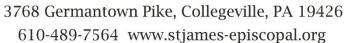


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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024 5PM: Saturday 8AM & 10AM: Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II

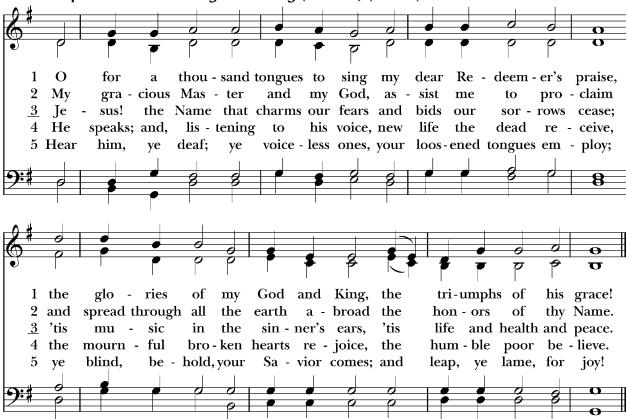
Epiphany IV Sunday, January 28, 2024 The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

The Word of God

PRELUDE "Supplication" by A. Schreiner

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (8 and 10 am only)

TITLE: O for a thousand tongues to sing (Azmon) (H 493)



6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

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

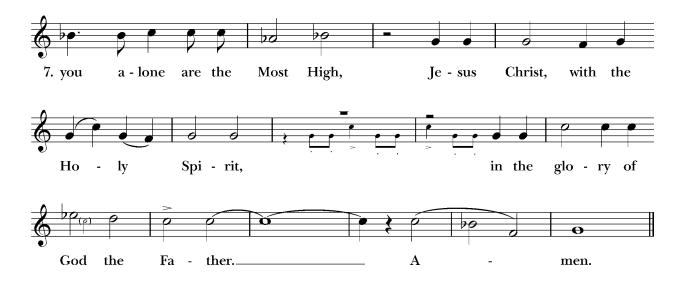
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

KYRIE ELEISON (5pm only)

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen*.

THE LESSONS Please be seated for the readings

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

[Moses summoned all Israel and said to them,] ¹⁵"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'"

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

PSALM: Psalm 111

¹Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole <u>heart</u>, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the deeds of the LORD! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

³His work is full of majesty and <u>splendor</u>, * and his righteousness endures for<u>ever</u>.

⁴He makes his marvelous works to be re<u>membered</u>; * the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
6He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and <u>justice</u>; * all his commandments are <u>sure</u>.
 They stand fast for ever and <u>ever</u>, * because they are done in truth and equity.

9He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant forever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures forever.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

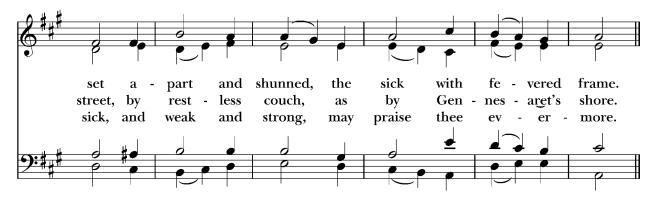
¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

Tt is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. *Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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





GOSPEL LESSON All stand Mark 1:21-28

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON: Suzanne Clune, Postulant

THE NICENE 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 You may stand or kneel

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those on the St. James' prayer list- for Aleia, Annie*, Angela*, Art, Bishop Michael, Calvin*, Carol*, Carol M., Christine, Curt, Dale, Dan, Elaine, Eliza*, Esperanza, Ethan, Fran A.*, Fran R., Gina, Gordon, Greg*, Jean*, Jeanna, Jeannine*, Jeff*, Kathy*, Kim and Family, Linda, Marvin & Debbie*, Michele, Pat, Ray, Sophie*, Wil. *Are there others?*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Especially for Tim Erickson, in whose names these flowers are given. *Are there others?*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN All kneeling or reverently sitting

The Deacon or 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 All stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

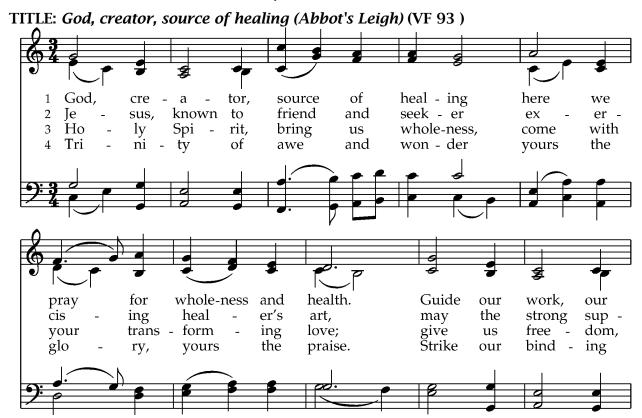
Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE *The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY HYMN (8 and 10am only) All stand





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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below:

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 361) The People remain standing

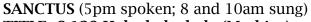
The Lord be with you. Celebrant People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. People

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Celebrant People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 361) *Then, 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.

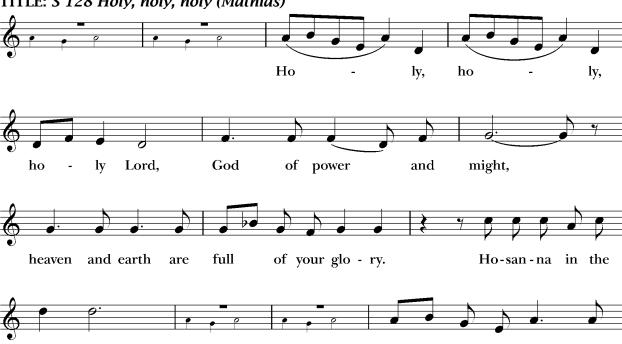
Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

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





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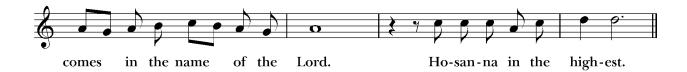
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION The People stand or kneel

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS (BCP p. 363) The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. *AMEN*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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; 8 and 10am sung) TITLE: *S* 154 Christ our Passover (Hurd) (BCP p. 364)

This setting is not used in Lent. Al le - lu - ia, al - le - lu al - le - lu ia. ia, 0 Christ Pass is sac - ri - ficed for our o ver us; there fore the feast. let keep us

INVITATION (BCP p. 364) *The Celebrant says*

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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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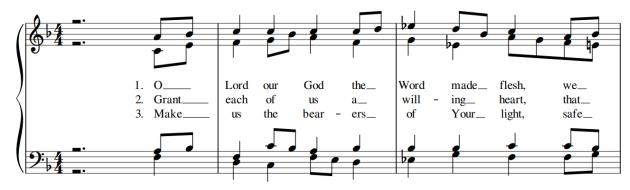
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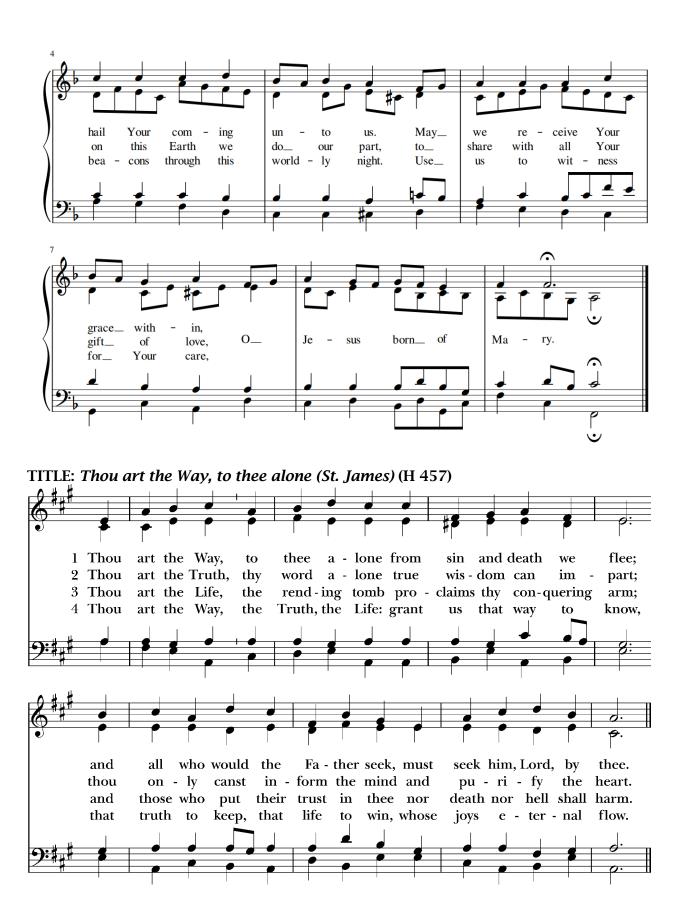
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DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365) *The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

COMMUNION HYMNS (8 and 10am only) EPIPHANY CAROL OF ST. JAMES'





TITLE: Lord, make us servants of your peace (Dickinson College) (H 593) Lord, make of peace: where there is ser vants your 2 Where all doubt, faith; where all is may sow is we 3_ Je sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -4 May look for love's turn, but seek we not re to 5 Dy - ing, live. and through death's dark we are re born hate, love; where there is hurt, for may we sow may we 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow 3 soled, but to con sole, nor look to un der - stand - ing un - self - ish 4 love ly, for in our giv ing we re night end-less Lord, make day: us ser vants of your 0 give; where there is strife, make one. may we light; where all tears, may joy. is we sow 3 hearts, stand. but look for hearts to un der 4 ceive, and in for giv ing for given. are wake last in hea - ven's light. 5 peace, to at

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN (8 and 10am only)





DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Improvisation on "Azmon" by Douglas E. Wagner

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Outreach House Items for the Week: Beef Stew, Hamburger Helper
- Remember that the prayer list resets itself every month. Please say aloud or silently to yourself when the prayers of the people ask "are there others?"
- 2024 Pledge Envelopes are in! Please find your pre-ordered box on top of the piano see Phil Tatem or contact the office if you need envelopes and did not order them.
- Longtime parishioner Val Allen has passed away. Memorial will be February 17th, with family visitation from 12p-1 and service to follow.
- All are invited to attend the All-Parish Music Concert on Saturday, February 3rd at 6:30pm. A reception will follow. If you are interested in performing, please email Lauren (music@stjames-episcopal.org) with the name/composer of your piece.
- Scout Sunday will be February 4^{th} at the 10am service. Any Scouts from any Troop or Pack are welcome to join Pack and Troop 119 at this service to celebrate Scouting.
- The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held Tuesday, February 13th from 5-7pm. Donations will be taken to benefit the Pilgrimage Fund. Youth and adults who would like to help can sign-up on the Happenings bulletin board.
- Fr. Mike will host Confirmation retreats on Saturday, April 20th and Saturday, May 11th from 9:30 3pm. (The same material will be presented both days.) Youth who are being confirmed are required to attend one of the days. Adults who desire to be confirmed or received are invited to attend, as well as all those who are interested in the topic. The book "Unabashedly Episcopalian" will be required reading and is available at no cost to you. Please see Fr. Mike to receive your copy. If you are interested in attending, please sign-up on the Happenings bulletin board.

CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- Adult Choir (9th grade Adult) rehearses every Thursday at 7:30pm.
- Teen Choir (6th 12th grade) rehearses 1/28, and 2/11 at 9:30am
- All-Parish Choir rehearses 2/4 at 9:15am.





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We are glad that you have joined us today! Our church fully embraces the motto "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You." We are welcoming and affirming of all people, including those of all races, ethnicities, genders, orientations, political views, ages, and more. You are welcome here.

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



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.

Please join us for Communion. All those who are baptized are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you do not want to receive, join us at the altar rail and cross your arms for a blessing. (Gluten-free bread is available. Please ask at the rail.)

Let's stay in touch! If you would like to join our "Happenings" email list, speak with Fr. Mike, or become a member of St. James', please complete the white information card found in your pew and place it in the collection plate.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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 re-enter 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.

Church School is available for PreK – 12th grade during the 10am service.

Youth Group for 6th – 12th grade meets monthly. See the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary for the current schedule.

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.

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