

St. James'

Episcopal Church

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



DECEMBER 1, 2024

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.

NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship! If needed, Nursery care is available beginning at 9:30am. The Nursery is located through the front left doors to the Sanctuary. Go through the Parish Hall and up the stairs-- the Nursery is around the corner from the kitchen. In response to feedback, we decided to move Children's Formation to the 10 AM hour. Children should arrive between 9:45 a.m. to 9:55 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 Jane Roth



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

Pastoral

(Zion Hears the Watchman Singing)

Wayne Wold

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Trudy and Steve Gross

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 - 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!

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

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

Read by James Whelband

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness

in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Lord, in your mer-cy hear my prayer; your good-ness nev-er fails.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul,
 In you, O God, I trust;
 Let all vain things be put to shame,
 And languish in the dust. **REFRAIN**

Make me to know your paths, O God,
 And lead me in your ways;
 To learn your saving truth my heart
 Shall meditate each day. **REFRAIN**

The Lord is goodness, truth, and love,
 God's path the saints have trod;
 And children of the covenant
 Shall walk beside their God. **REFRAIN**

Remember all your mercy, Lord,
 Your love from age to age;
 Forgive the weakness in my days of youth
 And bring me home at last. **REFRAIN**

Read by Cindy Hersh

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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 - 71

Hark! the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

Sung to St. Anne

- 1 Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes,
the Savior promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.
- 2 He comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure;
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved Name.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 21:25-36

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,
and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of

the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

THE REV. DR. CHAD T. MARTIN

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 Jonathan Coate

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our presiding bishop, Michael; for our bishops, Mark and Gayle; for our priests, Chad and Marybeth; for our seminarian, Kara; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We lift up all those on our prayer list, remembering especially...
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

All children are invited to come forward at the invitation of Fr. Chad

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.

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:

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Robert Hobby

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free:
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Rule in all; hope of all. Come expected Jesus. Come.

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

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.

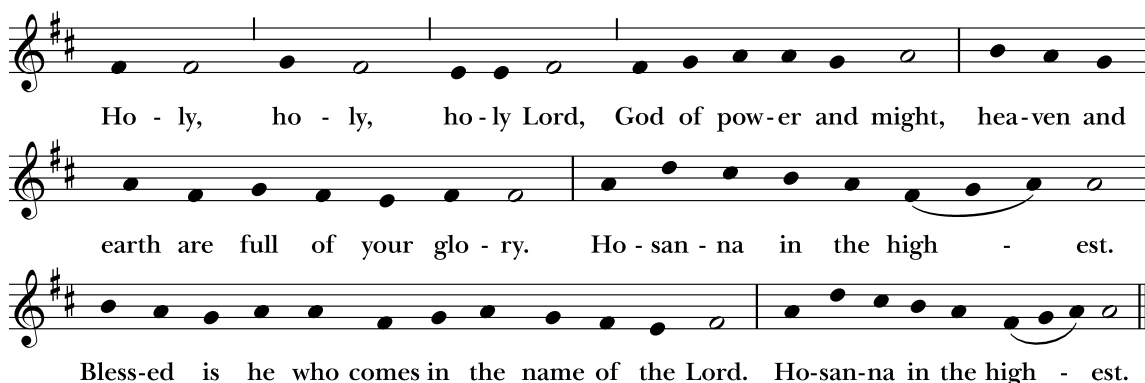
Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays.

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-129

Holy, Holy, Holy

David Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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-171

Be Known to Us

Mason Martens

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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

The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus

Mark Schweizer

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.
One body are we, for though we are many, we share one bread.

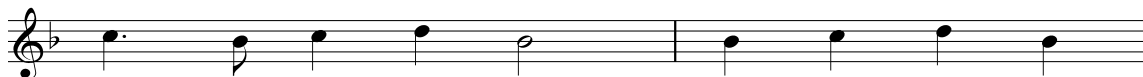
CHOIR HYMN: 54

Savior of the Nations, Come

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

ORGAN:

Savior of the Nations, Come

Dietrick Buxtehude

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 - 74

Blest Be the King Whose Coming

Valet will ich dir geben

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him
God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly
God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

barred! Not robbed in roy - al splen - dor, in
heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who
God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the
have not learned to heed the Christ who is the
things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
bear it so he can make us free!

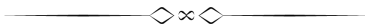
THE DISMISSAL

The minister says the dismissal.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE:

Organ



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PRAYER REQUEST'S

THOSE REQUESTING OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: Charlotte Giblin, Ruth Ann Fox, Timothy McKimmie, Virginia Cogger, *Michael Fabian, *Harold Neely, *Charlotte Woods, and *Rachelle Graves.

THOSE ON OUR LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Stephanie Kreuger, Trudye Pember, The Porter family, Ralph Dale, Dwayne Traylor, Brayan Cruz, Jefferson Zapata, *Michael Dowling, Darrell Ackman, Kaleb Cortes, Peter Schweitzer, Joan Douglas, *Joan Corderman, Martha Burton Huie, Skip Hovsmith, Adam Gedney, Tony Beltrano, Pat, Emily, Mary Ellen Hurley, *Barbara Roark, *Fran Smith, Nicholas Rodney, Ed, *Scott Clark, *Pam Mossburg, Virginia Laughlin, and *Alice Lynn.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Joy Stevenson, Bp. Dabney Smith, and Kerry Baker.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS: All those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, 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 continue to be affected by COVID-19 and for protection of the most vulnerable through the coming flu season and cold weather; for those who are unemployed or underemployed; for those who suffer acts of violence around the world, especially for Ukraine and for the Holy Land; and those serving in the armed forces at home and abroad.

ST. JAMES' VESTRY ELECTION



This year, we received 36 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 23.** The final slate of 4 candidates will then be presented to the parish for an official election at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 2.

*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.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR

Sunday, December 8 | 9:00 - 1:00 | 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. Be on the lookout for more information on which organizations will be present and how you can participate!

PEW ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT UPDATE

After unanimous approval from the Vestry in September, the pew reconfiguration project is set to begin on **December 2**. If all goes as planned, the project will be completed by the end of the day **December 5**. This effort will help us live more fully into our mission to be a welcoming and inclusive community to all who enter our doors. Questions? Email info@stjamesleesburg.org.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

TODAY, DECEMBER 1 | 9:00 A.M. | PARISH HALL

Come and mark the beginning of Advent together by creating Advent Wreaths for our homes! All supplies and instructions will be provided.

STEWARDSHIP 2025: WALK IN LOVE



Many thanks to those who have already made a pledge for 2025. We are a little over halfway to where we need to be to fund the ministries of our beloved St. James'. To date, we have received **142 pledges** totaling **\$714,564** (an average pledge of \$5,032). For 2024, we received a total of 194 pledges totaling \$803,379 (an average of \$4,141). The Finance Committee and Vestry will be meeting soon to prepare a budget for 2025. If you intend to give to support the ministries of St. James' in 2025, please let us know so that we may prepare a re-

sponsible and faithful budget. You can make a pledge online by scanning the QR code or filling out a pledge card in the Narthex. Again, thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.



PRISON FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY ANGEL TREE PROJECT

We'll have our annual "wrapping party" on Monday, Dec 9 from noon until 6 pm at the home of Tricia Sauer, 17553 White Gate Pl, Leesburg. From St. James' head west on Rt. 7, up the hill, stay in the left land and look for the big sign. It will be the 4th driveway on the right. Thank you! Contact Chase Banks for more information 571-919-1166

ST. JAMES' NEWCOMER CLASS



Sunday, December 8 | 11:15 a.m. | Janney Parlor

Scan the QR code to register. 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 for you to get involved. Childcare will be provided upon request, ask Fr. Chad.

CAROLING AT SPRING ARBOR

All St. James' children (young and old) are invited to carol with our own "Ms. Rachel" at Spring Arbor in Leesburg (237 Fairview Street NW Leesburg 20176) on Friday December 13 from 4:00 - 4:45 PM. We shall be singing lots of Christmas favorites including the songs the children will sing at our own Christmas pageant on December 24 at 3 pm. It will be an opportunity for children to wear

festive outfits and bring joy to the residents at Spring Arbor including some of our very own St. James' parishioners. Email Rachel Newell (rachelpiercenewell@gmail.com) or find her in worship.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth grades 6th through 12th are invited to deepen their community and understanding of faith as part of St. James' Youth Group (formerly YOUP). A full calendar for the Spring will be available soon.

Today, December 1 - Shopping for the Angel Tree Ministry - Meet at Leesburg Target around 4:30 pm

Sunday, December 15 - 5:00 pm - White Elephant Gift Exchange & Christmas Party - Youth Room

Sunday, January 5 through Sunday February 23rd - 9:00 am - Bible Study & Donuts - Youth Room

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR RETIREMENT PURSE



Our beloved Preschool Director, Janet Stayrook will be retiring at the end of this month. Janet has been an instrumental part of our preschool family for 25 years and has faithfully served as a Director and Co-Director for over 15 years. We are incredibly grateful for her hard work and commitment to providing a loving and enriching environment for our children, and we wish her the best as she begins her well-deserved retirement.

To honor Janet and express our gratitude for her years of service, we would invite you to contribute to a “purse” that will be presented to Janet at the Preschool Christmas program on December 17.

If you would like to contribute, please scan the QR code (use the down arrow to find Janet) or make out a check to St. James' with the designation of "Janet Stayrook Purse." Any amount is welcome. Thank you for considering this opportunity to show our appreciation for the impact Janet has had on our children and our pre-school community.

HONDURAN MISSION TRIP:

PARTNERSHIP FOR CLEAN WATER AND EDUCATION



February 15-22, 2025

We want to thank those that came to view our documentary last Sunday. If you were not able to attend, scan the top left QR code to see a video. Our trip is planned for February 15-22, 2025. This year, we will work with 8 villages with existing water systems that need repair due to hurricanes and other damage. Adults and accompanied high school students are welcome. If you are concerned that you might not be able to handle the physical work, don't worry, there is plenty to do in the school or with the families in the towns we visit. For more information or to join in the mission trip contact Henry Stribling at 571-238-5992 or hdstribling@gmail.com.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 22 | 10 a.m. | The Church

Please join us for a service of Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 10. Advent is a season of quiet reflection and joyful expectation. This special prayer service will celebrate scripture les-

sons and music of the season as we prepare our hearts and minds for the true joy of Christmas. Please note,

Holy Communion will only be offered at the 7:45 a.m. service.

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.

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



GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP



Mondays Until Dec. 16 | 6:30 p.m. |

Leesburg Presbyterian Church

GriefShare is a safe, welcoming group where people find support in navigating the emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

For more information or to register, scan the QR code.

ST. JAMES' PRESCHOOL STILL HAS A FEW OPENINGS!

We are still accepting registrations for 2024-2025 in most of our classes (2s, 2.5s, 3s, 3.5s, 4s and Pre-K). We offer a warm, happy place for your little ones to thrive – building their self-confidence

through explorative play with their peers guided by our STEAM curriculum. Please contact Janet Stayrook, Preschool Director at (703) 777-8439 or register online at:
<https://stjamespreschoolleesburg.org/registration/>

MENS' SERVICE MINISTRY

All men of St. James are invited to join a weekly MSM meeting at **7 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of the Parish House.** The group is now studying the Gospel of John. For additional

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

December 8 - Ministry Commission: Choir; St. James' Newcomer Class; Alternative Gift Fair

December 15 - Ministry Commission: Grace to Go

December 22 - Christmas Lessons and Carols @ 10:00 a.m.

December 24 - **Christmas Eve**; Services at 3, 6 & 9 p.m.

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

December 29 - First Sunday after Christmas - 5th Sunday Family Service

December 25- January 1 - **CAMPUS CLOSED**

St. James'
Episcopal Church
LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

Advent 2024

Christmas Eve
Family Christmas Pageant

Advent Wreath Making

December 1 | 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 8 | 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 8 after worship, where you can learn more about their mission. You may also participate online.

Winter Break Play Date

December 27 | 10 a.m. - noon
Join Rev. Marybeth and Formation Minister, Jess Eastridge, for an indoor playdate in the Parish Hall with the bounce house, soft play, and games. For children up to 10 years old. Break free of the house, bring a snack, and let the kids enjoy some post-Christmas exercise.

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La Misa Guadalupana

December 15 | 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.



Christmas Eve

Family Christmas Pageant
3 p.m.

Candlelight Services
6 p.m. & 9 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 child/ren to sing, please join us on Sundays at 9:45 on the 3rd Floor of Janney House.

Lessons & Carols Service

December 22 | 10 a.m.

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Christmas Day Service

10 a.m.

5th Sunday Family Service

December 29 | 10 a.m.

Come get your fill of your favorite carols on the Sunday after Christmas. This relaxed service will feature children and youth in leadership roles, and they can even come in their Christmas PJ's. If your child would like to serve as a reader, usher, or serve at communion, please reach out to Rev. Marybeth. Join us for a "brunch" coffee hour after the service in the Parish Hall.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

ACOLYTES

TOM HOLDSWORTH
WINSTON CHAMBLIN

DICK HERSH
AMELIA WHEL BAND
ELEANOR WHEL BAND
ARCHIE WEITZ

READERS

BRENDAN MURPHY
AIMEE MCKINNEY

JAMES WHEL BAND
CINDY HERSH

INTERCESSOR

AIMEE MCKINNEY

JONATHAN COATE

LEMS

RANDY MINCHEW
JOSH HOUSE

JUDY PERSO
ELAINE NUNNALLY
JOSH HOUSE
CHARLIE THORNTON

USHERS

PAT THOMAS

JIM FERRY
TIM LABUS
DOUG MACLEAN
LINDA MACLEAN

A/V LEAD

JEFF BRANNOCK

**EUCCHARISTIC
VISITOR**

ALTAR GUILD

MARY BRECHT, SHEILA BROOKS,
CHRIS BROGAN

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 2024

1 SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:00 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 8:45 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Advent Wreath Making - Parish Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Children's Formation - Janney House 3rd Floor
- 10:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II *
- 4:00 p.m. Grace to Go - Leesburg Apartments
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group Angel Tree shopping - Leesburg Target

2 MONDAY

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

4 WEDNESDAY

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

5 THURSDAY

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

8 SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 7:45 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Alternative Gift Fair - Parish Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II *
- 11:15 a.m. Newcomer Class - Janney Parlor
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour - Janney Parlor
- 4:00 p.m. Grace to Go - Leesburg Apartments

*** Live Streamed**

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Tony McGraw, *Junior Warden*

Jane Roth, *Register*

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Melissa Sutton

CLASS OF 2023-2026

George Garlick

Candy Hayes

Trudy Gross

Ray Longo

CLASS OF 2024-2027

Sarah Bauer

Jeff Brannock

Tony McGraw

Tricia Sauer

LAY DELEGATES

Dottie Brannock

George Garlick

Jane Roth (alternate)

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: _____



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

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

Your Name (please print)

In Memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

Amount (any amount may be given): \$_____

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

*Please return form with money to offering plate or to Church Office by **Wednesday, December 11.***

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