
THE GRAPEVINE

ST. JAMES PARISH • WILMINGTON, NC

WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 2021

FROM THE RECTOR

THE REV. C. PHILLIP CRAIG, JR.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear St. James Parish Family,

For me, the arrival of August always comes with that wonderful combination of both melancholy (the summer is almost over) and excitement (the fall is almost here). I can tell that being back in my home state of North Carolina will heighten those feelings all the more. It's so good to be here!

One of my favorite parts of the transition to Wilmington thus far has been the opportunity to listen and to hear your stories. What a gift to learn about your own families, and also your perspectives on the St. James family. One of the resounding themes Jennifer and I both have heard is the deep and abiding appreciation everyone has for the gift of Mount Lebanon Chapel. Indeed, it is clear that this special worship space has been both critical and sustaining over the course of the COVID pandemic. One Vestry person was so direct as to say, "Lebanon Chapel saved us."

As this extended season of weekly Sunday worship at Mount Lebanon Chapel draws to a close on Sunday, September 5th, I have every confidence that many of you will feel the same combination of melancholy and excitement I mentioned earlier. With that in mind, I do want you to know that we will use that morning to especially honor the unique importance of the Chapel. In addition, I am committed to finding creative and engaging ways to use Mount Lebanon Chapel into the fall

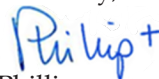
and winter seasons. As with all things, I welcome your thoughts and ideas!

Many members of our parish family are working hard, and with much enthusiasm, to plan our grand "Welcome Home Sunday" for September 12th. On that morning - under one roof - we will have the chance to regather as one extraordinary community of faith, celebrating and renewing our relationships, considering our place and service here in Wilmington, and importantly - giving thanks to God for all of our many blessings. It is almost time to embrace the new season - and you and your family are an integral part of the goodness to come.

The author of Ecclesiastes was right. There is a season for everything! I am excited about the fall. I remain thrilled to be your Rector. I am also old enough to know that time does go by quickly, and the season for summer worship at Mount Lebanon Chapel (in late May) will be here once again soon.

Please remember my desire to hear from you, and learn more about your stories. My door is open, and my contact information is below.

Faithfully,



Phillip

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*A final note to acknowledge the ever changing nature of the ongoing pandemic. We will be cautious and conservative, abiding by national and state guidance to keep everyone safe.

Prayer of Self-Dedication

Book of Common Prayer page 832

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly *thine*, utterly dedicated unto *thee*; and then use us, we pray *thee*, as *thou wilt*, and always to *thy* glory and the welfare of *thy* people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ST. JAMES VISION STATEMENT

To build community through ministries that strengthen our faith.

ST. JAMES MISSION STATEMENT

To welcome all to grow in love of God and neighbor.

ST. JAMES UPDATES

ONLINE RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND AT:

www.stjamesp.org

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Tom Butler, Kathrine Byers, Polly Rust

CONDOLENCES TO:

The Family and Friends of
The Reverend Robert Huffman

SERVICE TIMES- SUNDAYS IN SUMMER

Join us for worship! We are hosting our services at the following times:

Online Worship

9:30 AM- Livestream from Mt. Lebanon Chapel

Mt. Lebanon Chapel

8:30 AM- Holy Eucharist - Rite II

9:30 AM- Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Downtown Campus

8:00 AM- Indoors- Holy Eucharist - Rite I

10:30 AM- Indoors- Holy Eucharist - Rite II

PLEDGING & GIVING ONLINE

To donate and support St. James Parish, visit: <https://onrealm.org/StJamesParish/give/pledge>. You can visit stjamesp.org/stewardship for a video with step-by-step instructions for pledging online.

Gifts may also be made to the St. James Foundation. Visit: stjamesp.org/st-james-foundation/ for more information.

VIVACE MUSIC PERFORMANCES AT ST. JAMES

We're very excited to be welcoming musicians from around the world to Wilmington. St. James Parish will be hosting several practices for these musicians as well as a few public performances. Upcoming opportunities:

Friday, August 6 at 7:30 pm

Saturday, August 7 at 1:00 pm

Sunday, August 8 at 7:30 pm

Monday, August 9 at 1:00 pm

You can learn more about the Vivace Music Festival at vivacemusicfoundation.org.

QUIET REFLECTION

August 7, 2021 | 7:30-8:30 a.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

Join us for a time of contemplated prayer and meditation at the beautiful Mt. Lebanon Chapel.

EPISCO-POSSE WOMEN'S DINNER OUT

Next Meeting August 4, 2021 | 6:00 p.m. | Indochine

All women (Age 21 and up) are invited to join us for a special Women's Night Dinner! Let us know you plan to attend! Contact Leslie Jarrett (Leslie.H.Jarrett@gmail.com) or Michelle Gray (michelle.gray@nhcs.net) to RSVP.

YOUTH SUNDAY: SENIOR SEND-OFF & CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2021

August 8, 2021 | 10:30 a.m. | St. James Downtown

Sunday Morning: Come join us as we celebrate our Class of 2021 at the 10:30 a.m. service downtown! We'll have a special service highlighting our graduated seniors. Together we will pray for them and wish them well as they head off to the next chapter of their lives! Have questions about Youth Sunday? Reach out to Cookie Cantwell at cookie@stjamesp.org

JOIN US FOR A GLORY RIDGE EXPERIENCE

August 8, 2021 | 5:00 p.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

Sunday, August 8th at 5:00 p.m. at Mt. Lebanon Chapel, our young people, who will travel to Glory Ridge this coming week, will share their joy and stories from the Ridge and their work sites. Please join us!

"Make Work Worship" is the way of life at Glory Ridge, Madison County, NC. When we drive through the entrance to Glory Ridge, we enter a sanctuary, a Holy and "thin" place that inspired George Moore to create a place for young people (and adults) to serve, heal, renew, and experience Jesus' presence.

This is our 23rd year serving the residents of Marshall and surrounding communities in the second-poorest county in the state. A caravan of young folks, grades 6 - college, and a team of new and veteran adults, will spend a week repairing homes, building handicap ramps, replacing roofs, porches, and plumbing. Most importantly, they will be forming new friendships with the residents we come to know by "Making Work Worship". After each day's work, we have old fashioned fun and games on the ridge. At night, we sit in the middle of God's glorious sunset over the Blue Ridge Mountains, feeling the breezes of His spirit, singing, praying, and sharing our adventures of the day. It's one of the experiences that stays with us all year until we can joyfully return and feel this way again.

We want to thank you, our Parish family, for your support of this mission experience through your donations and the Silent Auction. This opportunity allows us to change and to help change the communities we serve.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH MOMENT: THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

by Erin Becker

I grew up in the Presbyterian church, with a hint of Southern Baptist thrown in thanks to my family's monthly visits to stay with our grandparents growing up. As I grew up and saw more of the world, I slowly came to realize that some things about those denominations didn't fit with who I know God to be. I was fortunate, that my mother was going through a similar journey and together we visited an Episcopal church for the first time in 2015. The tenet of "all may, some should, none must" resonated with both of us.

While I immediately loved some things about the Episcopal church, there were other things I didn't quite get. A big thing for me to get used to was the use of The Book of Common Prayer. I had grown up used to having a typical order of service and free-form prayers. There was nothing quite so rigid or regimented. I appreciated the tradition of it but something about praying with someone else's words was not resonating with me.

This spring, I made the decision to be confirmed and took the time to truly explore what it means to be Episcopalian. Rev. Chris lead a small group of adults through Walk in Love and it answered a lot of my "why do we do that" questions. My big aha moment where I knew I was in the right place came in our second session, The Book of Common Prayer. An answer to my question of "why should I pray with someone else's words" came and it was more profound than I had expected. The Book of Common Prayer wasn't intended to be "common" in the rote or mundane sense of the word, but rather the unifying and community based sense. The intent of our routine isn't just because that's the way it's always been done, but rather any Episcopalian anywhere on the globe can come to worship and can understand what's happening in the service regardless of what language they speak.

The intent of The Book of Common Prayer isn't to define how we must pray. It is to help make certain that no matter where we go, we are assured that we are a part of God's larger family. To me, that is profoundly wonderful.

MEN ON A MISSION- BURGERS AT BAHAMA

August 15, 2021 | 5:00-8:00 p.m. | Wrightsville Beach

Burgers At Bahama with Men On A Mission is coming your way! Get ready for a summer picnic. Men ages 21+ are invited to join the St. James Men On A Mission at Frank and Berta's beach house (17 Bahama Dr., Wrightsville Beach) on Sunday, August 15th from 5-8 p.m. Cost to attend is \$10 per person and you can RSVP via the website. Come ready for fun, fellowship, and grilling by the water.
stjamesp.org/blog/men-on-a-mission

SUMMER NEWCOMER MINGLE

August 22, 2021 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | St. James Parish

Join us for the Summer Newcomer Mingle, Sunday, August 22, 4:00-6:00 PM in the Great Hall at St. James. This event is for all Newcomers, no matter how long you've been a newcomer. Just arrived? Please come. Been attending St. James a year or three, but want to learn more? Please come. Want to come, but family/friends are in town that weekend? Please come and bring them. In addition to this important meet-and-greet time, a tour of our beautiful historic Church will be available so you'll know where classrooms and bathrooms are, and you'll understand a bit about the campus. Childcare is available with advance reservation. Call the Church office, 910-763-1628 to RSVP or visit our website.

stjamesp.org/blog/summer-newcomer-mingle

CALLING ALL ACOLYTES- ACOLYTE DINNER

August 18, 2021 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Perry Hall

Get ready for a dinner invitation! The Acolyte Leadership Team is planning a special dinner for our young people who are interested in learning more about what it means to be an acolyte. RSVP on the St. James website.
stjamesp.org/blog/calling-all-acolytes

BREAD BREAKERS' HOSPITALITY AT HOME

Sunday, August 29, 2021 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | The Kirby Home

Join us for Hospitality at Home! We will be at the Kirby Home on Sunday, August 29th at 4pm. Bring a dish to share, and St. James will provide the meat. RSVP via the MeetUp Page or by contacting Chris@stjamesp.org.

SEPTEMBER 12th IS WELCOME SUNDAY!

Sunday September 12 | All Morning | St. James Parish

Make plans to join us on Sunday, September 12th for Welcome Sunday. We'll be gathering together at St. James Parish for a time of community and worship. Here's a preview of what to expect on this special Sunday.

- **8:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite I
- **10:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite II & The Blessing of the Backpacks
- **11:30 a.m.** Welcome Sunday Celebration

Stay tuned for more information on this special day and the Blessing of the Backpacks!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Saturday, September 11, 2021 | St. James Parish

Get ready to Rise Against Hunger! We're in need of a few organized individuals to help us coordinate efforts for this upcoming outreach event on Saturday, September 11th. If you are interested in being on the team to set up and organize this important event, please reach out to Janet Ward at janetwrd@aol.com.

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER CONTINUES

Monday-Friday | 8:00 a.m. | Zoom

Start your day with a little prayer! Join us on Zoom for a time of prayer, fellowship, and music. Sign up for our email list by reaching out to communications@stjamesp.org and receive a direct link to Morning Prayer in your inbox each morning!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS THIS FALL

We need you! Help us build our Sunday School team of teachers and ministers. There will be several ways to get involved this fall. Email Children's Christian Formation Director Shannon Lockamy at christianformation@stjamesp.org to learn more and plan to join us in August for an information session!

NEW EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM YEAR STARTING THIS FALL

This September, the Wednesday evening Education for Ministry (EfM) group at St. James Parish will begin a new program year, and we will have several openings for new members. EfM is a 4-year program which includes in-depth study of the Old Testament (1st year), New Testament (2nd year), Christian history (3rd year), and Christian theology and ethics (4th year). EfM provides an opportunity for prayer, worship, study, and spiritual reflection in a comfortable and supportive group setting. EfM fosters spiritual growth and helps you to shape your faith into action, and to become involved in ministries in your community where you can make a difference. If you would like to know more about EfM at St. James, please contact Bill Bivins (wpbivins@gmail.com) or Karen Clark (clarklc11@gmail.com). They would be glad to talk with you and provide further information about EfM.

FRIENDLY REMINDER TO SET UP YOUR SJDS 2021-2022 VIC CARD LINK

Please link or re-link (you have to re-link your card every year to the Day School). Our school code is 5264. The associate at the Customer Service desk can help you. SJDS receives funds based on the number of linked cards, and a portion of the proceeds on the sale of all HT brand items... an easy fundraiser for us! Ask your friends and family to link their VIC cards, too!

SUBMITTING ROOM AND PUBLICATION REQUESTS ONLINE

With so many great programs and activities at St. James, we're hoping to make it easier to find and submit information! Did you know you may submit a publication request, or reserve a room with St. James facilities on the website?

To submit a room/space use request form visit:

stjamesp.org/room

To submit a publication request form visit:

stjamesp.org/publications

Have questions about how to best use these forms? Please reach out to Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.

GET INVOLVED!

As Rev. Chris shared last Grapevine, there are no "volunteers" at St. James. We do ministry. If you are interested in learning how you can minister with our church family there are tons of great ways to get involved. Here are a few ministry opportunities with immediate availability to serve (aka, we need you)!

- Lectors/Readers
- Acolytes/Crucifers
- Greeters
- Altar Guild
- Ushers
- Wedding Guild
- Lemonade & Cookies
- Office Ministry
- Parish Shop
- St. James Choir

Contact Erin at communications@stjamesp.org to learn more!

OFFICE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

We're so excited to be ramping up our summer and fall programming. Along with these activities, there is a need for volunteers to participate in our St. James Office Ministry. Have some free time during the week? Sign up to serve in the parish office! Reach out to Bill McKenzie at bill@stjamesp.org to learn more.

UPDATE ON GREETER MINISTRY

The "Greeters- Good to Great" Initiative is well underway and we now have 50 greeters named to this important ministry. Our goal is "56 by September 6," so we are still in need of additional participants. This effort also includes clergy, the Parish Life Commission, and our congregation. If you want to be a part of a smaller community with a larger purpose at St. James or if you feel called to make Christ's love known to our visitors, this ministry is for you! Please contact Frances Trask at francestrask9@gmail.com or Elizabeth Hinshaw at ehinshaw@ec.rr.com to join us in this important endeavor.

LEMONADES AT MT. LEBANON

We're looking for parishioners to sign up to provide and serve lemonade and individually packaged cookies at Mt. Lebanon Chapel following the 9:30 a.m. service! Please sign up online at stjamesp.org/blog/lemonades-at-mt-lebanon.

GREETER MINISTRY HONORS THE PARKERS

Fostering a true spirit of welcome is something all churches strive for. If anyone wants to know what is expected of the congregation, look no further than to what Ann and John Parker have been doing in our sanctuary for decades. As we rebuild our Greeter Ministry, we are inspired by the Parkers. They consistently and eagerly provide a warm, Christian welcome to those they don't know. By their actions, they are breaking down barriers and letting guests know just how much we appreciate their decision to worship with us at St James. Many of our parishioners have cited the actions of Ann and John as influencing their decision to become members of our church.

In this spirit, the newly named Greeter Leadership Team of Frances Trask and Elizabeth Hinshaw has just named Ann and John Parker as St James' very first Honorary Greeters. We congratulate the Parkers on this recognition and thank them for being a strong influence on membership growth at St James Parish.

We are reshaping the Greeter Ministry, and by doing so, elevating it to the higher level of importance it deserves. One of our goals is to empower each member of our parish to be a part of the welcoming experience that is worship at St. James. In addition to more greeters, greeter training and dedicated leadership, this Ministry is setting new expectations for our congregation. Randy Inge, head of our Evangelism Committee, says that welcoming our visitors and guests is not just a job for Greeters.

All of us must look for faces we don't recognize and go out of our way to welcome them and care for them. We encourage each of you to think of the hospitality shown by John and Ann Parker and to share that same warmth to any who walk through our door.

ON MUSIC AT ST. JAMES

"I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live" ~ Psalm 104:33

Dear God

We give thanks for singers.

All types of singers.

Popular, concert singers, and tuneless singers in the bath. Whistlers, hummers, and those who sing while they work.

Singers of lullabies; singers of nonsense and small scraps of melody.

Singers on branches and rooftops.

Morning yodellers and evening warblers.

Singers in seedy nightclubs, singers in the street;

Singers in cathedrals, school halls, grandstands, backyards, paddocks, bedrooms, corridors, stairwells, and places of echo and resonance.

We give praise to all those who give some small voice to the every day joy of the soul.

Amen

'When I Talk to You' by Michael Leunig

Please know that there will be opportunities for both children and adults alike to join the music ministry at St. James as we return to our "new normal" this fall! Please be in touch with John Sullivan (music@stjamesp.org) for more information.



A GIFT OF PRAYER



This is the Labyrinth that our Youth Ministries has created to donate to our yearly mission/outreach site, Glory Ridge in Madison County, NC. We will be taking this newly created Labyrinth to Glory Ridge so that all of the people who come to Glory Ridge to work and to have sabbath will be about to pray as they walk upon this Labyrinth.

A MOMENT OF JOY ~ SJDS SUMMER CAMPS



We're so very thankful to all of our students, parents, teachers and staff, who helped make this summer a wonderful experience for all of our campers! We can't wait to see you again in September!

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NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., AUG. 2-6

MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom | Led
by laity and clergy

GLORY RIDGE MISSION
All Day | Glory Ridge

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

EDUCATION FOR
MINISTRY
9:00-11:30 AM | Great Hall

MEN'S AL ANON
5:15-7:00 PM | Great Hall

WDAA BASKETBALL
PRACTICE
6:30-8:30 PM | Perry Hall

SACRED GROUND SESSION 8
7:00 PM | Zoom

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

PCJ BIBLE STUDY
8:30 AM | Zoom | Led by our
Youth Group and with Youth
Advisor support

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

VIVACE PERFORMANCE
7:30 PM | St. James

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

VIVACE PERFORMANCE
1:00 PM | St. James

YOUTH SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel ^{BYOS*}

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel ^{BYOS*}

ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM
9:30 AM | St. James Parish Website
or Facebook

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II -
SENIOR SEND-OFF
10:30 AM | St. James Parish

LIVE AT 5- GLORY RIDGE STORY
5:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

VIVACE PERFORMANCE
7:30 PM | St. James

***BYOS:** Bring Your Own Supplies if you plan to sit outside- Please bring your own chairs, picnic blankets, etc.

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the August 10th e-blast is Friday, August 6th. Please use online form to submit.