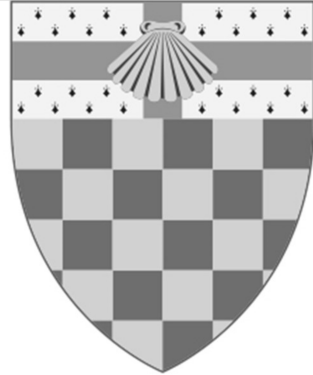


# St. James'

*Episcopal Church*

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA



## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 20, 2020

10:00 AM

14 Cornwall Street, NW Leesburg, VA 20176

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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.



## The Season of Advent

The season of Advent begins a new liturgical cycle in the church. Every year we trace the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, from his birth to his resurrection. The central themes of Advent, a Latin word which means “coming” or “arrival,” are expectation and longing for the birth of the Christ child. Advent is a time of preparation as we look forward to the great feast of Christ’s incarnation, and we celebrate God dwelling among us in the person of Jesus.

During the season of Advent, we begin our worship together by lighting candles in the Advent wreath. The lighting of the Advent candles, one for each Sunday in Advent, helps us to focus on Jesus, the light of the world. Many individuals and families light Advent wreaths in their homes as well to highlight the story of God’s redemption that will unfold throughout the year and throughout our lives.

## *Music for the Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Advent IV, is usually termed “Mary Sunday” since the Gospel reading centers on Mary. This year we also read the Magnificat, Mary’s reaction to the news that she is to be the Mother of the Messiah. The closing hymn, “The Angel Gabriel” provides a wonderful summary of the Annunciation. It is a translation and paraphrase of a Spanish Carol which in turn was based upon a 14th century Latin hymn, “Angelus Virginem.” Sabine Baring- Gould, an Anglican pastor and scholar (1200 publications), saw his poem paired with a Spanish tune to which it has become permanently attached. The two short preludes are based upon this melody.

“People Look East,” (introit) is a text by Eleanor Farjeon (1881 1965) from the early part of the Twentieth Century. It did not make it into the Hymnal 1982, but is to be found in most other modern hymnals. The hymn is in the supplement to the present Episcopal hymnal. It is here the text is paired with a sprightly French carol melody, and as one commentator wrote: the piece “has the “spirit of a Christmas carol while having an Advent message.” It admonishes us not only to prepare our homes for the coming visitor, but also our hearts.

The anthem utilizes the well known folk song “Greensleeves” but the text is for Advent instead of the usual one for Christmas.

## The Order of Worship

### PRELUDE

*Two Settings of "The Angel Gabriel"*

*Bryan Walsh, baritone*

*Paul Manz*

*Robert Lau*

### INTROIT

*People Look East*

*Bryan Welsh, baritone*

*Besancon Carol*

People look east

The time is near

Of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,

Trim the hearth and set the table.

People look east and sing today:

Love the quest is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth

Christ who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley humming

With the word, the Lord is coming.

People look east and sing today:

Love the lord is on the way.

*Eleanor Farjeon*

## OPENING HYMN - 66 vs 1, 2, and 4

*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,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

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.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

## THE WELCOME

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

May the grace and peace of God be with you.

**And also with you.**

O God, we thank you that Jesus showed your love for every person—babies and children, old people and young, sick people and those who were strong, rich people and those who were poor. Come to us in this Advent season, and give us love in our hearts for all people.

**Come, O long-expected Jesus, come.**

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

### SONG OF PRAISE

*Wait for the Lord*

*Taizé*

*p*

Wait for the Lord, his day is near.

*p*

*mf*

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Word of God**

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

### **THE READING**

Romans 16: 25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the Scripture.*

### **CANTICLE 15: THE SONG OF MARY**

*The Magnificat*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

#### **THE GOSPEL**

Luke 1: 26-38

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be



impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

**THE SERMON**

The Reverend Earl Mullins

**CHORAL**

*Breath of Heaven*

I have traveled many moonless nights  
Cold and weary with a babe inside  
And I wonder what I've done  
Holy Father, You have come  
And chosen me now to carry Your Son

Do you wonder as you watch my face  
If a wiser one should have had my place?  
But I offer all I am  
For the mercy of Your plan  
Help me be strong, help me be, help me.

I am waiting in a silent prayer  
I am frightened by the load I bear  
In a world as cold as stone  
Must I walk this path alone?  
Be with me now, be with me now

Breath of Heaven, hold me together  
Be forever near me, breath of Heaven  
Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness  
Pour over me Your holiness for You are  
holy. Breath of Heaven

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Pour over me Your holiness for You are holy  
Breath of Heaven

**THE NICENE CREED**

*Said by all, standing*

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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.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

Who 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**

FORM II

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*After each intercession,*

Come, holy Jesus.

**Help us manifest your light in the world.**

*Moment of Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**    *Standing, as able.*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*A brief period of silence is observed.*

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.

**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.*

**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER**

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE OFFERTORY**

*The people remain seated while an offering is collected to support St. James' work of sharing God's love with the world.*

**ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY**

*Carol for Advent*

*Combined Choirs*

*Don Besig*

Amid the winter's cold embrace,  
Clothed in a shroud of white,  
An anxious world in silence waits.  
Through dark of night.  
As the lonely song of a dove  
Echoes across the sky above  
We can feel the moment is near,  
Soon the child of Peace will appear.

What child is this the world awaits  
With quiet expectation?  
When will He come, the promised one  
To bring us peace and salvation?  
Raise, raise your prayer on high,  
Prepare His way, the time is nigh.  
Come, come Emmanuel,  
O Child of Love and Peace.

The air grows colder, the light grows dim,  
Darkening the sky above us.  
But soon the chill of winter wind  
Will warm with God's gift of love.  
And a star will brighten the sky,  
And songs of joy will echo in heav'n on high!  
Know the moment is here;  
The Child of Love and Peace will appear.

## The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer D

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ and in response we sing:*

### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS - S130

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

*Schubert*

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.

*The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.*

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.  
**AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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**

#### **A PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** *Said by all, standing.*

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart.**

**Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

*The Celebrant offers a blessing and the people respond Amen.*

### **THE DISMISSAL**

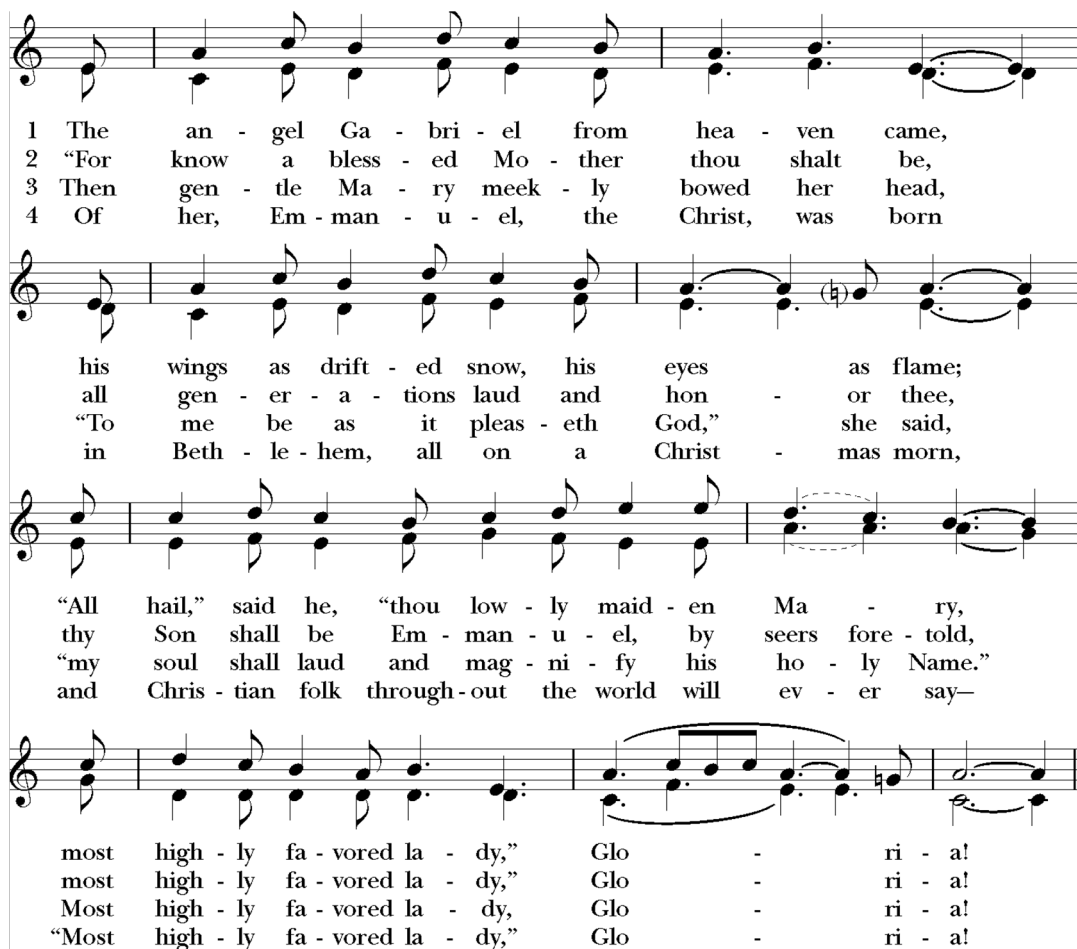
**In all that you do, embody the resurrection story. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let us journey with resilient faith. Alleluia, alleluia!**



## Closing Hymn - vs 1, 3 and 4

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came*

*Basque Carol*



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,  
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;  
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,  
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,  
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."  
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

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## THE POSTLUDE

*People Look East*

*Kristina Langlois*

## **Announcements**

The Monthly Mission Partner for December is: **St. James' Episcopal Church**

This Advent, we **wait** in stillness for the time we can gather once again...we **prepare** for what God has in store for St. James' future...and we prayerfully **hope** to play a part in bringing peace, health, and the good news of Christ to our community and to our world.

To help focus our giving and our prayers on the continued vitality of the ministries and missions that we carry out in Christ's name, we are designating St. James' as the December Monthly Mission Partner.

As part of our Advent commitment, each week of December we will gather – at a distance, but still together -- to give thanks to God for the gift of our parish life.

We invite you, if you are able, to make a special gift to St. James' this month through the Monthly Mission Partner program at <https://onrealm.org/StJamesChurchLeesburg/give/mission>.

## **Prayer requests**

**Those requesting our prayers this week:** Dennis Brogan, Jeff Brannock, Brianne Bailey and Family, the Lamberty Family, Alice Lynn, Mary Paul, Inez Peebles, Caroline Ennis, the Lynch Family, the Page family, John Marsh, and the Riley family, Mary Bracken, Jennifer Griffith, Tim MacNamara, for other persons: Bryce Eckman, the Yusi, Hyman, and Moseley families, the Kevin and Margaret Sullivan Family, Heidi, Peter Schweitzer, Ann Stribling, Orma Call, Chris DeWaard, Jay Watkins, Mark and Meghan Roomsfa, Lori Turner, Charlotte, Christian Cutillo, Ruth Guerra, Miline Hughes, Erin Stanton, Barbara Rose, Nancy Hylton, Bridget Steel, Matthew Britto, Dewey, those who are unemployed or underemployed; and those serving in the armed forces at home and abroad.

## *Calendar for Advent and Christmas*

### **New for Advent:**

Sundays 10:00 am.    **Lighting of our Advent Wreath** during our Sunday Morning Worship Services

Sundays 11:15 am.    **Virtual Coffee Hour with a Discussion of the Sermon of the Day** and how the subject/topic of the sermon affects our lives.  
Use Zoom URL :

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84856157489?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84856157489?pwd=ak9VaktwS2ErSCtjQkg4M3MwRWdEdz09)  
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Zoom Passcode: 311733

Sundays 5:00 pm    **Compline Service on Facebook Live**, led by St. James' families  
[www.facebook.com/stjamesleesburg](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesleesburg)

Any Day    Parishioners can **hang an ornament** on the Christmas Tree outside the front of the Church; and/or, put an Advent Prayer Ornament in a box under the Porch on Wirt Street. The ornaments placed in the box will be hung on an Advent Tree stationed at the Altar for Sunday Worship. (Also, there will place a box of red ornaments on the porch, with a gold glitter pen, to write prayers on the ornaments, and then placed in the box).

**Donate a poinsettia** in thanksgiving and joy of someone you love by contacting Kay Gregg, our Parish Administrator at [kay@stjamesleesburg.org](mailto:kay@stjamesleesburg.org) or calling 703-777-1124

**Make a Pledge** to St. James' Church at [www.stjamesleesburg.org/online-giving](https://www.stjamesleesburg.org/online-giving)

## *Christmas Worship Services*

(all services will be virtual)

### *Christmas Eve*

- 5:00 pm      Children's Christmas Eve Service (*note change in time!*)  
6:00 pm      Leesburg Community Ringing of the Bells  
8:00 pm      Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### *Christmas Day*

- 10:00 am      Christmas Day Service

Join in on Facebook Live: [www.facebook.com/stjamesleesburg](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesleesburg)

### *Carols for the Season*

Recorded in St James' beautiful sanctuary

Organ, trumpet, flute, voice and cello

Featuring Mark Snow, Steven Cooksey,

Corey Rotz, Frances Averitt, and Alan Saucedo

**Tuesday, December 22 | 7:30 pm.**

A wonderful way to help usher in Christmas!

Join us at [www.facebook.com/stjamesleesburg](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesleesburg)

**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

Please let us know when you are in need of prayer and care.

**THE REV. EARL MULLINS**

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**WHEN SHOULD YOU CALL?**

When you become seriously ill, are dealing with a newly diagnosed disease or condition, or are hospitalized for treatment, surgery, or rehabilitation

When you are experiencing a spiritual, physical, emotional or financial crisis

When you become concerned for the person who usually shares

the pew with you because he or she has not been in church for a while

When you experience one of life's many transitions: a birth, a death, a job loss/change, a move, an empty nest, retirement, etc.

When you need prayer and care but don't want to "bother" anyone with your troubles—please contact us anyway; you will not be "bothering" us!

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## St. James' Clergy and Staff

**The Rev. Earl Mullins**, Interim Rector

**Dr. Steven Cooksey**, Director of Music/Organist

**Dr. Stephen Knobloch**, Corner Chorale Music Director

**Walter Litzenberger**, Assistant Choir Director/Organist

**Kay Gregg**, Parish Administrator

**Janet Stayrook**, Preschool Director

**Adan Cortez**, Lead Sexton

**Francisco Ramos**, Sexton

## St. James' Vestry

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**Wayne Newell**

**Rebecca Page**

**Terry Prevost**

**Jane Roth**

**Fred Williams**

**Maddie Reece**, Youth Representative

## St. James' Sunday Worship Schedule

### **Holy Eucharist**

Sunday 10 a.m. Online: Facebook Live

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Learn more at [www.stjamesleesburg.org/st-james-livestreaming](http://www.stjamesleesburg.org/st-james-livestreaming)

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