



**A weekly email publication for the community
of St. James Church in College Hill**

Message of the Moment

Promise for The Church

Come support the future of The Episcopal Church. Join us at a spaghetti dinner this Sunday. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. for those dining in the Guild Hall. For the take-out option, drive up to the kitchen door anytime between 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (if the food lasts that long). Free-will offerings for dinner will be received to support Maddy Bishop as she begins her seminary education.

If you are unable to come to dinner but still would like to support Maddy (and the future church), please place your offering in the plate this weekend. Checks should be made out to St. James Church and the memo line of a check (or envelope for cash) should be identified as "For Maddy."

Supporting Maddy in her journey to ordination as a parish priest is a witness to your faith in God and a concrete act contradicting the predicted downfall of the Church. How many articles, pundits, and cartoons have you seen or heard which are talking about the "demise" of The Church since the pandemic began? I have seen countless commentaries on this theme. What the people who convey that message apparently don't know is that the love and the mystery of God are everlasting.

It doesn't matter if we meet in a beautiful building, what kind of language we use in worship, how many people gather with us, or if Christian culture is morphing into something new. God is still a mystery, the most loving force in the universe, The One to whom we can turn for sustenance in any situation. God has come into the world as a human being to spread the message of Love. In Jesus Christ, God has shown us how to live through the changes and chances of life: with faith, faith to move mountains, faith to

overcome the grave. Believe it. God has compassion for everything you experience, and somehow as we live through this pandemic and our lives are changed in ways we never imagined, God will still be in love with us and desirous of our health and wholeness. Do not fear. There will be no demise of God.

**Yours in Christ,
Mother Dawn+**

Psalm 46

God is our hope and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved; *
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof rage and swell, *
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God, *
the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.
God is in the midst of her,
therefore shall she not be removed; *
God shall help her, and that right early.
Be still then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations,
and I will be exalted in the earth.
The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

First Things First

The St. James Handbell Choir will soon begin rehearsals for the 2021-22 season and would like to invite interested persons to consider joining this group. Adults and high school youth are welcome. The ability to read music is helpful, but those interested will receive training as needed. Please contact Music Director Marlene Hallstrom at music@stjameswichita.org or talk to her after worship on Sunday for more information if you are interested.

Our church gardens are looking great largely due to donations of time, talent and treasure from Anne and Bert Clark and their extended family. Please enjoy our gardens as you walk around the church grounds (in the cool of the day!). They donated and applied well over 100 bags of mulch, and Baby Beckett was a trooper through the whole process. Sincere thanks also go out to Mark Allen, Clay Bastian, David Clark, Barry Kelsey and Woody Swain for their Saturday-morning efforts to keep our lawn looking so nice. Our lawn and garden warriors start around 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and are usually done by 9:30 a.m., so if you would like to help with this, you are more than welcome.

Readings This Week



Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Lessons appointed for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost:

[1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14](#)

[Psalm 111](#)

[Ephesians 5:15-20](#)

[John 6:51-58](#)

Calendar

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current calendar of events

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Children and Youth

St. James Nursery is looking for more volunteers who can be with our little ones during services. During “normal time,” volunteers typically work once a month at either the 8:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. Sunday service (or both if possible). If interested in serving, you will first need to complete Safeguarding God's Children training (Chelsea, our director of programs will set that up for you). To open the nursery, we need at least two adults to be present at all times. This is a life-giving ministry to our children. Email Chelsea at formation@stjameswichita.org or call the office at 316-683-5685 if you are interested.

Community Outreach

Please consider joining our St. James Outreach Committee by Zoom at **4 p.m. Tuesday, August 24**. Our speaker will be **Deanna Knapp**, the interim Director of Foundation and Grant Development at St. Francis Ministries. We will learn about the state of **foster care in our state** and about the work of St. Francis Ministries. If you would like to join us, send an email to jgoodpasture@cox.net, and you will receive a Zoom invitation the day before the meeting.

Future Events — Save the Date

This September, St. James will, once again, offer the seminar **Education for Ministry (EfM)**. Laypersons learn the Bible, the history of Christianity and the Church. We follow a curriculum, developed over many years, which is rich in readings, thought and reflection. We meet weekly during the academic year. If you have questions about the 2021-22 year, please contact Paul Rillema by email paul.rillema@gmail.com or phone 316-252-4400, or Deb Bagby debagby@gmail.com or 316-612-0628.

The 2021 Tocher Lecture will feature Eliza Griswold, Pulitzer Prize-winning author at 7 p.m. **Sept. 1** at Grace Cathedral in Topeka.

Save the Date: One in the Spirit, One in the Lord: Celebrating 20 Years of Called to Common Mission

All members of the diocese (lay and ordained) are invited the evening of Friday, October 8, and morning of Saturday, **Oct. 9**. This celebration is jointly organized and hosted by the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Dioceses of Western Kansas, Kansas, West Missouri, and Missouri.

The event will feature expert speakers on the past, present and future of ELCA/TEC dialogue and communion along with opportunities to connect across denominational lines to work on matters of praxis for our shared mission. Mark your calendar. Registration information will come in the next several weeks.

Prayer

Parish Prayers for the Week of Aug. 15

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the people of Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia.

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the students and faculty of Bishop Seabury Academy.

Pray for those serving in the military: Alexis (Lexi) Reed, Will Corkins, and J. David Anderson-Lusk.

Pray for those who have died: Kay Hoffman, Justin Wittman Bayles, son of the Rev. Joseph Bayles; Orville "Bud" Lytle; Lou Ann McFerson; Gloria Tilford; Donald Yoder; Marsha Bacon; Nancy Rollins; Christopher "Chris" Erickson, son of Jennifer and Mark Erickson; David T. Childs; and The Rev. Wayne Blakely.

Pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity: Pray for Marge; Dal; Joan; Gary; all people with COVID-19; all health care workers; Pam.; Jayne; Betty; Gus; Bob; Joe; Jean; Jerry; Larry S.; Mary; Jean; George; Jan and family; Carly, granddaughter of Delmar and Mary Klocke; Tom Tadtman, brother of Marilyn Taylor; Cindy, the daughter of Judy Thompson; Cathy; Joe T.; Kam.

Our Parish Prayer List: All members of our parish community are asked to pray for each person on our prayer list. To share your prayers of thanksgiving (births, weddings, new jobs, anniversaries, etc.), to notify us that someone you love is serving in the military, to share that you or someone you love is suffering, or to tell us of a death, please call 316-683-5686 or email office@stjameswichita.org.

**If your prayers have been answered,
we would love to rejoice with you.
Please let us know so your name may be removed
from our list of people most urgently in need. Thank you.**

Let Us Pray

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 18:2-7

My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, *
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge;
you are worthy of praise.
I will call upon the Lord, *
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.
The breakers of death rolled over me, *
and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.
The cords of hell entangled me, *
and the snares of death were set for me.
I called upon the Lord in my distress *
and cried out to my God for help.
He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; *
my cry of anguish came to his ears.

Psalm 91:9-13

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
For God shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent
under your feet.

Helpful Links

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**Whoever you are and
wherever you find yourself
on your journey of faith,
you are welcome here.**



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