

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., DECEMBER 19-23

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom
- SJDS CLOSED - CHRISTMAS BREAK
School Resumes January 3, 2023

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Rev. Cheryl's Home
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall
- A CLASSICAL CHRISTMAS
7:30 PM | St. James Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

- MEN'S AL ANON MEETING
5:15 PM | Lippitt Room
- TALLIS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
7:30 PM | St. James Parish

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- UNCHAMBERED: GLORIA!
6:30 PM | St. James Parish
- ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

- CHRISTMAS EVE
- SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON
7:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II WITH CHILDREN'S CHOIR
4:00 PM | St. James Parish & Online
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
6:00 PM | St. James Parish & Online
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
10:30 PM | St. James Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

- CHRISTMAS DAY
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
10:30 AM | St. James Parish & Online



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 18 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 73

“The King shall come when morning dawns”

St. Stephen

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. 7–8

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Collect of the Day

p. 212

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.**

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the December 26th Digital Grapevine is December 22nd.
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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The First Reading: Isaiah 7:10–16

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 623

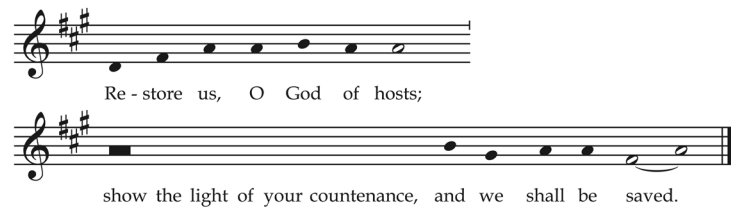
Commentary: Judah's King Ahaz had a decision to make: would he trust God to protect Jerusalem from enemies, or would he reject God's promised protection and look for a different means of security? God commanded the king to ask for a sign that God would do what He had promised. Ahaz sounded pious when he refused to ask for a sign, but asking for a sign was not the same as testing God, since God had commanded it. Despite Judah's rebellious king, God gave Ahaz and the House of David a sign that He was still with His people. This sign was a major and hopeful messianic prediction for a greater King and a brighter future.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

Psalm 80:1–7, 16–18

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



Verse



Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a / **flock**; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the / **cherubim**.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma-/ **nasseh**, *
stir up your strength and come to / **help us**.

Antiphon

O Lord God of / **hosts**, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your / **people**?
You have fed them with the bread of / **tears**; *
you have given them bowls of tears to / **drink**.

Qui regis Israel

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

- 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—Taking the Spirit of Advent with us Through Life's Challenges, Faith Discussions: Serving Our Neighbors, Jubilate Round Table, Children's Pageant Day Celebration

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

- 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
- Saturday, December 24: St. James Children's Choir- Singing at the 4:00 PM Service

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.

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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In Honor of | <input type="checkbox"/> In Memory of |

Name of Person Remembered: _____

Given by: _____

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

The Postcommunion Prayer		p. 365
The Blessing		p. 366
Closing Hymn 66	“Come, thou long-expected Jesus”	<i>Stuttgart</i>
The Dismissal		p. 366
Postlude		



*Celebrant & 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
Richard Henry Youngblood & Christine Ramsaur Youngblood; Raiford Graham Trask, Mable
Dunn Hall Trask, Charles Ramsaur Youngblood.*

FAITH FORMATION TODAY

- **DISCIPLE’S CLASS & SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY-** Advent & Beyond- Taking the Spirit of Advent with us Through Life’s Challenges. Speaker- The Rev. Phillip Craig - *Great Hall or Zoom*
- **FAITH DISCUSSIONS-** Serving Our Neighbors at Christmas- *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*

Second half of chant:

You have made us the derision of our / **neighbors,** *
and our enemies laugh us to / **scorn.**

Antiphon

Let your hand be upon the man of your / **right hand,** *
the son of man you have made so strong for your- / **self.**
And so will we never turn a- / **way from you;** *
give us life, that we may call upon your / **Name.**

Antiphon

The Epistle: Romans 1:1–7

NRSV, p. 1026

Commentary: Not much is known about the founding of the church in Rome, but it was probably established by Jewish Christians who settled there after the first waves of persecution dispersed believers throughout the ancient world. By the time Paul wrote this letter, probably in AD 56-57, the church in Rome had gained a reputation for steadfast faithfulness. In these opening verses of the letter, Paul set forth the most fundamental elements of Christianity, explaining that the gospel, which centers on Jesus Christ, fulfills God’s promises that were revealed in the Old Testament.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 497

“How bright appears the Morning Star”

Wie schön leuchtet

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18–25

NRSV, p. 879

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to

take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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 Jessica Newton

There is no rose of such virtue
 As is the rose that bare Jesu;
Alleluia.
 For in this rose contained was
 Heaven and earth in little space;
Res miranda. (A wonderful thing)
 By that rose we may well see
 That he is God in persons three,
Pares forma. (Of the same form)

The angels sungen the shepherds to:
Gloria in excelsis deo: (Glory to God on high)
Gaudeamus. (Let us rejoice)
 Leave we all this worldly mirth,
 And follow we this joyful birth;
Transeamus. (Let us go)
text: 15th century English Carol

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 at the main altar upon request

Communion Hymns

- Hymn 306** “Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest” *Sursum Corda*
- Hymn 475** “God himself is with us” *Tysk*
- Hymn 71** “Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes” *Bristol*