



Pentecost XXV
5pm Saturday
8am & 10am Sunday
November 10, 2024
Holy Eucharist Rite Two

St. James' Episcopal Church

WELCOME!

It is such a pleasure to have you with us today, and we would be so blessed to see you again! We are affirming of all people, including those of all races, ethnicities, genders, orientations, political views, ages, and backgrounds. *You are welcome here.* We hope your faith has been strengthened by your time here.

Join us for Communion!

All baptized individuals are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you prefer not to receive, join us at the altar rail and cross your arms for a blessing. Gluten-free bread is available as well, just ask! Haven't been baptized yet? Speak to Father Mike to begin your life-changing celebration- you are never too old to be baptized in the church!

How do I become a member?

Being a member of St. James is easy! All you need to do is fill out our membership form and you are a member. If you are a confirmed Episcopalian moving from an Episcopal congregation, just simply contact our parish office (610-489-7564), give the Parish Administrator the name of your previous church, and we will contact your previous church for a Letter of Transfer.

What if I am not an Episcopalian?

You don't need to be a confirmed Episcopalian to be a member of St. James'. You just need to have been baptized and send us a copy of your baptism. All this is on the membership form.

How do I get a membership form?

Just fill out the "white" welcome card that is in the pews and place it in the offertory plate as it is being passed. Once the office receives your card, we will send you a membership package in the mail. Once you have filled the forms, you can either mail them back to St. James' or bring them with you to church and hand them to Fr. Mike after the service.

What if I have never been baptized?

Just let Fr. Mike know of your desire to be baptized and we will schedule a Sunday to do so. Baptism is a life-changing experience and one that is done with the community of believers here at St. James'. At our baptism, we make promises to God that help us to live our lives as faithful followers of Christ. We the family of believers here at St. James' will make promises also to uphold you in this endeavor and to support you in any way that we can.

Let's stay in touch!

Not ready to commit to membership just yet? That's ok! If you'd like to join our weekly "Happenings" email list, speak to Father Mike, or send an email to Sara Terenzi, our Office Admin, at office@stjames-episcopal.org

Want more information? Scan the code to visit our "Visitor Information" page.



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Proper 27

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two Sunday, November 10, 2024

The Word of God

Prelude: "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship" - Arr. Don Hustad

Processional Hymn (8 and 10 am only)

God of grace and God of glory (Cwm Rhondda) (H 594)





OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

The Celebrant may say

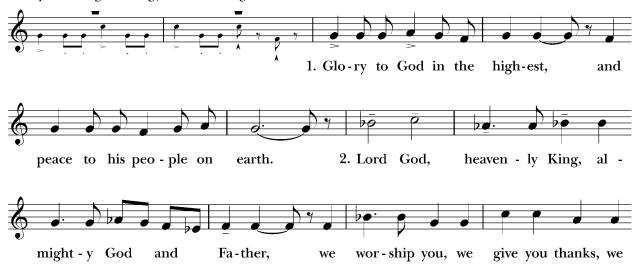
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

KYRIE ELEISON (5pm only)

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.People Christ, have mercy.Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

SONG OF PRAISE S 278 Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Mathias) (BCP p. 356)

The following is sung, all standing





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

The people sit.

A Reading from the First book of Kings.

⁸The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹"Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

PSALM: Psalm 146 *Remain seated.*

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

²Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of <u>earth</u>, * for there is no help in them.

³When they breathe their last, they return to <u>earth</u>, * and in that day their thoughts <u>perish</u>.

⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their <u>help!</u> * whose hope is in the LORD their <u>God</u>;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * who keeps his promise for ever;
Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger.

7The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the <u>blind</u>; * the LORD lifts up those who are bowed <u>down</u>; 8The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the <u>stranger</u>; * he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the <u>wicked</u>.

⁹The LORD shall reign for <u>ever</u>, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Halle<u>lujah!</u>

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

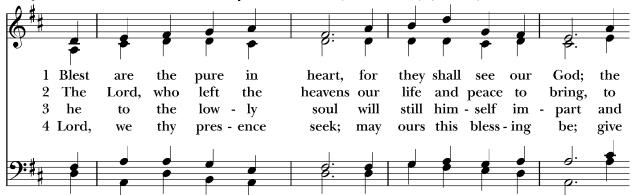
The people sit.

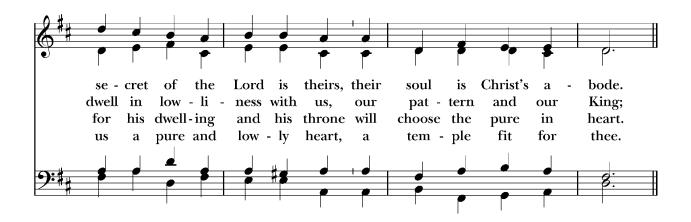
A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *Blest are the pure in heart (Franconia)* (H 656)





GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)

The Rev. Dr. Mike Sowards

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359)

All remain standing.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially John Newman, and Porter (Bud) Hoyt, in whose names these flowers are given. *Are there others?*

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy:

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For those on the St. James' prayer list; Adele*, Alex, Alexis & Steven, Andre, Angela*, Art*, Barb, Becky, Beverly*, Carol*, Claudia, Charlotte, Cheryl, Cora, Dan, Diane, Donna, Dotty, Elaine, Eliza*, Esperanza, Fran A.*, Fran R., Fred, Gary, Jaxon, Jean*, Jeannine*, Jeff*, John & Lori, Jonathan*, Judy, Linda, Lois, Lucie, Marvin & Debbie*, Marilyn, Mark, Marybeth, Michele, Mike, Nancy, Pat, Patricia & family, Pearl, Pete, Richard, Rita, Rob, Sophie*, Stacy, Steve, Tim*, Willa, Will, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. *Are there others?*

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

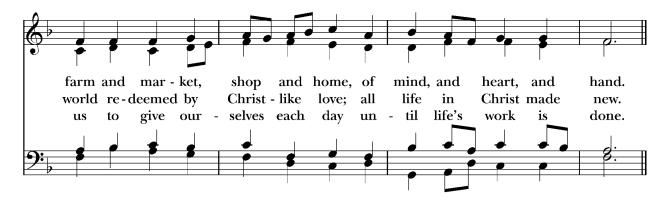
The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

OFFERTORY HYMN





The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 367)

The People remain standing.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 367)

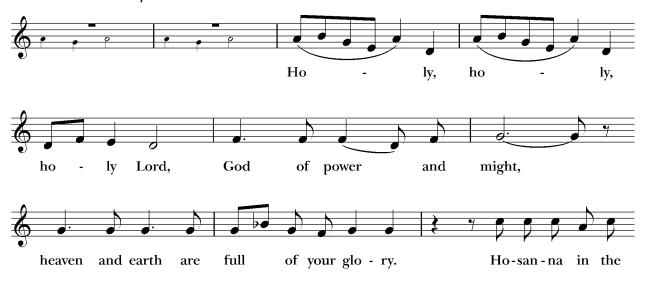
Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

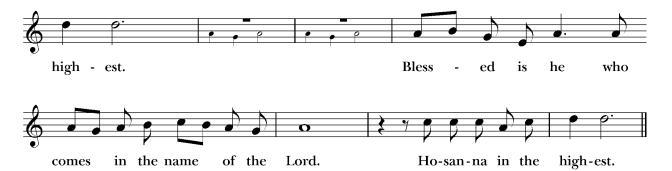
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 128 Holy, holy, holy (Mathias) (BCP p. 367) Celebrant and People





WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O God,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369)

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. *AMEN*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

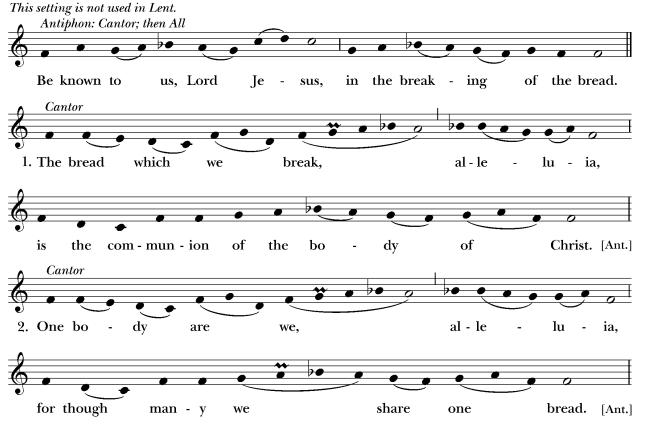
The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (5PM SPOKEN)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

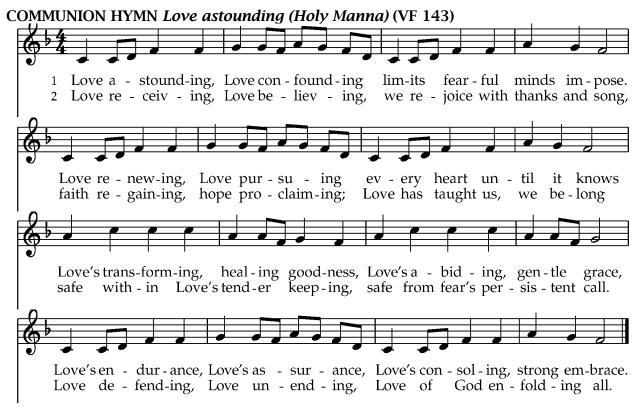
FRACTION ANTHEM (8 AND 10 SUNG) S 171 Be known to us (Plainsong/Martens) (S 171)



INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

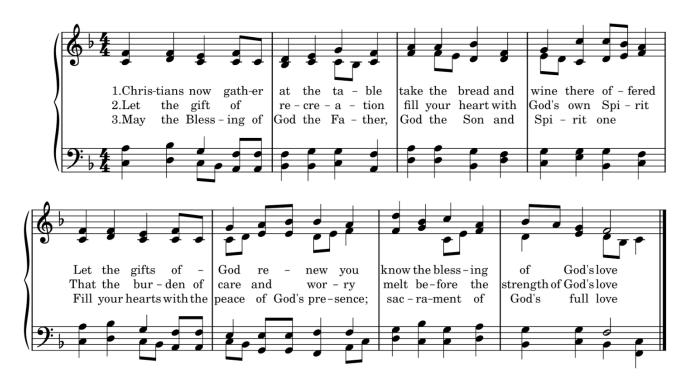


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COMMUNION HYMN A Hymn For Communion (Ron Davis)



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING







DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Fanfare" - Jacques Lemmens

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Outreach House Items for the Week: Flour, Sugar & Brown Sugar
- 2025 Stewardship packets have gone out! We have received an anonymous gift that will match all increases in annual pledge this year, up to \$30,000!! How this works: if you increase your pledge, the annual amount of your increase will be matched up to \$30,000! For example, If you pledge weekly, and you increase your pledge by \$20.00 a week, then the annual increase for your pledge would be \$1040.00 and that \$1040.00 would be matched by the 30k. Let's all work together to make this wonderful gift work for the Church!
- **If you are visiting us for the first time,** please be sure to fill out the white card located in the front of your pew for more information about our Parish:

| | WELCOME to St. James Episcopal Church knowing and serving God by serving others 3768 Germantown Pike, Collegeville, PA 19426 |
|-----------------|---|
| Date: | We are happy to have you worship with us and hope to see you again. Please take a moment to fill in the other side of this card and put it in the offering plate or hand it to the usher. Welcome to St. James'! |
| | State Zip |
| am a member of_ | Church inno church affiliation. |



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Ronald Davis, Director of Music Emeritus

Restrooms are located through Platts Hall. Please use the door next to the altar to exit, go down the hallway to Platts Hall, located to the right. Follow the signs to the bathrooms through the far door.

Coffee Hour is available following the 10am service. Please join us for a time of fellowship in Platts Hall.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children belong here! We welcome their God-given wiggles, questions, and joyful sounds. Please walk through the aisles, feed the babies, and leave and reenter the service as you need. To assist families, we offer pew activity bags, a "pray-ground" in the back of the sanctuary, and a nursery space in Platts Hall.

Drop-off Nursery Care with our paid staff is available throughout the 8am and 10am services. The Nursery is in Platts Hall. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Church School is available for PreK – 12th grade during the 10am service (September – May.) Students are dismissed after the opening hymn and return for Communion.

Youth Group for 6^{th} – 12^{th} grade meets monthly (September - May.) See the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary for the current schedule.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5pm (spoken service) Sunday, 8am (with music) Sunday, 10am (with music and choir) Live-Stream available at 10am

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Monday

Yoga with Janice (3:30 chair yoga, 5pm yoga, Platt's Hall)

AA Meeting (7pm, Platt's Hall)

Wednesday

Veterans in Recovery Meeting (6pm, Platt's Hall) Theology on Zoom (7:30pm, link in Happenings, Sept-May)

Thursday

Christ and Coffee (11am, Platt's Hall) Drum Circle/Teen Choir (6:30pm, Select Nights) Scouts (7pm, Platt's Hall and Downstairs) Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Choir Room)

OUTREACH HOUSE

Interested in volunteering? See "Happenings" for our current schedule and sign-up links.

Interested in becoming a client? Confidential assistance is available for parishioners. For more information, please speak with Fr. Mike.

MEDIA POLICY: St. James' Episcopal Church regularly photographs, and video records our worship services and events. Please note if you are attending our 10AM Worship Service you will be recorded on our live-stream broadcast.

CHURCH VESTRY

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