

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., DECEMBER 5-9

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- MEN'S AL ANON MEETING
5:15 PM | TBA
- ST. JAMES SPEAKER SERIES:
RECEPTION FOR DAVID ZAHL
6:30 PM | Lippitt Room
- ST. JAMES SPEAKER SERIES:
AUTHOR DAVID ZAHL PRESENTS
7:00 PM | Great Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

- STARBUCKS YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel

WEDNESDAY, Continued

- CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE
5:45 PM | Children's Chapel
- SOUTHERN HOLIDAY SUPPER
6:00 PM | Perry Hall - RSVP Requested

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON
7:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room
- BROOKLYN MUSIC ARTS CENTER
PERFORMANCE
10:30 AM | Perry Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

THIRD 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: WRAP'N'YAP
5:00 PM | Youth Room



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

Almighty God, we light these candles of Advent as symbols 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 67

“Comfort, comfort ye my people”

Psalm 42

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. 3-4

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Collect of the Day

p. 211

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the December 12th Digital Grapevine is December 9th.
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: In this passage, Isaiah presents a future when Messiah's reign has been accomplished. Messiah will meet specific qualifications regarding His ancestry, He will arise from the stump of Jesse's family tree. Messiah will be another and greater David, not just a son of David. This future ruler will be endowed by the Holy Spirit with everything needed to fulfill the role of king. Security and safety will result from the king's rule. In that day death itself will have lost its sting and the whole world will turn to Him. During His first advent, Messiah's abodes were humble and lowly, but when He returns His presence will make Jerusalem glorious.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1–7, 18

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

Deus, iudicium

Blessed be the God of Is - rael who a - lone does won - drous deeds!

Psalm chant:

Give the King your justice, **O / God, ***
and your righteousness to the / **King's Son;**
That he may rule your people / **righteously ***
and the poor with / **justice;**

Antiphon (sung by all)

That the mountains may bring
prosperity to the / **people, ***
and the little hills bring / **righteousness.**
He shall defend the needy among the / **people; ***
he shall rescue the poor and crush the op-/**pressor.**

Antiphon (sung by all)

ST. JAMES SPEAKER SERIES:

AUTHOR DAVID ZAHL

JOIN US FOR “HOW REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS
LEAD TO GRACE FOR OTHERS—AND OURSELVES”

The St. James Speaker Series is excited to offer the opportunity to hear David Zahl present “How Realistic Expectations Lead to Grace for Others—and Ourselves” on December 6th, 2022 at St. James Parish at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall.

In his talk on “How Realistic Expectations Lead to Grace for Others—and Ourselves,” Zhal encourages us to examine our expectations. Many of us spend our days feeling like we’re the only one with problems, while everyone else has their act together. But the sooner we realize that everyone struggles like we do, the sooner we can show grace to ourselves and others.

In Low Anthropology, popular author and pastor David Zahl explores how our ideas about human nature influence our expectations in friendship, work, marriage, and politics. We all go through life with an “anthropology”—an idea about what humans are like, our potential and our limitations. A high anthropology—thinking optimistically about human nature—can breed perfectionism, anxiety, burnout, loneliness, and resentment. Meanwhile, Zahl invites readers into a biblically rooted and life-giving low anthropology, which fosters hope, deep connection with others, lasting love, vulnerability, compassion, and happiness.

Zahl offers a liberating view of human nature, sin, and grace, showing why the good news of Christianity is both urgent and appealing. By embracing a more accurate view of human beings, readers will discover a lasting hope for others—and themselves.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSIC

You are invited to participate in sharing the joy of tradition with the St. James Christmas Music & Flower Honorarium. You may submit your names online at stjamesp.org/poinsettia or by completing the form below and returning it to the church office prior to the end of the day on **December 18th.** **Names submitted after this date may not appear in the bulletin.**

One dedication per \$25 donation. Please PRINT clearly. Check one on each row:

☐ Christmas Flowers

☐ Music

☐ In Honor of

☐ In Memory of

Name of Person Remembered: _____

Given by:_____

Please return your completed form with your check marked “Christmas Flowers: or “Christmas Music”

Communion Hymns

Hymn 311	“O saving Victim, opening wide”	<i>Verbum supernum prodiens</i>
Hymn 54	“Savior of the nations, come!”	<i>Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland</i>
Hymn 69	“What is the crying at Jordan?”	<i>St. Mark’s, Berkley</i>

The Postcommunion Prayer p. 365

The Blessing p. 366

Closing Hymn 76 “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry” *Winchester New*

The Dismissal p. 366

Postlude

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Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard
Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. P. Huber Hanes, Jr. and Dr. and Mrs. William A. Lambeth, Jr.*

FAITH FORMATION TODAY

- **DISCIPLE’S CLASS & SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY-** Waiting together in Song: Exploring the Hymns of 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*

He shall live as long as the
sun and moon en-/**dure**, *
from one generation to a-/**nother**.
He shall come down like rain
upon the mown / **field**, *
like showers that water the / **earth**.

Second half of chant:
In his time shall the righteous / **flourish**; *
there shall be abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no / **more**.

Antiphon (sung by all)

The Epistle: Romans 15:4–13 *NRSV*, p. 1037

Commentary: In this chapter of Romans Paul developed a key concept of his writings, putting the welfare of others before your own. Paul urged unity within the church, not that every-one would think alike, but would respectfully agree to disagree. Fundamental harmony among believers would be shown by united praise of God in the assembly. Paul reminded his readers that they were to accept each other despite their differences because Jesus Christ graciously accepts everyone who comes to Him by faith. Accepting one another as fellow members of God’s family glorifies the Lord. The context for Paul was unity between Jewish and Gentile Christians, but the principle remains unchanged: all are part of one body through faith in Jesus Christ.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”; and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Sequence Hymn 65 “Prepare the way, O Zion” *Bereden väg för Herran*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1–12 *NRSV*, p. 880

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke

when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

The Sermon The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

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 Ian Higginson

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding;
“Christ is nigh,” it seems to say,
“Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day.”

Wakened by the solemn warning
Let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from Heav’n;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven.

That when next He comes in glory,
And the world is wrapped in fear,
With His mercy He may shield us,
And with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, and blessing
Be to God: the Father, Son
And the everlasting Spirit,
While eternal ages run.

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

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.

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