



St. James' Episcopal Church
knowing and serving God by serving others



Alleluia, Christ is Risen!



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Morning Prayer

Sunday, May 25 2025

Holy Eucharist Rite II

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

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Daily Morning Prayer Rite Two
Sunday, May 25, 2025

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All creatures of our God and King (Lasst uns erfreuen) (H 400)*



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

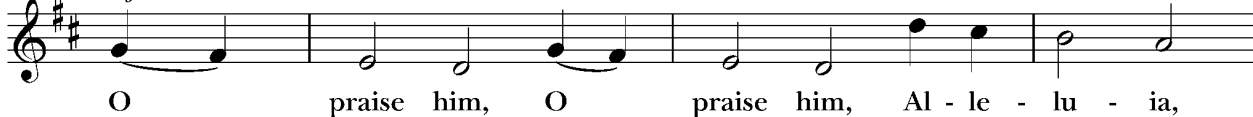


- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

OPENING SENTENCE (BCP p. 75)

The Officiant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE (BCP p. 80)

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

INVITATORY S 35 Venite (White) (BCP p. 80)

1. Come, let us sing to the
Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -
va - tion. 2. Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks - giv - ing
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the
Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all
gods. 4. In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth,

— and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The

sea is his, for he made it, — and his hands have

mold - ed the dry land. — 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the

knee, — and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. — 7. For

he is our God, — and we are the peo - ple of his

pas - ture — and the sheep of his hand. —

— Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice! —

PSALM: Psalm 67 (said in Unison)

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

²Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

⁷May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

HYMN *Surely it is God who saves me* (Thomas Merton) (H 679)



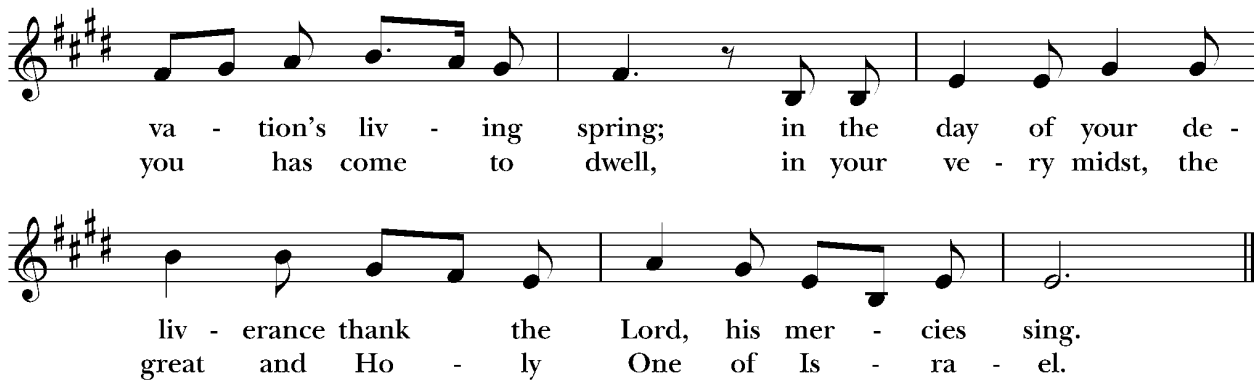
1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

The people sit.

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

¹⁰In the spirit [the angel] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

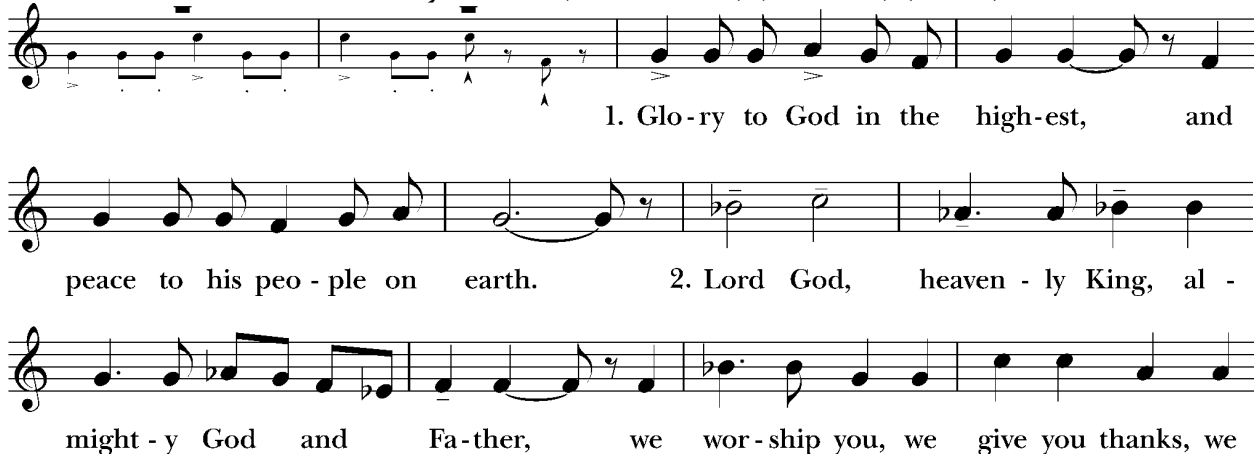
²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE HYMN S 278 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Mathias) (S 278)*



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THIRD READING: John 14:23-29

The people sit.

A Reading from John.

²³Jesus [said to Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Mrs. Suzanne Clune, Candidate for Holy Orders

THE APOSTLES' CREED (BCP p. 96)

Officiant and People together, all standing.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

SALUTATION (BCP p. 97)

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 97)

Officiant and People

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.

SUFFRAGES (BCP p. 97)

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

FIRST COLLECT (BCP p. 98)

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

SECOND COLLECT (BCP p. 98)

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THIRD COLLECT (BCP p. 98)

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION (BCP p. 100)

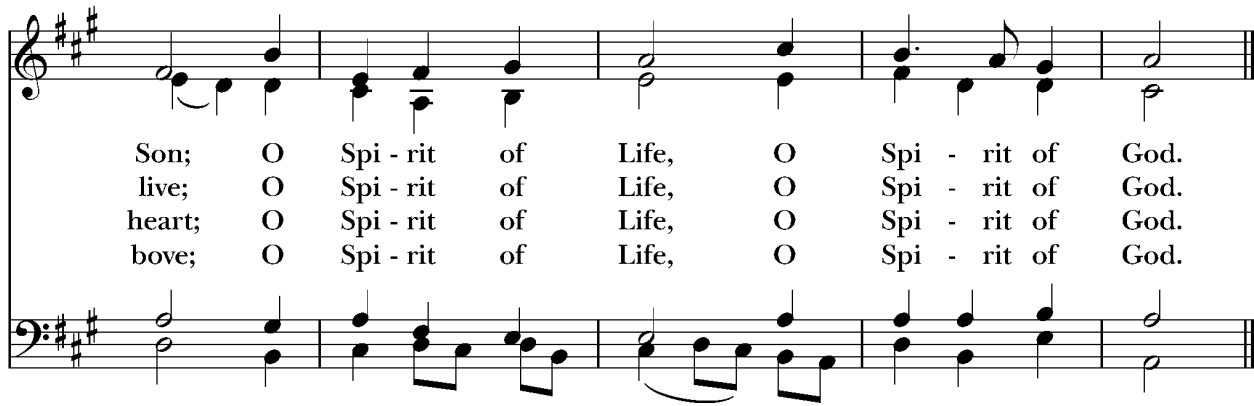
Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN *O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God (O heiliger Geist)* (H 505)

1 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, in
2 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, in -
3 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, make
4 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, en -

ev - ery need thou bring - est aid; thou com - est
crease our faith in our dear Lord; un - less thy
us to love thy sa - cred word; the ho - ly
light - en us by that same word; teach us to

forth from God's great throne, from God, the Fa - ther and the
grace the power should give, none can be - lieve in Christ and
flame of love im - part, that char - i - ty may warm each
know the Fa - ther's love, and his dear Son, who reigns a -



THE

GENERAL THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 101)

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness
 to us and to all whom you have made.
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,
 and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for your immeasurable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up our selves to your service,
 and by walking before you
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM (BCP p. 102)

Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common
 supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two
 or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O
 Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge
 of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

CONCLUDING VERSICLE (BCP p. 102)

Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Christ is made the sure foundation (Westminster Abbey)* (H 518)

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE (BCP p. 102)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

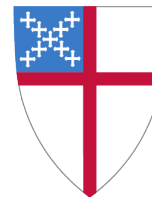
- **Outreach House Items for the Week:** Canned Tuna & Chicken
- The Good Book Club will meet on **June 10th** at 11:00. We will be discussing "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby VanPelt. Questions? Please contact Barbara Kimball - bkimball202@gmail.com - After our discussion please join us for lunch across the street at Bella Rosy's.
- St. James is having a **summer picnic** on **June 29**, following the 10am service on church property. All are welcome to attend and join us as we celebrate our fellowship
- **Chair Yoga with Janice** - Tuesday afternoons at 3:30 - \$10
- **Redner's Save a Tape Program** provides ongoing support to Outreach House. Drop boxes for tapes are available at the church in the marked bin above the coat racks outside the office and in the lobby and the gated donation area at Outreach House
- **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.

	<div><div>WELCOME to St. James Episcopal Church <i>knowing and serving God by serving others</i> 3768 Germantown Pike, Collegeville, PA 19426 610-489-7564 www.stjames-episcopal.org</div></div> <p>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.</p> <p>Welcome to St. James!</p>
Date: _____	
Name(s) _____	
e-mail address: _____	
Street Address: _____	
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	
I am a member of _____ Church in _____	
Or _____/we have no church affiliation.	



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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 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.

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 6th - 12th 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

AA (7pm, Platt's Hall)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Veterans in Recovery Meeting (6:30pm, Platt's Hall)

Theology on Zoom (7:30pm, link in Happenings, Sept-May)

Thursday

Christ and Coffee (11am, Platt's Hall)

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

Rector's Warden: Sue Rice; **Vestry Secretary:** Kathy Hutchinson **Treasurer:** Mark Schultz; **Education & Worship:** Fr. Mike **Vestry Members At Large:** Tanya Millet, Sharon Hansen; Gene Goff, Janice Tabbut, Ryan Collins, Chris Mycek, Geoff Pinney, Candy Nyce, Peggy Schiavo

Our Mission is: To know and serve God by serving others.
Worship has ended...Service Begins!