



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2023
THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

The Collect for Purity

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The Collect of the Day

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Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Ephesians 1:15–23

The Holy Bible *NRSV*, p. 1066

Commentary: In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul's emphasis is on the church as Christ's body, where Jewish and Gentile believers are united in love for God and for each other. Paul wrote that intellectual understanding is a starting point, not a destination; it is important to use what we know to deepen our relationship with God. By making us His inheritance, God has shown His love. By promising us a wonderful future, God has encouraged our hope. By raising Jesus from the dead and seating Him in heaven where He presently reigns over the church, God demonstrated His all-surpassing power. In the future, God's power will be manifested when Jesus Christ is made the Head over all creation.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Psalm 100

read responsively by whole verse

Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
2 **Know this: The LORD himself is God; ***
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
4 **For the LORD is good;**
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

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The Blessing

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of
 2 Fair are the mea - dows, fai - rer still the wood - lands, robed in the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the
 God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
 bloom - ing garb of spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
 twink - ling star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
 theewill I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

The Dismissal

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Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

Organist: 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. & Jane Snyder Bellamy;
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 Jane Bellamy Venters;
 Hugh MacRae II*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., NOV. 27 - DEC. 1

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- SABBATH EXPLORATION GROUP
5:00 PM | Member Home
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00 AM | Registration Req.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- ADVENT BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 PM | Graham Parlor
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

- QUIET REFLECTION
7:30 - 8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- ADVENT MINI- RETREAT:
WATCHING & WAITING
9:00-11:30 AM | RSVP Online
- OLD WILMINGTON BY CANDLELIGHT
4:00-8:00 PM | St. James Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST
8:30 AM | Great Hall
- ADVENT WREATH EVENT
9:10 AM | BISHOP WRIGHT ROOM |
RSVP ONLINE or BY PHONE
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Online
- OLD WILMINGTON BY CANDLELIGHT
1:00-5:00 PM | St. James Church
- LESSONS & CAROLS
5:00 PM | St. James Church

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the December 4th Digital Grapevine is Friday, December 1st.

The deadline for the January Grapevine Magazine is December 27th. Email communications@stjamesp.org.

TODAY AT ST. JAMES

FAITH FORMATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Sunday, November 26 | 9:10 a.m. | St. James Parish

- DISCIPLE'S CLASS: "Living Well Through Advent" - The Rev Cheryl Brainard - *Meets in the Lippitt Room - ZOOM*
- FAITH DISCUSSIONS: "Faithfully Planning for the End of Life - Wills in the Bible" - Speaker Michael Becker - *Meets in the Stephen Ministry Room*
- JUBI-LATTE ROUND TABLE: *Meets in the Youth Room*
- SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR 3 Yrs.-5th GRADES: *Meets on the 2nd Floor of Milton Hall*

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

Begins November 29 | 11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom

The Wednesday following Thanksgiving, our Wednesday Bible Study group will kick off their Advent Study. Please come as you are able.

ADVENT MORNING-MINI RETREAT: WATCHING & WAITING

Saturday, December 2 | 9:00-11:30 a.m. | Lippitt Room

Join us for a mini-retreat led by Linda Murchison and Rev. Mary McKnight. Through poetry, Scripture and prayer practices, we will explore waiting and watching for Jesus to be born again in our lives, our hearts, our communities, our world. Along with Mary, the mother of Jesus, we will wait, watch, make space, ponder, and anticipate anew what the birth of Jesus means. Childcare is available with advance registration.

OLD WILMINGTON BY CANDLELIGHT

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 | 4:00-8:00 p.m. & Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023 | 1:00-5:00 p.m.

This December, St. James will be joining the Latimer House and other historical downtown landmarks in opening our doors to our community for a candlelight tour. If you would like to learn more about this event or join us in greeting our neighbors, please email communications@stjamesp.org.

ADVENT WREATH EVENT

Sunday, December 3, 2023 | 9:10 a.m. - During Faith Formation Hour | RSVP Online

Join us for an inter-generational-faith-formation hour on the first Sunday of Advent. Together we'll explore the lessons of the advent wreath and each family will have the opportunity to produce their own wreath. Supplies are limited! Make sure to RSVP.

LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 3, 2023 | 5:00 p.m.

Make plans to join us for Lessons and Carols featuring our St. James Choir! Together we'll welcome the season of Advent with song and scripture.

UPCOMING OUTREACH PROJECTS

BOOK DRIVE UNDERWAY

Deadline to donate: November 30

All are invited to participate in a book drive benefiting the Good Shepherd Center and the local domestic violence shelter. Books for all ages are welcome! You may donate by bringing books to the church office during office hours. If you have questions about the drive or a potential donation, please reach out to communications@stjamesp.org.

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Gifts Due Dec. 3

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern North Carolina's Christmas Gift program is in full flight! This year St. James Parish has adopted 125 Angels. It's not too late to pick up your Angel Tree tags on Sunday, outside of the church service. If you'd like to give more, please consider adopting additional children. Have questions about this year's participation in the Angel Tree Project? Please reach out to Rachel Colonna at rcolonna85@gmail.com.

MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING MEALS AT GSC

GSC Dates: Dec. 5 & Dec 19

Sargent Ashley Veteran's Center: Dec. 28

If you are interested in serving on one of the above dates, please contact Brian McMerty at bmcmetry@arris.partners.

TRINITY GROVE STOCKING STUFFER DRIVE

Deadline to donate: December 11

Our neighbors at Trinity Grove have reached out with an invitation to support residents in need of a lift this holiday season. To donate, please bring non-slip socks, word activity books, craft supplies, coloring books, and puzzles to the Bacon House by the end of the workday on December 11th.

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