



**St. James'**  
*Episcopal Church*  
LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



NOVEMBER 30, 2025

8:00 A.M.

*Founded in 1812*

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Leesburg, Virginia 20176 [stjamesleesburg.org](http://stjamesleesburg.org)

## WELCOME

Whatever your religious background, and however you have come to be here, we're glad to have you join in our praises of God today. We hope you will feel comfortable here and fulfilled, and strengthened spiritually to meet the challenges of your daily life.

## NO CHILDREN'S FORMATION TODAY

### NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S FORMATION

Children are always welcome in worship! If needed, Nursery care is available beginning at 9:30. The Nursery is located through the front left doors of the sanctuary. Go through the Parish Hall and up the stairs – the Nursery is around the corner from the kitchen. Children's Formation students may arrive between 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. arrive between 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the upstairs preschool classroom. Look for signs in the Narthex to guide you to the correct location! All children Pre-K through 5th grade are welcome. If you arrive late, please go ahead and join us! Children will return to the service before Communion.

### ST. JAMES' SUNDAY VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE

The Vestry is composed of 12 elected church members who serve a 3-year term as leaders in the parish. The primary responsibilities of the Vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation, to support the church's mission by word and deed, to select the rector, to ensure effective organization and planning, and to manage resources and finances. A Vestry Representative will be in the back of the church before and after each service to answer questions and share more about the exciting things happening at St. James'.

Today's representative is Tricia Sauer



## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The people are seated for the readings and the psalm.*

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 2:1-5

*Read by Sandy Moses*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
    come, let us walk  
    in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Read responsively by alternating whole verse.*

## PSALM 122

1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
    "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

**2 Now our feet are standing \*  
    within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
    that is at unity with itself;

**4 To which the tribes go up,  
    the tribes of the LORD, \*  
    the assembly of Israel,  
    to praise the Name of the LORD.**

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
    the thrones of the house of David.

**6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
    "May they prosper who love you.**

7 Peace be within your walls \*  
    and quietness within your towers.

**8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \***  
**I pray for your prosperity.**

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:11-14

*Read by Fran Smith*

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

THE SERMON

THE REV. MARYBETH SANDERS-WILSON

THE NICENE CREED

*Said by all, standing.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Led by Fran Smith*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury – Designate; we pray for Presiding Bishop Sean, for our Bishops Mark, Gayle, and Mark; for our priests Chad and Marybeth, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Especially ....

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Especially ....

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Kneeling or standing as able.*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*A moment of silence.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we**

**have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME VISITORS



If you are a visitor, please fill out a visitor card found in your pew row or follow the QR code to our digital visitor form so we can get to know you better. Cards can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher. We are so glad you chose to worship with us today.

## ALTAR FLOWERS



Honor a loved one, remember a special individual in your life or in the life of our parish, or simply beautify our worship space by donating altar flowers. To sign up, scan the QR code (scroll down to Altar Flowers) or contact the church office 703-777-1124 and specify who the flowers honor.

## THE OFFERTORY



*The people remain seated while an offering is collected to support St. James' work of sharing God's love with the world. You may now make your offering by scanning the QR code on the left.*

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord

**People: And of Thine own have we given Thee.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all

times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays.*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Kneeling or standing as able.*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in

remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## INVITATION

*The people are seated.*

*Our custom in the Episcopal Church is to welcome all who are baptized, regardless of age, to receive the bread and wine at Communion. Please come forward to the altar. If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to receive communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you would like Communion brought to you in your seat, please let an usher know. Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available; please inform the clergy if you have gluten sensitivity.*

## MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Said by all, kneeling or standing.*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant blesses the people and the people respond **Amen.***

*Please turn as the cross recesses down the aisle.*

### THE DISMISSAL

*The minister says the dismissal.*

***People:* Thanks be to God!**

(Asterisk \* denotes those in the St. James' community)

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

THOSE REQUESTING OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: \*Rene, Mary Galloway, Bob Longo, Neal Johnson, \*Mark Mobley, and \*Meagan Carren.

THOSE ON OUR LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Fred Lang, \*Lois Krumwiede, \*Michael Fabian, \*Donna Cash, \*Denise, \*Christine, \*Don Scheuerman, Jared Moon, \*McKenna Hagler, \*Michael Dowling, Nancy Giffin, Pamela Scott, Noel Shatananda, Richard Ford, Dacia Rolando, \*Rebecca Page, Sue Roberts, Bill F., \*Alice Fortini, \*Darrell Ackmann, Judy Popple, \*The Carren Family, Nathan Rodney, \*Harold Neely, Isaiah Rice, \*Rachelle Graves, Tony Beltrano, Emily, Mary Ellen Hurley, \*Fran Smith, Nicholas Rodney, Ed, and Virginia Laughlin.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: \*Pam Mossburg

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS: All those affected by the fires and floods in the US, for the lives lost and that God will sustain them for the recovery ahead, for all those across the globe who suffer the effects of natural disasters; for those who suffer acts of violence around the world, especially for Ukraine and for the Holy Land, for those suffering from the war in Sudan; for federal employees and those serving in the armed forces at home and abroad; for those who are unemployed or underemployed; and for those who continue to be affected by COVID-19 and for protection of the most vulnerable through flu season and cold weather.



# Worship

## *Second Sunday Family Service*

December 14 | 9 a.m. | Parish Hall

All are welcome for a laid-back, casual service with leadership provided by parishioners of all ages.

## *La Misa Guadalupana*

December 14 | 5 p.m.

Join our sister parish, St. Gabriel's, for a Eucharist celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The service features the beautiful floral handiwork of our Sexton, Adan Cortes along with mariachi and dancing. Plan to stay for a festive reception after the service. Be sure to attend Rev. Marybeth's webinar about this Mass if you'd like to learn more before attending (see "Learn").

## *Christmas Day Service*

10 a.m.

# Learn

## *Our? Lady of Guadalupe Webinar*

November 30 | 5 p.m. | Zoom

Spend an hour with Rev. Marybeth as we explore the significance of the Feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe in the Anglican tradition. This offering will be recorded for those who cannot attend live.

## *Christmas Eve*

### *Carols & Communion*

1 p.m.

New this year! A traditional worship service with Christmas Carols.

### *Family Christmas Pageant*

4 p.m.

All families and students of all ages are invited to participate in our annual Christmas Pageant. Costumes are provided, but feel free to wear your own. Children from Pre-K through 5th grade will be learning Christmas carols in Children's Chapel starting mid-November. If you would like your children to sing, please join us on Sundays at 9:45 on the 3rd Floor of Janney House.

### *Candlelight Services*

6 p.m. & 9 p.m.

## *Advent Bible Study*

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, & 17

10 a.m. | Janney Parlor

Join Fr. Chad for a discussion of Louie Giglio's *Waiting Here for You: An Advent Journey of Hope*. Participants may wish to purchase the book, but are not required to do so.



## Celebrate



### *Advent Wreath Making*

November 30 | 9 a.m. | Parish Hall

Let's mark the beginning of Advent together by creating Advent wreaths for our homes! All supplies will be provided.

### *Alternative Gift Fair*

December 7 | 9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Parish Hall

The Alternative Gift Fair is an opportunity for people to give meaningful gifts that will have a lasting impact in our community. In lieu of a traditional gift, a monetary contribution is made to further the ongoing missions of participating non-profit organizations. Local non-profits will be with us on December 7 after worship, where you can learn more about their mission. You may also participate online.

### *Caroling for the Community*

December 21 | 11:30 a.m.

All are welcome to join the St. James' Choir for a festive caroling event for the whole Leesburg community! We'll visit local shops, restaurants, and parishioners' homes to share the love and joy of the season through music. This offering is open to all and is a perfect opportunity to learn more about our choir.

### *Parents' Night Out*

December 22 | 5-8 p.m.

Finish the last-minute shopping or enjoy a little extra time with the adults in the family with our Christmas Parents' Night Out hosted by Rev. Marybeth and Children's Formation minister, Jess Eastridge. Pizza, carols, crafts and playtime provided for children who are potty trained through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.



## **ABOUT ADVENT**

The word, *Advent*, is from the Latin for “coming,” and indicates a 4-week period of preparation for the Christmas season. In Advent, we wait for a baby to be born in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. Perhaps even more importantly, we rejoice in the presence of our Lord Jesus with us now, every day and in every person. We also look for Christ’s Second Coming, but we also are seeking the daily visitation of our Savior in our lives today. Advent can be a challenge. Society at large tends to start celebrating Christmas before Halloween, and we may feel the temptation to rush to Christmas, too.

Advent also brings the beginning of our “church year” and a new cycle of Scripture readings. You will notice changes to our worship. The color of our liturgical vestments is now blue. A large wreath has been added to the worship space, and there is plain greenery rather than flowers. At our 10am service, our clergy chant the beginning of our eucharistic prayers, joining in an ancient tradition of marking this heightened season of preparation. We hope that you will find ways to mark the season of Advent at home, too.

## **ST. JAMES' VESTRY ELECTION**



This year, we received 32 nominations from the parish. From these nominees, the Vestry Nomination Committee has prayerfully invited 8 nominees to participate in this year's election. All St. James' communicants in good standing\* are invited to vote for their **top 4** nominees by scanning the **QR code** or picking up a ballot in the Narthex. There is a link to the candidate bios at the top of the ballot. **The deadline to receive all votes is Monday, December 22.** The final slate of 4 candidates will then be presented to the parish for an official election at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 1.

\*A communicant in good standing consists of all baptized members who:

have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and

have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

If you have questions about your status listed in our parish rolls, would like to learn more about becoming a member, or need to update your information, please contact our church office at [rsnodgrass@stjamesleesburg.org](mailto:rsnodgrass@stjamesleesburg.org) or call 703-777-1124.

## **ONE BODY, MANY GIFTS: JOINED IN GOD'S GRACE**

### **WHERE WE ARE**

Thank you to the 180 households that have made \$916,282 in 2026 pledges. We are 83% of the way toward our \$1.1 million goal and 72% of the way to our goal of 250 households. If you are ready to

make your 2026 commitment to St. James', **scan the QR code** to pledge online or return your pledge card to the office.



### **NEW GIVERS: DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT**

We are pleased to share that we have received \$46,000 from a few very generous parishioners for a matching grant.

This grant will match all new pledges to the parish in 2026 as we continue to encourage all of our members to participate, remembering that it takes all of us.

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## **ST. JAMES' NEWCOMER CLASS**



**Sunday, December 7 | 11:30 a.m. | Janney Parlor**

Join Fr. Chad to hear more about the history, values, and mission of St. James, and discover what it means to be a member of the Episcopal Church. You will also learn more about our active ministries and ways to get involved. Child care available by request with advance registration. Scan the QR code to register

## **PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE PROJECT**

You are invited to participate in the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Project with St. James! Incarceration can strain family ties to the breaking point. By providing Christmas gifts on behalf of incarcerated parents, Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Project allows the parishioners of St. James' to extend the hope of the Gospel to families with loved ones in prison. If you'd like to participate, please text Chase Banks at 571-919-1166 for more information. The generous outpouring of support from our parishioners has been amazing. You will help make Christmas special for many children this year. There are a lot of gifts to wrap and fun to be had. The

**Wrapping Party** will be on **December 7<sup>th</sup> and starts at 2:00 pm.**

It will be more of an Open House, so pop in when it's convenient for you. Feel free to bring a savory or sweet snack to share, drinks provided. Special Holiday music to enjoy. Tricia's address is: 17553 White Gate Place. If driving west on Rt. 7 from Leesburg, it's safer to pass White Gate Pl and use the two traffic circles at Rt. 9, then head east. Please call or text 703.728.1011 with questions.

### **ST. JAMES' WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB MONTHLY MEETING**

**Monday, December 8 | 2:30 p.m. | Janney Parlor**

*"To Build Community, Form Friendships, and Read a Good Book"*

All women of St. James' are invited to join us on the **second Monday** of December only. We aren't reading a book this month only gathering to celebrate friends, our book club, and the season. For more information or to register (not required), contact Fran Smith: [frannie.r.smith@gmail.com](mailto:frannie.r.smith@gmail.com)

### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED**



Hosting Coffee Hour following the 10:00 a.m. service offers a meaningful opportunity for ministries, families, and individuals to share in fellowship and hospitality. It is an excellent opportunity for ministries to highlight their work, share information about upcoming events, and strengthen connections within our parish community. Hosts are kindly asked to provide light refreshments to be enjoyed after the 10:00 a.m. service in the **Parish Hall**. Food items may be dropped off in the kitchen prior to the service and left with

Gustavo, who will provide coffee, creamer, napkins, and a tablecloth. All ministries, families, and individuals are warmly encouraged to participate. **Scan the QR code** to sign up. For additional information please contact **Sarah Bauer** at [s.bauer.leesburg@gmail.com](mailto:s.bauer.leesburg@gmail.com) or (703) 896-0174.

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**



According to our annual tradition, poinsettias will beautify the church for our Christmas Eve worship services. Make a donation of any amount in memory of or thanksgiving for a loved one. **Scan the QR code or use the form provided on the back of the bulletin on**

**Sunday morning and pay with a check. Dedications and checks are due by Wednesday, December 12th.**

For the history of Poinsettias and their association with Christmas, scan the bottom QR code on the right



### **FORMATION FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN**

9:00am - Youth Bible Study: "The Beast at the Door", in Youth Room (lower level of the Parish House) - sign up with Jon Coate: [jcoate@gmail.com](mailto:jcoate@gmail.com)

9:45am - Children's Formation on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Janney House - learn more or volunteer email: [childrensministry@stjamesleesburg.org](mailto:childrensministry@stjamesleesburg.org)

### **SAVE THE DATE: 2026 Mission Trip to Honduras**



The 2026 Honduras Mission is scheduled for February 28-March 7, and we'll be working with the Partnership for Clean Water and Education again (scan QR for learn more). We'll have details soon, but please feel free to reach out to

Henry Stribling ([hdstribling@gmail.com](mailto:hdstribling@gmail.com) or 571-238-5992) if you are interested or have any questions.

### **LOUDOUN HUNGER RELIEF DONATIONS**

To date St. James' has provided over 1,000 lbs. of food and over \$6,000 so far this year. As the risk of hunger is on the rise, please consider making additional financial gifts directly to LHR. A list of their most needed items is available on their website; [loudounhunger.org](http://loudounhunger.org) If you are in need of food, a new site has been developed for Loudoun County to find services. [Loudounfeeds.org](http://Loudounfeeds.org).

### **MENS' SERVICE MINISTRY**

#### **7:00 p.m. Weekly | Youth Room - Parish House**

All men of St. James are invited to join a weekly MSM meeting. For additional information or if you have questions, please email Mike Scott at [mdscott\\_2001@yahoo.com](mailto:mdscott_2001@yahoo.com).

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Honor a loved one, remember a special individual in your life or in the life of our parish, or simply beautify our worship space by donating altar flowers. To sign up, please contact the church office at [rsnodgrass@stjamesleesburg.org](mailto:rsnodgrass@stjamesleesburg.org) or call 703-777-1124.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**November 30** - Advent I; Ministry Commission: Choir; Advent  
Wreath Making; Vestry Elections begin

**December 7** - Alternative Gift Fair; St. James' Newcomer Class

**December 7** - Angel Tree Gift Wrapping - Tricia Sauers house

**December 14** - 2nd Sunday Family Service; Ministry Commission:  
Grace to Go; Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**December 21** - Vestry Elections Deadline; Caroling

**December 22** - Parents' Night Out 5:30-8:00 p.m. Parish Hall

**December 24** - Christmas Eve; Services at 1:00, 4:00, 6:00,  
& 9:00 p.m.

**December 25** - Christmas Day; Service at 10:00 a.m.

**CAMPUS CLOSED DEC 25-JAN 1**

**December 28** - First Sunday after Christmas

**January 11** - First Sunday after Epiphany; "Baptism of our  
Lord" & Baptisms; 2nd Sunday Family Service

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025

### **30 SUNDAY First Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Advent Wreath Making - Parish Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Group Sunday School - Youth Room
- 10:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II\*
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Grace to Go - Leesburg Apartments
- 5:00 p.m. "Our? Lady of Guadalupe" Webinar (Zoom)

### **1 MONDAY**

- 7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer - Nave
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Service Ministry - Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon (Spanish speaking) - Parish Hall

### **3 WEDNESDAY**

- 10:00 a.m. Advent Bible Study - Janney Parlor
- 11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice - Nave
- 7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends - Janney Parlor

### **4 THURSDAY**

- 8:30 p.m. AA - Parish Hall

### **7 SUNDAY Second Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Group Sunday School - Youth Room
- 9:45 a.m. Children's Formation - Janney House - 2nd Floor
- 10:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II\*
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Grace to Go - Leesburg Apartments

**\* Live Streamed**

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY

**8:00 A.M.**

**10:00 A.M.**

<b>ACOLYTES</b>	DOTTIE BRANNOCK	DICK HERSH PENNY WEITZ ROHAN SHAH CHARLIE WEITZ
<b>READERS</b>	SANDY MOSES FRAN SMITH	ELLEN PINSON MELISSA SUTTON
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	FRAN SMITH	CAROLYN BRILES
<b>LEMS</b>	TOM HOLDSWORTH KAY GREGG	SUSAN MOFFETT KATHERINE STETHEM KEN GETTY ELAINE NUNNALLY
<b>USHERS</b>	ALEX GREEN BEBE GREEN	AMELIA WHEL BAND DONNA RAY CYNDI ROBBINS MARK SUTTON
<b>A/V LEAD</b>		ARA BAGDASARIAN
<b>EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR</b>		
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	MARY BRECHT, SHEILA BROOKS, CHRIS BROGAN	

## ST. JAMES' LITURGICAL TEAM

### **The Rev. Dr. Chad T. Martin**

*Rector*

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### **The Rev. Marybeth Sanders-Wilson**

*Associate Rector*

*msanderswilson@stjamesleesburg.org*

### **Jim Moon**

*Interim Organist*

### **Mark Irchai**

*Interim Music Director*

### **Kay Gregg**

*Vergers*

## ST. JAMES' STAFF

### **Ready Snodgrass**

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### **Adán Cortes**

*Lead Sexton*

### **Gustavo del Callejo**

*Sunday Sexton*

## ST. JAMES' VESTRY

### OFFICERS

Tricia Sauer, *Senior Warden*

Tony McGraw, *Junior Warden*

Jane Roth, *Register*

Stacy Cleveland, *Treasurer*

### CLASS OF 2023-2026

George Garlick

Candy Hayes

Trudy Gross

Ray Longo

### CLASS OF 2024-2027

Sarah Bauer

Jeff Brannock

Tony McGraw

Tricia Sauer

### CLASS OF 2025-2028

Michael Fabian

Dick Hersh

Senta Keegan

Bryan Welsh

### LAY DELEGATES

Dottie Brannock

Fred Williams

## IN NEED OF PRAYER; IN NEED OF CARE?

*"In case of illness, the minister of the congregation is to be notified."*

-The Book of Common Prayer, p. 453

If you need pastoral care or prayer please let us know!

If you are in need of pastoral care, please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or use the resources below:

THE CHURCH OFFICE

(M-TH, 9AM. TO 5:00 P.M., FRI 9 AM TO 2 PM)

(703)777-1124

AFTER HOURS PASTORAL CARE LINE

(202)750-4247

Needed prayer for:  Yourself  Someone Else

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Details (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you like to be added to the Prayer List?  Yes  No

Do you need Pastoral Care (a visit, a phone call, etc.)?  Yes  No

Can we send you a card?  Yes  No

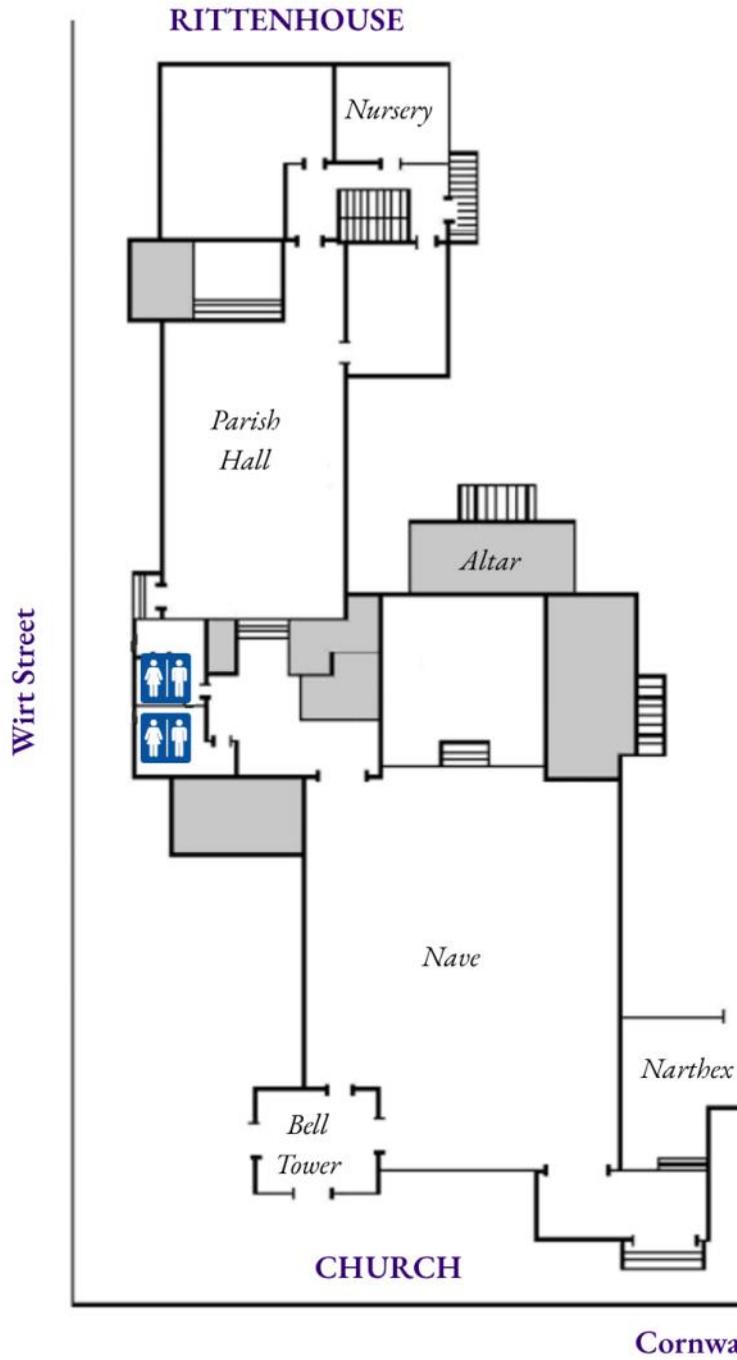
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Would you like to set up a time to talk with one of our clergy?

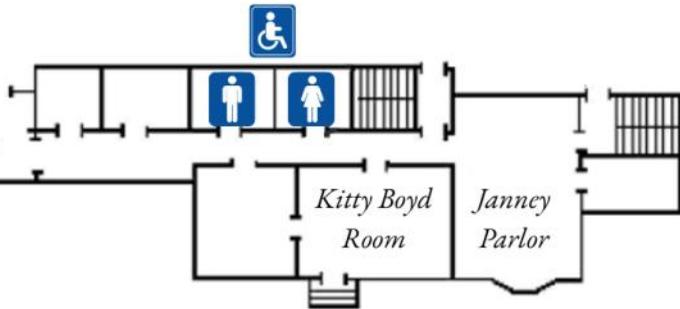
Yes  No

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitter's Name \_\_\_\_\_



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### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

According to our annual tradition, poinsettias will beautify the church for our Christmas worship services. Donate poinsettias for any amount in memory of, or thanksgiving for, a loved one. Please make the checks payable to “St. James” and indicate in the memo line “Poinsettias.”

**Your Name (please print)**

\_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Thanksgiving for:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount (any amount may be given):** \$\_\_\_\_\_

Check if online gift. (if giving online select Altar Flowers and call the office to give us the dedication)

*Please return form with money to offering plate or to Church Office by **Wednesday, December 12.***

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