



Welcome to the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist! Whatever brought you here today is a good thing and we want you to know that you are always welcome here. Everyone is warmly invited to receive Holy Communion, and you are invited to spend some time in fellowship following the service. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

**Holy Eucharist Rite II
December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8 and 10:15 a.m.

Nursery - 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Chilton Hall Room 1

Sunday School
Children Education, 9:15 a.m., Chilton Hall, Rm 2

We Care About You!

We are pleased to offer communion visits if you are not able to join us. Please contact the office if you would like to schedule a Eucharistic visitor. Fr. Tim and Deacon Chuck are available round the clock for pastoral needs. Their phone numbers can found in the Church Directory or by calling the office. Our Daughters of the King prayer ministry team welcomes prayer requests on St. John's website. Our office number is **623-582-5449** and our e-mail address is **info@stjohnsaz.org**.

READINGS

First Reading	1 Samuel 1:19-28
Psalm	Canticle of Hannah
Second Reading	Titus 3:4-7
Gospel	Matthew 1:18-25

Altar Flower Dedications

*Given today by Renee' Taylor in loving memory
of my friend Jody Sherman.*

MUSIC 10:15 A.M. - U2 CHARIST - PRAISE BAND

<i>Entrance Hymn</i>	Pride in the Name of Love
<i>Psalm</i>	40
<i>Sequence Hymn</i>	I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For
<i>Offertory</i>	With or Without You
<i>Lord's Prayer</i>	Joyful Noise Lord's Prayer
<i>Communion</i>	All I Want Is You
<i>Recessional</i>	Beautiful Day

Christmas Holy Eucharist at St. John's
Christmas Eve at 5 and 8 p.m.
Christmas Day at 10:15 a.m.

Please join us on Christmas Eve at 5 and 8 p.m., and on Christmas Day morning at 10:15! Following the Christmas Morning service, you are invited to enjoy a Christmas brunch in the Parish Hall. You are welcome to bring a dessert item to share if you wish. Please let Deacon Chuck know if you are willing to serve as a liturgical minister.

Christmas Poinsettia Dedications

Poinsettia dedications sign-up sheets are on the podium next to the doors of the Sanctuary. Please make a \$20.00 donation for the poinsettias. Donations can be made online, click other and then when asked type in Poinsettia, by check or cash please write poinsettia in the memo line or on the blue envelopes found in the pews, (don't forget to write your name on the blue envelope.) For more information, contact the office.

St. John's Office Holiday Hours

The church office and food pantry will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's. We will reopen Tuesday, January 7th. There will be no Wednesday service on December 25 or January 1.

St. John's Closet Thrift Store will be closed Friday, December 27 and Saturday December 28. The thrift store will reopen Friday, January 3.

Faith Through The Arts Meet the Artist New Exhibit

Our next exhibit will feature the art of our very own Janice Wittwer. The Meet the Artist 'Nibbles and Sips' reception will be Saturday, January 11th from 4-6 PM. Janice will have some of her art available for purchase or you may see any member of the FTTA Ministry.

Reserve Your Spot to Attend our 40th Anniversary Dinner!

We will wrap up an entire year of celebrating our 40th Anniversary when we gather together to enjoy a special catered dinner on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We request a \$5 donation per person to hold your space. Please RSVP by January 12 so we can provide an accurate head count to the caterer. A signup table collecting names and donations will be stationed in the Parish Hall between the Sunday services. We are excited to celebrate together! We hope to see you there!

Faith Through the Arts Art Auction, Saturday, February 22,

Our Faith Through the Arts team is hosting an art auction on Saturday, February 22. Proceeds from the event will support our ongoing capital campaign. Do you have framed art that you no longer need or want? Maybe it's time to change your home decor. Do you happen to have a Rembrandt or a Picasso stashed away in a closet somewhere? If so, then donate it to Faith Through the Arts and help raise funds for your church community! More information to come.

Vestry Candidates Needed!

Please continue to prayerfully discern a call to run as a candidate for Vestry! Your church needs you! You must be at least 16 years of age, a communicant in good standing, and a member of our parish for at least six months. New parishioners and long timers are welcome and encouraged to run! Maybe you are just the person your church is looking for! Speak with a Vestry member or a member of the clergy or staff for more information.

Hospitality Ministry

We need some help on our coffee hour team! Please help us to make sure our parishioners aren't left thirsty for coffee on Sunday mornings. We would love to have you join us to make coffee, set out goodies, and clean up afterward. Please contact Valerie Swick at (602) 694-4629 or August Tolle at (602) 677-4554. Many hands make light work!

Happenings @ St. John the Baptist

- **Bible Study Between Services**
Sundays, 9 a.m. between services, Chilton Hall Room 5
- **St. John's Farmer Market**
Closed Friday, December 27th for the Christmas Holiday
- **St. John's Closet Thrift Store**
Closed December 27th and 29th for the Christmas Holiday.
- **Borderlands P.O.W. W.O.W.**
Saturday, January 4, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00, East Parking Lot.
- **Wednesday, Eucharist and Healing Service - January 8th**
Wednesdays, 1 p.m., Parish Hall
- **FaithNet, Faith-Based Support Group for Mental Illness**
Schedule for January - January 8th and January 22nd, new time at 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., East Annex.. In February we go back to the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the new start time of 2:30 p.m.

For more information about events at St. John's please check out our weekly email Newsletter ***Voice in the Wilderness***.
Contact the office to sign up.

December Stewardship Message - Time, Talent and Treasure

Proverbs 11:25 The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered.

St. John's Giving and Attendance for December 15th

Pledge	\$10,591.51	Pantry	\$70.00
Plate	\$1,140.62	Thrift Store	\$122.00
Pantry	\$50.00	Other	\$675.00
Weekly Expenses	\$12,785.23	Attendance	120

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