

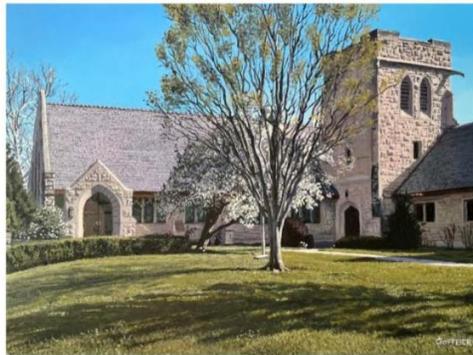


eTower



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

Message of the Moment



Douglas Avenue view of St. James

ART OF ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

by Wichita artist

Bill Goffrier



St. James Te Deum Window

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The Gift of Appreciation

Earlier this week, I heard a soft knock at the door in my office. People don't usually knock on that door, so it always kind of throws me off.

Standing there were two teenagers who had been walking in College Hill with their extended family. They ever-so-politely asked if they could come in to see our stained glass. I asked if they had masks. They did and quickly put them on.

They told their parents "We'll be good!" and followed me inside, where I took them on a tour. One of the young men is fascinated by stained glass and knew many of the makers. He asked me some questions I couldn't answer, so we ended their visit in Susan Stallings' office where we could consult our 100th anniversary book. The young man jotted down several names (but unfortunately then left the sticky note on Susan's desk, we discovered later).

It's not often that young people express interest in stained glass (at least in my experience). The visit was a welcome one and a reminder to not take St. James' beauty for granted.

As another reminder, prints and cards of the Te Deum window and anniversary books are still for sale. Stop by the office or [click here](#) to visit our website.

Blessings,
Deb G.

First Things First

Please be careful this weekend as we are expecting some nasty weather. Remember that God is with you wherever you are, and the 10:45 a.m. service will be live-streamed on our [YouTube Channel](#).

As a reminder, there is **no Saturday service** this week.

We will worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday. But again, please use caution.

Readings This Week



O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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Lessons appointed for the Second Sunday after Christmas:

[Jeremiah 31:7-14](#)

[Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a](#)

[Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23](#)

[Psalm 84](#)

Calendar

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current calendar of events

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Parish News and Updates

If you would like to contribute toward a gift for **Curate Dillon Green's ordination**, please write a check to the church with "Dillon's ordination" in the memo line. His ordination is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Grace Episcopal Cathedral in Topeka. Masks are required.

Our annual meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. Services that day will be at 9:30 a.m.

Children and Youth

The next Children's Sunday school and Children's Chapel will be Jan. 2 starting at 9:30 a.m. upstairs in the children's area. We are learning about John the Baptist. Ages preschool to fifth grade are welcome to join. You can read more about our children's programs at: <https://stjameswichita.org/learn/children/>. For questions or

comments, please contact Chelsea at formation@stjameswichita.org or 683-5686.

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

Outreach

Seven youth-group members packed 20 baskets, filled to overflowing with non-perishable groceries, paper goods, detergent and kitchen essentials. The 73 family members received gift cards and/or gifts, which you made possible.



Prayer

Parish Prayers for the Week of Jan. 2

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the people of Japan, North Korea, South Korea and Taiwan.

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. John's, Abilene.

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

Pray for those who have died: Ann Elizabeth Bishop, Ann Lusk (mother of Luree Lusk), Gretchen Waite, George Armantrout, Brad Woods, Hugh Auchterlonie, Carl Brink, Ruth Elrick, Margery (Pat) Evans, Betty Robinson, Margaret Sandlin, Everett (Ev) Stephenson and Marcia Thudium.

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

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

The word peace, or versions of the word, is used in all but one New Testament book. It seems the angels had it right when they declared, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" They were declaring God's desire for right, harmonious relationships between all people and nations. Peace also describes friendliness, freedom from attack, order, and a sense of rest and contentment. This kind of peace is often hard to find, for individuals and for governments, but the message of Christmas reminds us that Jesus came into the world as the Prince of Peace.

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid". ~ John 14:27

A Christmas Prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson:
Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Helpful Links

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Parish Leadership



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



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