candidates's head, marking forehead with sign of the cross using Chrism.

Celebrant: Pauline, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

As the newly baptized are presented to the congregation, all sing the fourth verse of the Baptism hymn.