



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

Message of the Moment

100th Anniversary Celebration

We will celebrate our 100th anniversary — plus one year — at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. We hope you will join us for this special event and the confirmations of several new members. A champagne reception will follow in the Guild Hall.

Professional photographers will document our celebration. We are hoping this will allow us to put together a commemorative book for our 100th year.

They will be capturing moments throughout worship and our reception. Group and individual portraits of each confirmand with Bishop Cathleen and clergy will be provided.

During the reception, there will be a staging area for individual and family portraits too.

Please come Sunday and take part in this wonderful day! Photos will be available free of charge through the catalog that will be available to all.

First Things First

Agape Friday is at 6 p.m. today. Please bring your dinner or snack.

The Harrison families are pleased to bring back the St. James **Thanksgiving Feast** this year after a one-year hiatus. They will

provide the turkey, dressing, some desserts, tea and water. They ask that anyone who plans to attend bring a favorite Thanksgiving dish to share. The gathering will start about noon on Nov. 25. If you plan to attend, [click here to email the office](#) or [click here to email Randy Harrison](#). RSVPs are necessary so the Harrisons know how much turkey to cook.

OPUS (Old People Up to Something) is returning, but new coordinators are needed to help reimagine and reorganize the get-togethers. Diana Williams has volunteered to be a co-chair. Please call Diana at 509-942-4348 or email her at rkwwdw@cox.net.

Readings This Week



Gracious God, we, the people of St. James Church in Wichita, Kansas, today ask for your blessing as we recognize our past, rejoice in our present, and look forward to our second century. Thank you for every memory this happy occasion revives, and for the multitude of witnesses who have made our 101st anniversary an occasion for all to enjoy. We pray that you would continue to make your love known among us. Give us a zeal for mission. Grant that as we grow into the future you would guide us to see the needs of those around us, keep us mindful of those who shall come after us, and by your grace, enable us to witness in word and deed to the riches of life in Christ. Bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, or ever and ever. **Amen.**

[Click here to go to the Lectionary Page](#)

[Click here for a free PDF download of the Book of Common Prayer](#)

Lessons appointed for the Feast of St. James of Jerusalem:

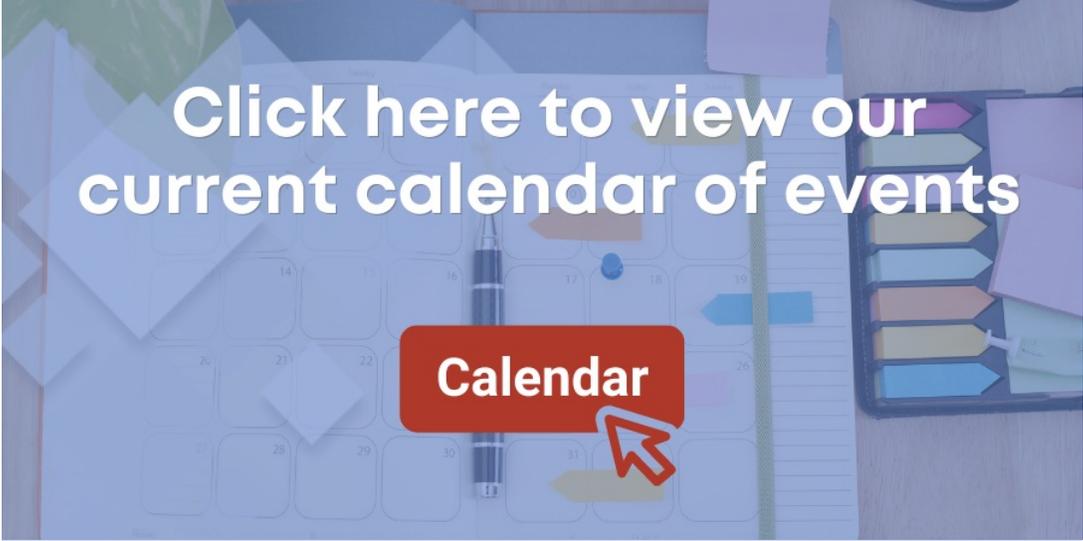
[Isaiah 61:1-9](#)

[Psalm 1](#)

[Romans 8:18-27](#)

[Mark 1:9-11](#)

Calendar



Click here to view our
current calendar of events

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Parish News and Updates

The Giving Tree is coming, and the food collection starts this week. Choose cards with the food items you'd like to buy and drop them off at the church this month. Stop by between 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday or email Mary Druding at mdruding@cox.net. You also may donate cash to help fill the baskets.

The Wichita State University Symphony Orchestra will have a Messiah Sing-Along at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 19 at Wiedemann Hall. Students from the voice and opera programs will perform the solo selections. Jump start your holiday celebrations with the Christmas portion of Handel's timeless oratorio, conducted by our member Dr. Mark Laycock. Tickets are \$12, with child/student and senior discounts available.

Global Faith in Action is presenting baritone Anthony Brown at 3 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Iasis Christian Center, 1914 E. 11th St. N. He will present an original tribute to Paul Robeson, a leader in the racial justice movement.

The next Creation Care meeting will be at 5:45 p.m. Nov. 23, 2021, by Zoom. The link is on the parish calendar. Zack Pistora, a Kansas environmental lobbyist and interim director of the Kansas Rural Center, will be our speaker.

Bishop Cathleen is challenging us to **reduce our carbon footprint**. Sustain Island Home is a tool for individuals and congregations to measure carbon footprint and then take measurable actions from easy to challenging. Learn more and register at <https://www.sustainislandhome.org/>. Additional information and resources are on our **St. James Creation Care page**.

Adult Forum meets at 9:45 a.m. Sundays in the Guild Hall. The topic is "Going Off the Lectionary Grid."

Please pick up your parish directory at the front desk. Directories are in envelopes with parishioners' names on them. If you don't find one with your name, please take a directory and fill out a form that you've done so.

100th anniversary memorabilia including bricks, prints of the Te Deum Window, note cards and other items are for sale on our website at <https://stjameswichita.org/100th-anniversary-and-labyrinth-bricks/>.

St. James Episcopal Church: the First 100 Years (our history book) can be purchased in the bookkeeper's office during business hours. Books also will be available in the lobby on Sundays between services. Books are \$25 each.

Children and Youth

The nursery will be open and staffed on Sunday, Nov. 14 for the 9:30 a.m. service and reception afterward.

We are in need of nursery volunteers. Please consider joining this fruitful ministry. [Please click here to email Chelsea.](#)

Outreach

November is Adoption Awareness Month Bookstores offer helpful resources when considering adoption or foster care. The following books are available through Amazon:

- "Honestly Adoption: Answers to 101 Questions About Adoption and Foster Care" by Mike Berry and Kristin Berry
- "Seven Core Issues in Adoption and Permanency: A Comprehensive Guide to Promoting Understanding and Healing in Adoption, Foster Care, Kinship Families, and Third-Party Reproduction" by Sharon Roszia and Allison Davis Maxon
- "What White Parents Should Know About Transracial Adoption" by Melissa Guida-Richards

There are two adoption agencies in Wichita.

- Kansas Children's Service League. Go to www.kcsl.org. Under Services, Select Adoption. On the Adoption page, select this link: "Adoption Search Program" for specific information. 877-530-5275
- St. Francis Ministries. Go to www.saintfrancisministries.org. Under "What We Do," select "Adoption." 866-999-1599

Wichita Minster News

YAW (Young Adults Wichita) is a ministry of the Wichita Minster led by Deacon Dillon Green. It includes members from St. James, St. John's, Good Shepherd and St. Stephen's. We meet weekly,

currently at 6 p.m. Mondays (time/dates subject to change). If you know anyone interested in participating, please connect them with Dillon at 256-762-5110 or [by email](#).

The churches of the Wichita Minster are having an Advent/Christmas Festival of Music from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at St. John's Episcopal Church (402 N. Topeka) with a light reception to follow in the undercroft.

The minster has a new page on our website. [Click here for more minster news.](#)

Prayer

Parish Prayers for the Week of Nov. 12

In the [Anglican Cycle of Prayer](#): Pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain.

In the [World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer](#): Pray for the people of Republic of Congo, Cabon, and Sao Tomé and Principe.

In the [Kansas Cycle of Prayer](#): Pray for St. Bartholomew's at St. John's, Wichita.

Pray for those serving in the military: Will Corkins, J. David Anderson-Lusk and Maureen Tanner.

Pray for those who have died: Colin Carroll, Jackie Davis, Anne Allen (former St. James organist), Jan Siefkes (mother of Joan Moore and grandmother of Grace and Eve Moore), and Nan King.

Pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity: David, Darwin, Jim T., Sage, Gary, Ian, Mary (niece of Kate Miller), Helen, Laura, Jean, Marge, Dal, Gary, Pam, Jayne, Betty, Gus, Bob, Joe, Jerry, Larry, Mary, Jean, George, Carly, Tom, Cindy, Cathy, Kam, all people with COVID-19, and all health care workers.

In Thanksgiving for: Palmer Randall Wells, the first child of Shannon Johnston and Troy wells. He was born on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

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

Prayers for the end of the Liturgical Year

Almighty and everliving God, you have made all things in your wisdom and established the boundaries of life and death: Grant that we may obey your voice in this world, and in the world to come may enjoy that rest and peace which you have appointed for your people; through Jesus Christ who is Resurrection and Life, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Book of Occasional Services, The Episcopal Church

O most merciful and mighty God, your son Jesus Christ was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary to bring us salvation and to establish your kingdom on earth: Grant that Michael and all your angels may defend your people against Satan and every evil foe, and that at the last we may come to that heavenly country where your saints for ever sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Lord, tonight, We will face all that most concerns us: our fears, the shadowed places of the mind; the coming of winter darkness; the cold thin place between waking and sleep. We call to mind the powerless, the lonely, those who most fear the knock at the door; all those deceived by the world's empty promises; all those cowed by menaces or threats. 5 We stand with those weak in body, mind or spirit and those seduced by treats or hurt by tricks. Lord, your light shines into every darkness. You told us: pray 'deliver us from evil'. Your Spirit gives us hope, gives us courage, a candle in the window unhurt by the wind. Amen.

From the Church of England

An Irish Halloween blessing

At all Hallow's Tide, may God keep you safe
From goblin and pooka and black-hearted stranger,
From harm of the water and hurt of the fire,
From thorns of the bramble, from all other danger,
From Will O' The Wisp haunting the mire;
From stumbles and tumbles and tricksters to vex you,
May God in His mercy, this week protect you.

Prayer to Be Delivered From All Evil

Sanctify, O Lord,
our souls, minds, and bodies.
Touch our minds
and search out our consciences.
Cast out from us every evil thought,
Every impure idea,
every base desire and memory,
Every unseemly word,
all envy, pride and hypocrisy,
Every lie, every deceit,
every worldly temptation,
All greed, all vainglory,
all wickedness, all wrath,

All anger, all malice,
all blasphemy, and all sloth,
Every movement of flesh and spirit
That is alien to the will of your holiness.
And enable us to turn to You,
Master, Lord who loves humankind,
To call upon you
with boldness and without condemnation,
With a pure heart, a contrite soul,
a face unashamed,
and with lips that are sanctified.

From the Roman Catholic Liturgy of Saint James

Lord, today,
We thank you for the Saints now gone before us
whose faith defined their living and their dying;
those who loved you more than their own lives;
those who are still mirrors of your love.
We celebrate the saints who walk among us
rejoicing while they walk in your footsteps,
making your name known in a fractured world,
against injustice, prejudice, hatred, evil.
We stand with those who sacrifice themselves
to bring about your kingdom here on earth.
Lord, your grace shines in the lives of Saints.
We thank you for their example, their holy words.
Your Spirit inspired them. Come Holy Spirit
inspire us to be saints in your Church now. Amen.

From the Church of England

Lord, in November,
We call to mind all those whose lives are done.
We thank you that their time, now completed,
however short or long, sad or joyful,
is gathered up, looked on and known by you.
We offer up remembrance: those whose absence
we feel daily; those who have shaped us;
those who have nurtured us; the people we are grateful
to have walked with; all those we hardly knew
but wished we'd known better. We give thanks
for all they gave and all the future owes them.
Lord, your love embraces every person
who has ever lived; you promised that you lost none.
May your Spirit make us always thankful
for all our gifts of love and cherished memory.

From the Church of England

Helpful Links

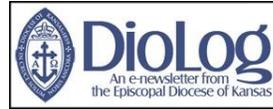
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Community Rewards



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



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