

SUNDAY SERVICES ONLINE ONLY DUE TO COVID-19

THE GRAPEVINE

ST. JAMES PARISH • WILMINGTON, NC
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THE REV. PIERCE KLEMMT



Everyone knows that leading a church during times of transition and change is one of the most difficult tasks clergy, staff and Vestry face. What is clear, there is no small taxing of the congregation especially in this time of separation. We can get glimpses of the future, yet there are many unknowns. Uncertainty can cause reluctance among parishioners who will decide to “wait it out” till things gel. Many vestries resort to short cuts or implement novel strategies for a quick fix. Happily, none of this is happening at St. James. While the white waters of change from every direction we are facing are unprecedented, the transition process by which we move through the uncharted, is well mapped. St. James is in the sure hands of seasoned

navigators with experience and innovation to get from one stage to the next. Practicing transition management is an art form we will hone with more than one dress rehearsal with the Search Committee, Strategic Planning, Ministry Reorganization, Vestry and staff realignment. Most of all, there is acknowledgement about how defeating it can be to try to overcome people’s resistance to uncertainty without addressing the threat change poses to their expectation that the church should be the ballast in a time of gale-like conditions. Practicing transition management taps into an innate wisdom your leadership has sharpened through the years, and will recruit tools and openness to learn and implement decisions that will sustain the momentum toward the promise of what will be next.

From this Interim Rector’s wheelhouse, we are all in good hands. There have been and will continue to be opportunities for you to weigh in on the future. Make an effort to join in the surveys, Sunday announcements from parish leaders and other zoom or gatherings intended to update you and listen for your input and guidance as the composition of our parish profile leads to the installation of a new Rector. In addition, pray. We cannot do this transition well without you.

A PRAYER FOR OUR FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities [and especially St. James Day School], that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



ST. JAMES UPDATES

SERVICES SUSPENDED FOR THE TIME BEING

ONLINE RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND AT:
www.stjamesp.org/covid19

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Betty Calder
Henry Donald
Stuart Egerton
John Murchison

CONDOLENCES TO:

Elizabeth and Billy Owens on the death of Billy's brother, Glenn McCoy

QUIET REFLECTION AT LEBANON CHAPEL

Please note that the invitation for Quiet Reflection at Lebanon Chapel, scheduled for the first Saturday of the months of August, September and October will be cancelled until further notice. Many of us would cherish this opportunity right now. While we wait to worship together in person again, we will hold the picture of this beautiful chapel and its grounds in our minds and hearts, and give thanks for the time when we can safely return.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

Sundays | 10:00 A.M. | Zoom

We're trying something new! A Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom! The fun starts Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Find out more info on our website: <https://www.stjamesp.org/blog/virtual-coffee-hour/>

MEET ON ZOOM: RENEWALWORKS FOR ME

Thursdays | 7:00 P.M. | Zoom

All who are participating in RenewalWorks for Me are invited to join a weekly Zoom group meeting with Jay Sidebotham on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Even if you haven't read or haven't started RenewalWorks For Me yet, come join us and see what it's all about! Find information about the Zoom on our website. If you would like to be emailed the link to join each Thursday, please reach out to Erin at communications@stjamesp.org.

ST. JAMES VISION STATEMENT

To build community through ministries that strengthen our faith.

GIVING ONLINE

To help make it easier to donate and support St. James Parish, we'd like to include this QR code that will take you directly to our general donation page or if you prefer, you can visit: <https://onrealm.org/StJamesParish/-/give/pledge>



MASK REMINDER

The parish office staff continues to work regular office hours, on-site. If you need to visit, please know the staff will be wearing masks and we ask that you do, too. If you don't have a mask, we can provide one for you. Thank you.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY: NEW PROGRAM YEAR BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

On September 23, the Wednesday evening Education for Ministry (EfM) group at St. James Parish will begin a new program year. We have several places for new members, and we invite your consideration of whether this is the time for you to begin EfM. If you would like to know more about EfM at St. James, please contact Bill Bivins at wpbivins@gmail.com or Karen Clark at clarklc11@gmail.com. We hope you will consider our program and let us know if we can provide further information.

PEOPLE COMPUTERS JESUS BIBLE STUDY

Join us for People Computers Jesus Bible Study (PCJBS). We are "meeting" Wednesday Mornings online. If you're interested in participating, reach out to Cookie at Cookie@stjamesp.org to learn how! This Bible Study is led by our St. James Youth Group! Now starting at 10:00 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER CONTINUES

Monday-Friday | 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. | Zoom

Our Weekday Morning Prayer continues through quarantine! We'd love to have you join us on weekday mornings at 8:00 am for Morning Prayer on our Zoom! Zoom is a video conferencing tool that allows us to hear and see one another. You can now find copies of the readings and the link to the Zoom Meeting on our website.

ST. JAMES MISSION STATEMENT

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

SPIRITUAL GROWTH MOMENT

by Eldridge Dodson

I recently participated in one of the Rector search committee's focus groups. The purpose of the meeting was to help the search committee better understand the needs and desires of our congregation as they lead St. James in its search for its next rector. In responding to one of the questions raised by the search committee, many of those present in the meeting shared how the church had ministered to them at a critical time in their lives and what a difference it had made to them. They expressed how they wanted to insure that others would have that same experience. Their stories were such a reminder to me of how the clergy and so many lay people involved in the ministry of St James Parish change lives.

DIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR RACIAL HEALING

Sunday August 23, 2020 | 3:00 p.m. | Zoom

Mark your calendars. At 3:00 PM on the afternoons of Sunday August 9th and 23rd, the Diocesan Commission for Racial Healing invites all members of our diocese to participate in a film-based discussion. We will meet by Zoom as we begin to explore what our faith has to say to the current and historic issues surrounding race in our common lives.

ONLINE VBS IS COMING!

July 27-30 | ONLINE

This summer we, St. James Parish, are partnering with Christ Church Cathedral, St. John the Divine, and St. Martin's in Houston, Texas to offer you a virtual Vacation Bible School. We are going to FOCUS and look closer at God, God's truth and the people God calls us to love. We'd love for you to join us- no matter where you are! July 27-30 - it is ABSOLUTELY FREE and we are going to have a ton of FUN!!!! If you have questions or need further assistance, please email Shannon at christianformation@stjamesp.org. We do ask that you register online to let us know you are planning to attend so we can prepare supplies accordingly!

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF LAMENT AND REPENTANCE

All are welcome to join religious communities from all around Wilmington as we pray Prayers of Lament and Repentance on the Wilmington City Hall steps (102 N 3rd St) Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

ST. JAMES DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for school year 2020-2021 is OPEN. Anyone interested in visiting and touring the Day School should contact Amy Taylor at director.dayschool@stjamesp.org. All registration is done through the St. James website, www.stjamesp.org/registration.

ONLINE WORSHIP:

We're so grateful for our church family and are so pleased with your continued participation in our online services! Here are the attendance numbers for participation last week.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 299 people watched on Sunday!

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER: 30 people joined for at least one morning this week!



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NEXT WEEK AT **ST. JAMES PARISH** ONLINE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY, JULY 20 - FRIDAY, JULY 24

MORNING PRAYER DURING QUARANTINE
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom | Led by Jay Sidebotham

You can find the Morning Prayer linked on our website around 8:00 a.m. Please let Erin at communications@stjamesp.org know and she will help you get access to the video.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

PRAYERS OF LAMENT AND REPENTENCE
9:00 AM | Wilmington City Hall Steps

PCJ BIBLE STUDY

10:00 AM | Zoom | Led by our Youth Group and with Youth Advisor support

THURSDAY, JULY 23

RENEWALWORKS FOR ME
7:00 PM | Zoom | Led by the Spiritual Growth Committee

SUNDAY, JULY 26

MORNING WORSHIP

8:00 AM | YouTube | www.youtube.com/st-jamesparish

Sunday Morning Worship may be found several ways. The easiest will be through our email that will come on Saturday night. Simply click the image link to view the service.

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the July 28 th e-blast is Friday, July 24th. The next issue of the Grapevine runs on August 2nd, 2020.