

Advent and Christmas Celebrations at St. John's 2017

Sunday, December 3: First Sunday of Advent (Regular Worship Times) plus:

3:00 p.m., Tidings of Comfort & Holy Eucharist in the Historic Church

For those experiencing grief, or sadness, or loss, the holiday season isn't always bright. Come rest with us in the abiding hope of God's promises for a faithful future.

Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent (Regular Worship Times)

9:00 a.m., Crèche Service, All Saints Hall

During our worship, infants/toddlers through Kindergarteners will assemble the Crèche for the Christmas season with help from some children and teens in the older grades. Participating children should gather in the Auditorium before 8:55a.m.

(The Compassionate Friends World Wide Candle lighting is 7pm in Historic Church)

Sunday, December 17: Third Sunday of Advent (Regular Worship Times)

11:30 a.m., Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist in the Historic Church

Children in 1st-5th grade will embody the Christmas story through costumed tableaux and processions, while youth narrate the tidings of great joy! Includes traditional Christmas hymns.



Saturday, December 23: Fourth "Sunday" of Advent: 5pm Eucharist in Resurrection Chapel

Sunday, December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent: One service in the morning

10:00 a.m. Service of Advent Lessons and Carols in the Historic Church (no Eucharist)



Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m., Joy and Wonder: Christmas Eucharist with Carols in All Saints Hall

Wonder at the mystery and meaning of Christ's birth in this worship offering designed especially for families with young children and open to all.

5:00 p.m., Living the Light: Candlelight Christmas Eucharist in All Saints Hall

Experience the living love of God among us as the Christmas story comes alive in silhouette, shadow and light. Features special music including the Marriotts Ridge High School Madrigal Singers.

5:00 p.m., Story and Song: Christmas Eucharist in the Historic Church

Rejoice at the message of the angels as the Christmas gospel proclamation is enlivened through tableaux, movement and music. Features the musical leadership of the St. John's Youth Choir.

Prelude begins at 4:30 p.m.

8:00 p.m., Festival Holy Eucharist in the Historic Church

Traditional Christmas music by Adult, Handbell, and Brass Choirs, pipe organ and tympani.

Prelude begins at 7:30 p.m. English and Korean speaking congregations.

10:30 p.m., Festival Holy Eucharist in the Historic Church

Traditional Christmas music by Adult, Handbell, and Brass Choirs, pipe organ and tympani.

Prelude begins at 10:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25: Christmas Day - The Nativity of Our Lord

10:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist with Hymns in the Historic Church

(no Thursday Dec. 28 7:00 a.m. Eucharist)

Sunday, December 31: First Sunday after Christmas (Regular Worship Times, no formation classes)

Special blessing of St. John's Holy Land Pilgrims departing on January 4. (at 9am in the Historic Church)

Sunday, January 7: Epiphany and Baptism of our Lord (Regular Worship Times*)

*There will not be a Saturday 5pm service on January 6.

All are invited to a 5:00 p.m. Epiphany service at St. Hilda's in Catonsville with Bishop Sutton presiding and a reception to follow.

