

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., NOV. 28 - DEC. 2

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- MEN'S AL ANON MEETING
5:15 PM | Lippitt Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- STARBUCKS YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE
5:45 PM | Children's Chapel
- EPISCOPOSSE WOMEN'S GROUP
7:00 PM | RSVP for Directions

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON
7:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room
- QUIET REFLECTION
7:30-8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

- **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST
8:30-9:30 AM | Great Hall
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:00AM | St. James Parish & Online
- FAITH FORMATION HOUR
10:10 AM | Parish House & Milton Hall
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
11:15 AM | St. James Parish
- ST. JAMES YOUTH: SHOP'N'HOP
5:00 PM | Walmart by IHOP



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Almighty God, we light this candle of Advent as a symbol of the king who is coming into our world. Help us to be rescued from our sins and repent in your great mercy, through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn 59

“Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding”

Merton

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Collect for Purity

p. 355

Hymn 56

“O come, O come, Emmanuel”
Sts. 1-2

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Collect of the Day

p. 211

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.**

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the December 5th Digital Grapevine is December 2nd.
The deadline for the December Grapevine Magazine is December 28th.
Email communications@stjamesp.org.

*To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour;
to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers
and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors.*

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Commentary: Isaiah is a book that unveils the full dimensions of God's judgment and salvation. In this passage, the prophet predicted a time when both Jews and Gentiles will come to Jerusalem, the mountain of the Lord, and Israel and Israel's God will be exalted in the world. Under the old covenant, Israelites made pilgrimages to Jerusalem three times a year, but in the future, the entire world will go there. Jerusalem will be Messiah's capital city and people will live in peace. In view of what the nations will do eventually, Isaiah encouraged his audience to walk in the light of the Lord right now.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

Laetatus sum

Antiphon *(The antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all)*



I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Psalm chant:



I was glad when they said to / **me,** *
"Let us go to the house of the / **Lord.**"
Now our feet are / **standing** *
within your gates, O Je-/**rusalem.**

Antiphon

Jerusalem is built as a / **city** *
that is at unity with it-/**self;**
To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the / **Lord,** *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the / **Lord.**

Antiphon

ADVENT AT ST. JAMES

JOIN US FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is a time of joy and anticipation. Come join online and in-person opportunities to worship and engage with your St. James family. Please refer to the schedule below to see what offerings and services best fit your family!

SUNDAY MORNINGS

- November 27: 10:10 a.m. Faith Formation Hour - Disciples Class: Living Well in Advent, Faith Discussions: Serving Our Neighbors, Jubi-latte Round Table, Children's Sunday School
- December 4: 10:10 a.m. Faith Formation Hour - Disciples Class: Experiencing the Psalms, Faith Discussions: Serving Our Neighbors, Jubi-latte Round Table, St. James Children are invited to learn the Christmas Story in preparation for the Christmas Pageant.
- December 11: 10:10 a.m. Faith Formation Hour - Disciples Class: Waiting together in Song: Exploring the Hymns of Advent, Faith Discussions: Serving Our Neighbors, Jubi-latte Round Table, St. James Children are invited to gather in preparation for the Christmas Pageant.
- December 18: CHRISTMAS PAGEANT during the 9:00 a.m. Service. 10:10 a.m. Faith Formation Hour - Disciples Class: Waiting together in Song: Advent and Beyond—how can we prepare for the difficult future ahead?, Faith Discussions: Serving Our Neighbors, Jubi-latte Round Table, Children's Pageant Day Celebration

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

- December 24: 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., & 10:30 p.m.
- December 25: 10:30 a.m.

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Saturday, December 3: Quiet Reflection- 7:30 AM at Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- Saturday, December 3: St. Nick at St. James - 8:30 - 11:30 AM - details at stjamesp.org/stnick
- Sunday, December 4: Youth Shop'N'Hop
- Tuesday, December 6: St. James Speaker Series: Author David Zahl - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 7: Southern Holiday Supper - 6:00 PM
- Sunday, December 11: Youth Wrap'N'Yap
- Saturday, December 17: Songs of the Season - Wilmington Voices Concert - 7:30 PM
- Sunday, December 18: Breadbreakers Event
- Monday, December 19: A Classical Christmas - A St. James Concert - 7:30 PM
- Tuesday, December 20: Baroque Christmas - Tallis Chamber Orchestra Concert - 7:30 PM
- Thursday, December 22: Gloria! - Unchambered Concert - 6:30 PM

The Postcommunion Prayer		p. 365
The Blessing		p. 366
Closing Hymn 68	“Rejoice! rejoice, believers”	<i>Llangloffan</i>
The Dismissal		p. 366
Postlude		



*Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Marsden Bellamy Sr. & Sue Clark Bellamy; Marsden Bellamy Jr.; Virginia Bellamy Ruffin & Peter
Browne Ruffin; Betty & Clark Bellamy; Vic & Marsden Venters.
Hugh MacRae II*

FAITH FORMATION TODAY

- **DISCIPLE’S CLASS & SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY-** Living Well in Advent - *Great Hall or via Zoom*
- **FAITH DISCUSSIONS-** Serving Our Neighbors - *Stephen Ministry Room*
- **JUBL-LATTE ROUND TABLE** (6th-12th grades) - *Cookie’s Office*
- **FAITH ADVENTURERS** (4th & 5th grades): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH BUILDERS** (2nd and 3rd graders): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH FOUNDATIONS** (K-5 & 1st grade): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH BUILT THROUGH WONDER** (3’s & 4’s): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*

For there are the thrones of / **judgment**, *
the thrones of the house of / **David**.
Pray for the peace of Je-/**rusalem**: *
“May they prosper who / **love you**.”

Antiphon

Peace be within your / **walls** *
and quietness within your / **towers**.
For my brethren and companions' / **sake**, *
I pray for your pros-/**perity**.

Second half of chant:

Because of the house of the Lord our / **God**, *
I will seek to do you / **good**.”

Antiphon

The Epistle: Romans 13:11–14

NRSV, p. 1036

Commentary: In Romans 13:1-10, Paul identified two Christian duties, to submit to legitimate authority and to love others. In these verses, Paul urged his readers to put those duties into practice. The 'night' represents our earthly life, which is plagued with spiritual darkness and danger, but a new day is coming, when we will walk and live in sinless light. We prepare for the new day by replacing dishonorable deeds with deeds of holiness. Turning away from sinful desires and committing to follow Jesus Christ wholeheartedly are the first steps in putting on the armor of light.

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

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 615

“‘Thy kingdom come’ on bended knee”

St. Flavian

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36–44

NRSV, p. 904

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glorify to you, Lord Christ.

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

known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

The Nicene Creed p. 358

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition:
...Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution p. 360

The Peace p. 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *Tune: King's Lynn; arr. Evelyn Larter*

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear.
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon He draweth nigh.
Up, pray, and watch, and wrestle: At midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil.
And wait for your salvation, the end of earthly toil.
The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near.
Go meet Him as He cometh, with alleluias clear.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear!
Arise, Thou Sun so longed for, over this benighted sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption that brings us unto Thee.

Author: Laurentius Laurenti
Translator: Sarah B. Findlater, alt.

Presentation Hymn 380 "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" *Old 100th stanza 3*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B p. 367

Sanctus S-124 "Holy, holy, holy Lord" David Hurd

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread p. 364

The Fraction Anthem S-152 "Christ our Passover" *Ambrosian chant*

Cantor Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request

Communion Hymns

Hymn 302 "Father, we thank thee who hast planted" *Rendez à Dieu*

Hymn 63 "O heavenly Word, eternal Light" *Verbum supernum prodiens*

Hymn 53 "Once he came in blessing" *Gottes Sohn ist Kommen*