

## ministry minute

a glimpse of St John's week ahead....

Dec. 9 - 17, 2023

### Saturday, December 9

Pageant Rehearsal (FH) 11 AM

### Sunday, December 10 – Advent 2

Worship – Service of Holy Communion 10 AM

*in person and live via YouTube; nursery available*

Backpack Packing before worship (FH)

Cross+Generational Christmas Pageant after worship (FH)

Fellowship following pageant (FH)

Lutheranism 101 following pageant (Chapel)

'Messiah' Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:30 PM

### Monday, December 11

'Messiah' Soloists/Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 2 PM

Admin Team (Zoom) 5:30 PM

'Messiah' Chorus/Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:30 PM

### Tuesday, December 12

Red Cross Blood Drive (FH) 12 noon – 6 PM

'Messiah' Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:30 PM

Cross+Generational Team (Zoom) 6:30 PM

Tangletown Environmental Committee (Zoom) 7 PM

### Wednesday, December 13

St John's Bells (Sanctuary) 6 PM

Confirmation at Bethlehem 6:30 PM

### Thursday, December 14 - Backpack Delivery

Holy Conversations (Lounge) 10 AM

Child Care Family Holiday Party (FH) 12 noon

'Messiah' Touch-ups Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:30 PM

### Saturday, December 16

'Messiah' Concert & Reception at St John's 7 PM

### Sunday, December 17 – Advent 3

Worship – Service of Holy Communion 10 AM

*in person and live via YouTube; nursery available*

Fellowship following worship (FH) 11 AM

Grace Place learning (third floor) 11:15 AM

St John's Council (Lounge) 11:15 AM

'Messiah' Concert & Reception at St John's 4 PM

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### The Cross+Generational Christmas Pageant, "Starry Night, Noisy Night"

is happening *this Sunday, Dec. 10* in fellowship hall following worship!

Come and see, come and hear, come and celebrate!

**Give blood!** St John's will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, Dec. 12 from noon – 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Sign up for a spot at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**St. John's will present Handel's *Messiah***, with St John's Oratorio Chorus, orchestra and soloists directed by Brian Schmidt, on *Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m.* Here is a link to the [event poster](#).

Ushers are needed for each performance as well as donations of cookies for the receptions that follow. If you can help, please sign up at church or let the office know. Above all, you are invited to attend a performance!

**Our Stewardship Pledges** are an important help in planning for St John's 2024 ministry year. You may still offer a pledge in person, by mail or online through St. John's website at 'Give/Make your 2024 Pledge.' Thank you for all pledges received so far!

**St John's Advent Devotional 2023** is being posted on FB and emailed daily. A link to the full booklet is on our website in 'News & Updates.' Print copies are available on request.

**Missionary Circle will be collecting** donated warm blankets in addition to hats, gloves/mittens and warm socks throughout December for the homeless. You are invited to bring items and leave them in the office lobby pew or have items sent to the church. Thank you!



*Fueled by Christ's redeeming love, St John's is called into a joyful life of welcoming hospitality, grace-filled worship, transformational relationships, and Gospel-driven service in the world.*

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