



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



Morning Prayer
September 6, 2026
8am & 10am
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

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"Visitor Information" page.



Morning Prayer
Proper 18
Daily Morning Prayer Rite Two
Sunday, September 6, 2026

ENTRANCE HYMN *At the Lamb's high feast we sing (Salzburg) (H 174)*

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

OPENING SENTENCE (BCP p. 75)

The Officiant says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 79)

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**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 Officiant remains kneeling and says

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

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.

ANTIPHON (BCP p. 80)

Officiant The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

***People* Come let us adore him.**

INVITATORY (Said in Unison) (BCP p. 80)

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

PSALM: Psalm (Said in Unison) 119:33-40

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *

and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *

I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵Make me go in the path of your commandments, *

for that is my desire.

³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees *

and not to unjust gain.

³⁷Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *

give me life in your ways.

³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant, *

which you make to those who fear you.

³⁹Turn away the reproach which I dread, *

because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments; *

in your righteousness preserve my life.

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: Ezekiel 33:7-11

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, "As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the

wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?"

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

FIRST CANTICLE (SAID IN UNISON) (BCP p. 85)

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

Ecce, Deus

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
 I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
 and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
 from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
 see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
 and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

The people sit.

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

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

SECOND CANTICLE (SAID IN UNISON) (BCP p. 85)

Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb *Dignus es*

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

THIRD READING: Matthew 18:15-20

The people sit.

A Reading from Matthew.

[Jesus said,] ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

Sermon – Mr. Chris Mycek

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 in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. 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)

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 *All creatures of our God and King (Lasst uns erfreuen)* (H 400)



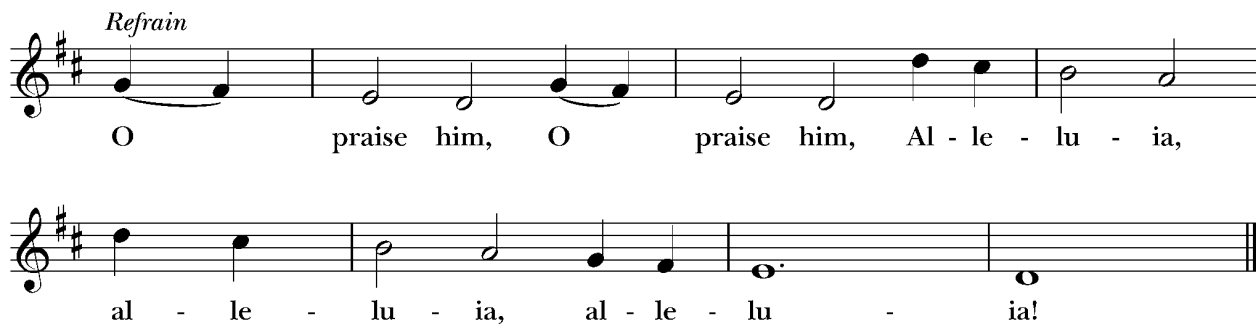
- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings 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:



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

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.

Thanks be to God.

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

A special announcement from Outreach House:

We have been blessed with a strong & generous community which continues to step up and provide our clients with an abundance of grocery items. In the past, we have received a grant from the Diocese to cover the gaps; namely cleaning and hygiene products. Unfortunately, we did not receive that grant for 2026. St. James' has decided to make up for that loss, but we will need the help of our congregation.

There will be an ongoing need for: Paper Towels & Toilet Paper

Items needed for September: - Boxed Cereals & School Snacks

- **Theology on Zoom** will resume September 16th!
- **Christ and Coffee** meets every Thursday at 11am in Platt's Hall.
- **Chair Yoga with Janice** - Tuesdays at 3:30, \$10 Questions? Call Janice at 610-745-7867
- **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.



We can't wait to see you on Sunday, September 13th as we start our new program year, grateful for our special community here at St. James' and refreshed from a beautiful summer. This marks the first day of church school as well - we will gather for worship at 10am, sing the opening hymn, and then the students and teachers will be dismissed by class. We will also take our annual class pictures! Please register asap. While registration is not required to attend Church School- it is incredibly helpful for our planning, lets us know about any allergies or medical concerns, streamlines communication, and more.

Church School
REGISTRATION

Scan the QR code or visit
stjames-episcopal.org



Advanced tickets available! See Father Mike if interested.

CHICKEN BBQ

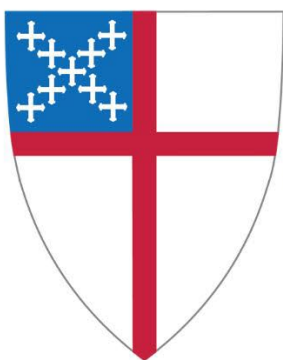
HELP SEND OUR KIDS TO LONDON
FOR A LIFE-CHANGING PILGRIMAGE!



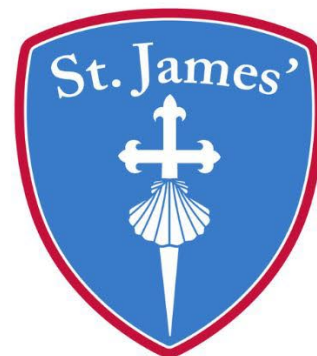
Saturday Sept. 26th 5pm- 7:30pm

Dine in or take out!

20\$ gets you:



**St. James' BBQ Chicken
Macaroni Salad
Baked Beans
Applesauce
Roll w/ Butter
Cookie**



**ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Confirmation / Reception opportunities: Any baptized individual may reaffirm their baptismal covenant and then be received into the Episcopal Church. The Rite offers individuals a chance to make a public profession of their faith and to tell the world that they intend to be a Christian in the Episcopal tradition. There will be three confirmation retreats, all on Saturdays, with the church providing lunch. You may choose from the below dates - please let Father Mike know as soon as possible! See Happenings for additional info.

-Saturday, August 15th - 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

-Saturday, September 19th - 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

-Saturday, September 27th - 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Pilgrimage Scholarship Fund

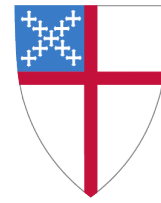


We have 11 young people who are eligible for Pilgrimage in July 2027!! We are funding much of it, and asking for family contributions, but there is still a gap to be filled and scholarships we hope to offer. We are accepting donations via check (please add 'pilgrimage' in your memo section) or you may use the QR code for Vanco.



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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)

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 **Communications & Fundraising:** Bill Kilgour & Ryan Collins | **Buildings & Grounds:** Gene Goff & Tanya Millet | **Fellowship:** Sue Rice & Peggy Schiavo | **New Member Ministry:** Chris Mycek & Karen Anderson | **Outreach Ministries:** Candy Nyce & Barbara Bateman | **Member at Large:** Geoff Pinney

Our Mission is: To know and serve God by serving others.

Worship has ended...Service Begins