

St. James'

Episcopal Church

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



NOVEMBER 30, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Founded in 1812

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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

PRELUDE:

*Chorale Prelude on "Wachet auf ruft unds die Stimme
(Awake the Voice Commands)*

*J. S. Bach
arr. Busoni*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Meeks Family

Leader A reading from Isaiah

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.

People Thanks be to God

Leader Let us pray

As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, we give thanks for the great light of the world, your Son Jesus Christ. May our lives be a light to others. **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION - 73

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

St. Stephen

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Opening Acclamation

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from

you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

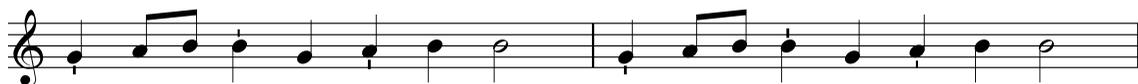
KYRIE - S-85

Kyrie eleison

Plainsong, Mode 3

Cantor or Choir

All



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Cantor or Choir

All



Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Cantor or Choir

All



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 Ellen Pinson

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!

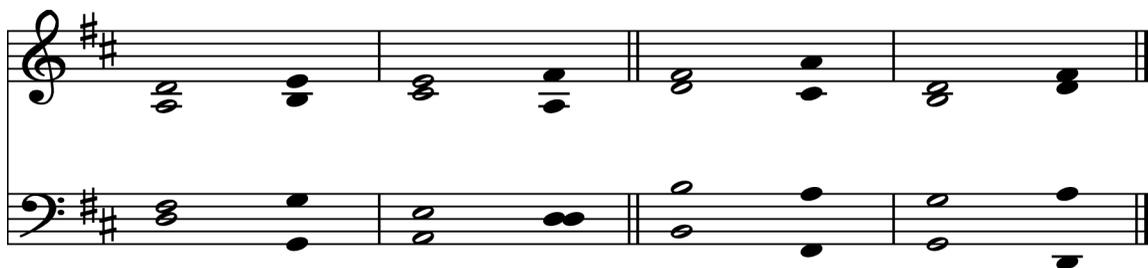
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

Simplified Anglican Chant

The Congregation is invited to join the choir in the singing of the psalm



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 Je-**ru**salem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a **city** *
that is at unity with it-**self**;

- 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 Je-**rusalem**: *
"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 pros-**perity**.
- 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 Melissa Sutton

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 to sing the hymn, and remain standing for the Gospel.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE - 601

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

St. Michael



1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let



1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 24:36-44

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 to you, Lord 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 Carolyn Briles

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.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Kneeling or standing as able.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silence.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you 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 your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSIONING OF THE ST. JAMES' CHOIR

Celebrant: Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. I present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of the choir in this congregation.

Celebrant: Are these persons you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of his Church?

Sponsor: I believe they are.

Celebrant: You have been called to the ministry of the choir in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Choir: We will.

Celebrant: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of the congregation?

Choir: We will.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ST. JAMES' CHOIR

Fiona Ahrweiler	George Garlick	Rachel Newell
Samantha Anthony	Bonnie Getty	Chris Osborne
Heather Binkley	Kathleen Greenough	Bob Pettit
John Binkley	Bob Hagler	Rosie Rey
Maggie Bullock	Ed Hatrick	Patty Sauls
Kim Carren	Jeanne Hubbard	Barry Simpson
Scott Clark	John Hubbard	Bryan Welsh
Sherri Dennis	Jan Knight	Morgan Wile
Jake Dulle	Mark Mobley	Sandy Wilson
		Charlotte Woods

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

All children are invited to come forward at the invitation of the preacher

WELCOME VISITORS!



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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

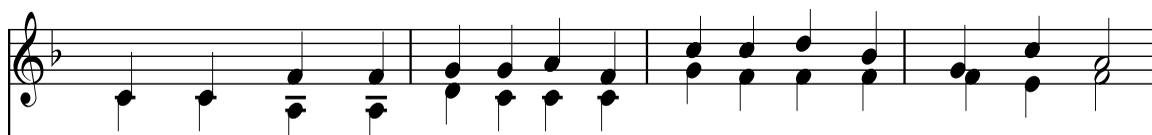
Elizabeth Poston

The people stand to sing the presentation acclamation and remain standing throughout the Great Thanksgiving.

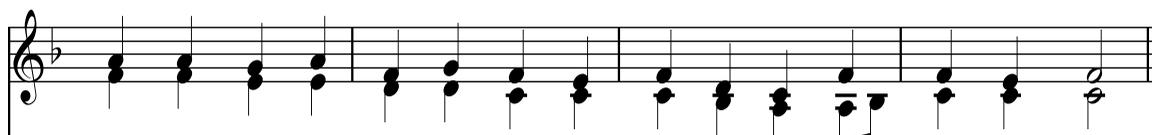
PRESENTATION HYMN - 66 Stanzas 1 & 3

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Stuttgart



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with quarter and eighth notes, and rests.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS - S-130

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts

that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, O God, now and for ever. **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.

FRACTION ANTHEM - S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei

arr. Richard Proulx

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

During Communion, healing prayers are offered. Please come to the prayer station at the front of the Nave with your requests.

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

Neath Vine and Fig Tree

Hal Hopson

COMMUNION HYMN: 321

My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread

Rockingham

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the
love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall
thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

ORGAN:

Gesu bambino

Pietro A. Yon

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all, kneeling or standing.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR PRAYER

Celebrant: *N.*, we send you out to share this Holy Communion. May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **In the healing name of Christ, and with the compassionate embrace of the family of St. James', we send you forth bearing these holy gifts of our Lord's body and blood. May the one bread and one wine call us into awareness of our unity in the family of Christ. Amen**

THE BLESSING

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

Please turn as the cross recesses down the aisle.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING - 68

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Llangloffan



1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

THE DISMISSAL

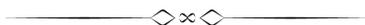
The minister says the dismissal.

People: Thanks be to God!

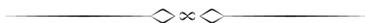
POSTLUDE:

Toccata on the Gregorian Hymn "Creator alme siderum"

Pietro A. Yon



PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR COFFEE HOUR



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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 Forlini, *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 5th 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 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.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

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Visit stjamesleesburg.org for more info on Advent worship services and activities.

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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 7th 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

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 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



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 or 571-238-5992) if you are interested or have any questions.

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

9:45am - Children's Formation on 2nd Floor of Janney House - learn more or volunteer email: childrensministry@stjamesleesburg.org

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 If you are in need of food, a new site has been developed for Loudoun County to find services. 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.

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 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.

ACOLYTES

BECKY CRISMAN
WINSTON CHAMBLIN

DICK HERSH
PENNY WEITZ
ROHAN SHAH
CHARLIE WEITZ

READERS

SANDY MOSES
FRAN SMITH

ELLEN PINSON
MELISSA SUTTON

INTERCESSOR

FRAN SMITH

CAROLYN BRILES

LEM s

TOM HOLDSWORTH
KAY GREGG

SUSAN MOFFETT
KATHERINE STETHEM
KEN GETTY
ELAINE NUNNALLY

USHERS

ALEX GREEN
BEBE GREEN

AMELIA WHEL BAND
DONNA RAY
CYNDI ROBBINS
MARK SUTTON

A/V LEAD

ARA BAGDASARIAN

**EUCCHARISTIC
VISITOR**

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Adán Cortes

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Sunday Sexton

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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, 9A.M. TO 5 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): _____

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

Address: _____

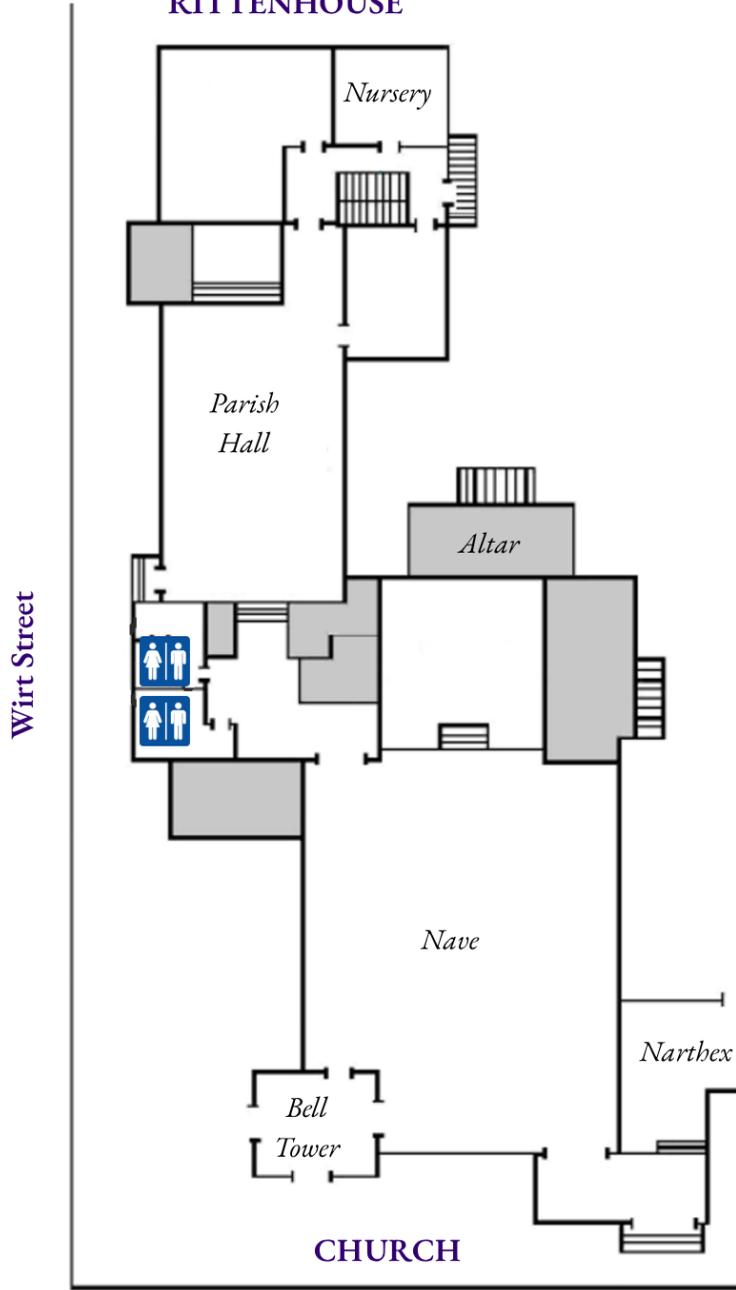
Would you like to set up a time to talk with one of our clergy?

Yes No

Phone number: _____

Comments: _____

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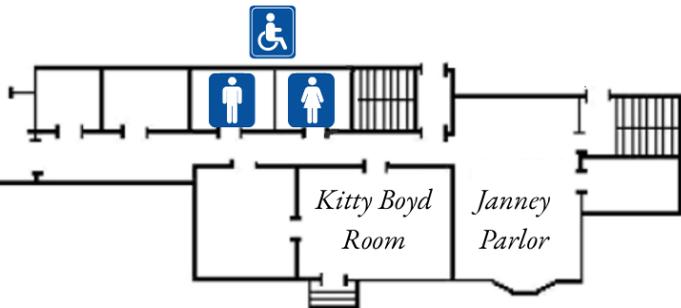


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Your Name (please print)

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 11.***

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