

St. James'
Episcopal Church
LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
&
BAPTISMS



JANUARY 11, 2026

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 Ray Longo



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

Prelude on "We Three Kings..."

Alec Wyton

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION - 616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
3 and right - cou - s - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.

Opening Acclamation

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

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

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the readings and the psalm.

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 42:1-9

Read by Bob Hagler

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,

my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Simplified Anglican Chant

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



- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you **gods**, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and **strength**.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his **Name**; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of **holiness**.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory **thunders**; *
the Lord is upon the mighty **waters**.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful **voice**; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of **splendor**.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar **trees**; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of **Lebanon**;

- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a **calf**, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild **ox**.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the **wilderness**; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of **Kadesh**.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees **writhe** *
and strips the forests **bare**.
- 9 And in the temple of the **Lord** *
all are crying, "**Glory!**"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the **flood**; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever-**more**.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his **people**; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of **peace**.

THE SECOND READING

ACTS 10:34-43

Read by Shaun Hov

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. **We** are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to

appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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 - 707

Take My Life, and Let it Be

Hollingside

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE HOLY BAPTISM

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Olivia Lynn Caldwell
Steven Henry Fletcher

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents We present *Olivia Lynn* and *Steven Henry* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you, by your prayers and witness, help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents & Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents & Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents & Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents & Godparents I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents & Godparents I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents & Godparents I do.

The Celebrant, addressing the congregation and invites the people to stand.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

All We will.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you
fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant Let us now pray for those who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

An appointed Leader leads the following petitions.

Read by Dave Hov

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

All Amen.

The people may be seated. All children are invited to the front pew for the baptisms.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was

anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM, CHRISM & PRESENTATION OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The candidates are presented by name to the Celebrant, who pours water upon each candidate.

[Candidate's Name], I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Celebrant places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross.

[Candidate's Name], you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed for the candidate, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying,

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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

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:

Lord of the Dance

John Ferguson

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

PRESENTATION HYMN - 380

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Old 100th

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with chords. The lyrics are: *3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS - S-130

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM:

Down to the River to Pray

Sheldon Curry

COMMUNION HYMN: 645

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

ORGAN:

Prelude on "St. Columba" (The King of Love)

Healey Willan

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

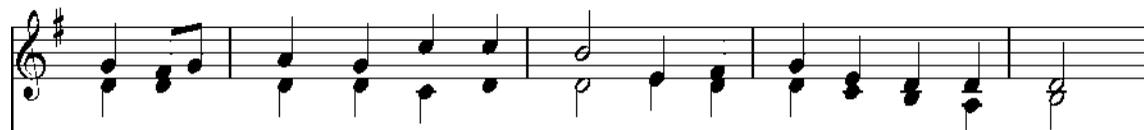
*The Celebrant blesses the people and the people respond **Amen.***

Please turn as the cross recesses down the aisle.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING - 119

As with Gladness Men of Old

Dix



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;



1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:



1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.
4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

THE DISMISSAL

The minister says the dismissal.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE:

Fughette on "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

Johann Cristoph Bach



PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR COFFEE HOUR



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PRAYER REQUESTS

THOSE REQUESTING OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: Kalpana Ronlov & Family, *Sandy Garlick, Mark Mangilit, Steve Trull, *DuBose Fleming, the Spealman family, Tracy McGuire, Jane, Kate Pinson, Jan, and Bill.

THOSE ON OUR LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: *Fred Lang, Brianne Fabian, Ann T., Teri Fortier, *Rene, Mary Galloway, Bob Longo, *Mark Mobley, *Meagan Carren, *Lois Krumwiede, *Michael Fabian, *Donna Cash, *Denise, *Christine, Jared Moon, *McKenna Hagler, *Michael Dowling, Nancy Giffin, Pamela Scott, 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, Mary Ellen Hurley, *Fran Smith, Nicholas Rodney, Ed, and Virginia Laughlin.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: *Eeda Dennis, Beverly Elero, and Carol Ann Sauer.

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.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 1ST

9:00 a.m. | Parish Hall

This is an important occasion in the life of our parish family, so please make every effort to join us as we celebrate all we've accomplished in 2025 and hear about the exciting things to come in the year ahead. We value all our parishioners and want everyone including those who join us primarily online to have a chance to participate, so please join us online for the livestream. Nursery and programming for children and youth will be provided.

THE 4 VESTRY CANDIDATES FOR THE CLASS OF 2026-2029 ARE:

We are incredibly grateful to all those who placed their names forward in our Vestry Election process. We are pleased to announce that 166 members participated in this year's Vestry selection process. Our final 4 Vestry candidates are:

- Michael Carren
- Stephanie Meeks
- Katherine Stethem
- Sandy Wilson

We will officially elect these candidates to the Vestry for the next three years at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 1st.



CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This year 1,178 people attended our Christmas services, and we received \$14,862 in combined plate offerings. This offering will be equally divided (\$4,954) between Loudoun Hunger Relief, Loudoun Free Clinic, and the St. James' general fund. Thank you for your incredible generosity!

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



Thank you for your generosity--the goal is in sight!

Thank you! The pledges from 217 households combined with our \$46,000 matching grant bring our campaign total to \$1,049,962! This puts us at 95.5% of our \$1.1 million goal and 86.8% of our 250-household goal. Scan the QR code to pledge online or return your pledge card to the office.



ST. JAMES' WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, January 12th | 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 January 12th. The book for this month is *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton. You can get the book from Amazon (scan the **QR code to the Left**), Thrift Books (online), Birch Tree Books in Leesburg, or the Loudoun County

Library. For more information or to register (not required), contact Fran Smith: frannie.r.smith@gmail.com

COME TO THE TABLE: A Communion Class for Children



Sunday, January 18 & 25 | 9 a.m. | Janney Parlor

Children of all ages and their families are invited to join Fr. Chad

and Rev. Marybeth to learn more about what goes on at the altar and in the pews every Sunday. Open to all

families who want to know more about this important part of our worship. Families who would like to use this as “1st Communion” preparation are especially welcome. **Scan the QR code to sign up.**



SECOND SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE

Today, January 11 | 9 a.m. | Parish Hall

All are welcome to a laid-back, casual service led by parishioners of all ages.

HELP YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Support the Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, February 16 | 10:00 am | Parish Hall

St. James' will be hosting a Blood Drive on February 16th. For more information call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org, Walk-ins are welcome.

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 (703) 896-0174 or s.bauer.leesburg@gmail.com.

GALA CONCERT TO ESTABLISH



THE STEVEN L. COOKSEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**Friday, January 23 | 7:00 p.m. | First Baptist Church,
Winchester**

The Winchester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is hosting a gala concert, "Viva Mozart!", honoring the composer's 270th birthday and to establish a scholarship fund in Dr.

Cooksey's memory. Tickets (\$20) and more details can be found at wago.ludus.com or scan the QR code.

2026 MISSION TRIP TO HONDURAS:



Fundraising and In-Kind Donations

Our 2026 Honduras mission team has begun preparing for our trip from February 28 to March 7, 2026. We will be working on a new clean water project and have launched a GoFundMe to make this project a reality. We are also welcoming in-kind donations of children's summer clothing, shoes, and school supplies. Donations may be brought to the Parish House during business hours Monday to Friday. For more information, please contact Henry Stribling hstribling@gmail.com or 571-238-5992. **Scan the QR code for the GoFundMe link.**

ST. JAMES' PRESCHOOL: NOW ENROLLING FOR 2026-2027!



Registration for the 2026-2027 St. James' Preschool year begins on January 8th for current students and St. James' Church members! All applications will be processed through our education management app "Brightwheel." Contact the preschool office if you need a link for an application (sjpdirector@stjamesleesburg.org) or scan the QR code to enter your child's information via our website. Community members should use the QR code to request an application and their registration begins on January 15th. Classes will be confirmed starting February 1st! We are excited for this 54th year of ministry in the Leesburg community!

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

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

January 18 & 25 - Come to the Table: *A Communion Class for Children*

January 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr. day - Campus Closed

February 1 - Annual Meeting & Vestry Election

February 8 - Ministry Commission New Vestry Members;
Second Sunday Family Service

February 15 - Last Sunday after the Epiphany; Newcomer's Class

February 16 - President's Day, Campus Closed

February 17 - Family Mardi Gras Party; Shrove Tuesday - Youth Group
Beignets

DON'T FALL FOR SCAMS!

Reminder: St. James' staff will never reach out to you via text or email asking for gift cards. If you receive a message like this, it is a scam. These messages should be ignored. If you have are unsure about a suspicious message or have questions about scams, you are welcome to reach out to communications@stjamesleesburg.org.



GET THE NEWS!

If you are not receiving the e-Pistle, our weekly email newsletter, and would like to, scan the QR code.



OR

Call the parish office, 703-777-1124 or

Email the parish office, ParishAdministrator@stjamesleesburg.org

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2026

11 SUNDAY First Sunday after Epiphany

- 8:00 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Second Sunday Family Service - Parish Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II*
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Grace to Go

12 MONDAY

- 2:30 p.m. St. James' Women's Book Club
- 7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer - Nave
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Service Ministry - Youth Room

13 TUESDAY

- 7:00 p.m. Combined Vestry & Finance Committee- on ZOOM

14 WEDNESDAY

- 11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice - Nave

15 THURSDAY

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

18 SUNDAY Second Sunday after Epiphany

- 8:00 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Come to the Table: *A Communion Class for Children* - 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

*** Live Streamed**

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

ACOLYTES	BECKY CRISMAN	THERESA SWAIN MICHAEL SUTTON JACOB BARNES ROHAN SHAH
READERS	FRAN SMITH STEVE SMITH	BOB HAGLER SHAUN HOV
INTERCESSOR	STEVE SMITH	DAVE HOV
LEM s	TOM HOLDSWORTH KAY GREGG JEFF BRANNOCK	TERRY HUXFORD JAMES WHEL BAND JUDY PERSO ELAINE NUNNALLY
USHERS	MARGARET AKERS MARY RODRIGUEZ	CATHERINE GOODRICH RAY LONGO DEBI MAYO STEVE MAYO
A/V LEAD		ROBBIE STETHEM
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR		JUDY PERSO
ALTAR GUILD		JUDY PERSO, JOANNA EDRINGTON, PEGGY RUST, KATHERINE STETHEM

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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 5:00 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): _____

Should the name be added to the Prayer List? Yes No

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

Would they like a card? Yes No

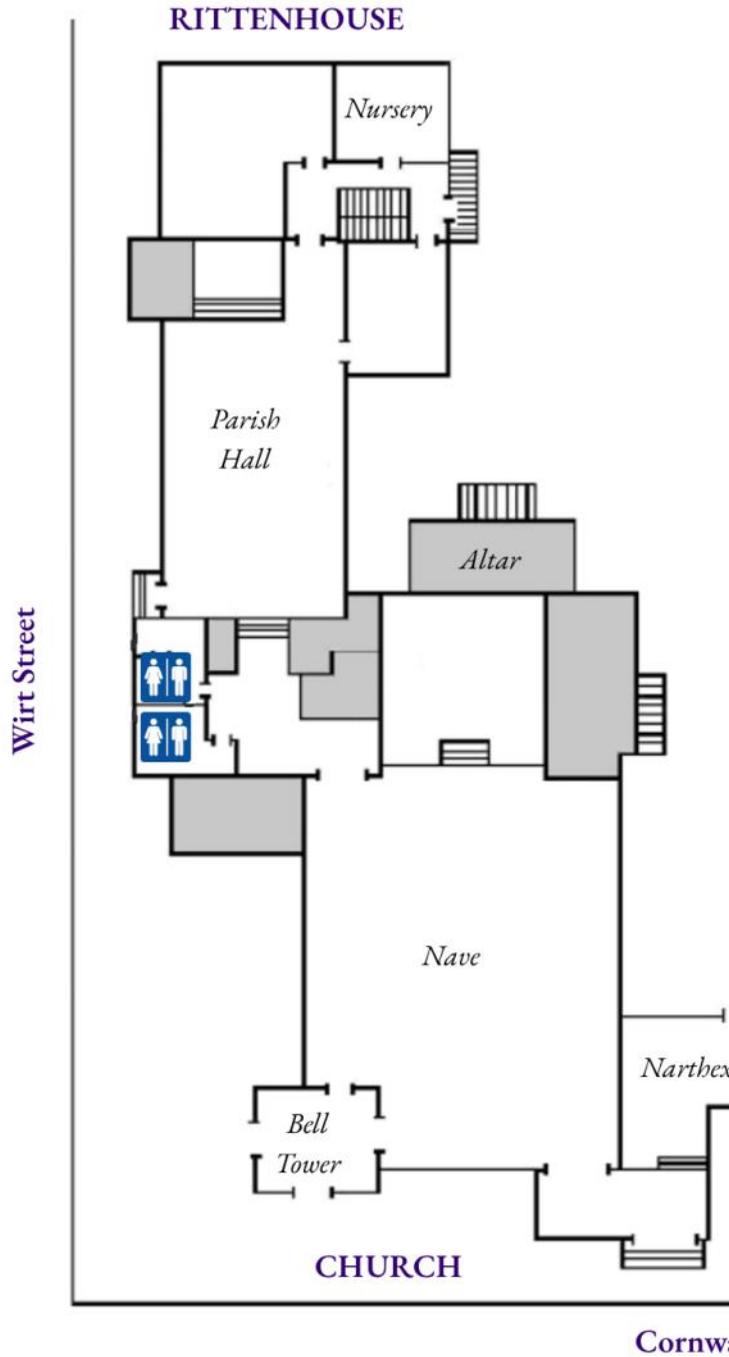
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Would you like to set up a time to talk with one of our clergy?

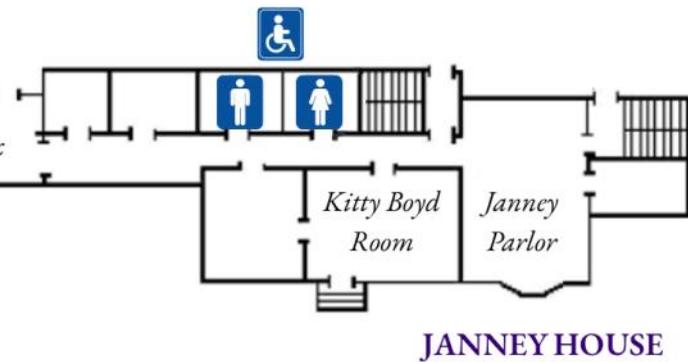
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Phone number: _____

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