



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

College Hill, Wichita, Kansas

5:30 PM, SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

9:30 AM, SUNDAY JANUARY 5, 2025

THE SECOND WEEKEND AFTER CHRISTMAS

All directions about standing or kneeling are for those who are able. Masks are welcome, but not required. If making manual acts is part of your piety, these symbols indicate appropriate times (among others) to make these motions.

✠ - reverence (bow)

✚ - sign of the cross

HOLY EUCHARIST

THE PRELUDE

Bells may be rung.

THE OPENING HYMN

LEVAS 219

Please stand as you are able. Sung on Sunday.

“This is the Day”

LES GARRETT

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the

Lord hath made, we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be

glad in it, and be glad in it; This is the day that the

Info for worship

We invite you to follow the service and take part in a way that feels right to you.

BCP - Book of Common Prayer, or Prayer Book, (red book);

Hymnal (blue book); Hymn numbers beginning with 'S' are found in the front of the Hymnal.

Manual Acts

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✙ - reverence (bow)

✝ - sign of the cross

Lord hath made, we will re-joice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

THE WELCOME & OPENING ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.

Presider ✙ Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Please remain standing.

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

Please remain standing. The words below are spoken on Sunday.

All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. ✙ Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, ✙ Jesus Christ, ✙ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please remain standing.

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider 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.

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 31:7-14

Reader A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will

gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord *or*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People **Thanks be to God.**

First Sunday Giving

First Sunday Giving on the first Sunday of every month, the undesignated offering in the plate goes to support the discretionary fund accounts of our clergy. They use these gifts to assist parishioners in need, to give alms to the poor, and to support charitable causes.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 84:1-8

Please remain seated. The psalm may be spoken in unison, or responsively by whole or half verse.

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

THE SECOND LESSON

EPHESIANS 1:3-6, 15-19A

Reader A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-15, 19-23

Please stand as you are able. ✚ As the gospel book passes by, please turn to face the Gospel with reverence for the Word.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over

the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph

The Historic Creed

We say the Creed as our response to the Word of God. In these historic words, we take ownership of the Creed's cosmic narrative about God's disclosure to humanity. It affirms the source of everything that is including the story of Jesus becoming human. Its conclusion affirms the work of the Holy Spirit in the church, in one baptism, and in our hope for the life to come. The Nicene Creed is a sign of unity with Christians throughout all times and places. Though originally composed at an ancient time (325 CE), it expresses key insights into the nature of God and creation. This version follows the Greek original precisely by saying "was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary," to emphasize that Mary was an active participant in the Incarnation. The words "and the Son," were not a part of the original Greek text of the Creed and are not included. At its General Convention of 1988 The Episcopal Church said they favored this omission. The decision was later approved by the Lambeth Conference of the Anglican Communion.

got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

THE SERMON

THE REV. DEBORAH HILL

Please be seated. At the conclusion of the sermon a moment of silence is observed.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Please stand as you are able when spoken on Sunday.

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, ✙ Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation ✙ he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. † We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand as you are able. Your intercessions are invited.

Leader God's light shines on us so that we may be light to the world. Let our prayers be such a light of hope. God of light,

People **Hear our prayers.**

Leader We kindle a prayer for your church ... Speak to us so that we may be messengers of the great news of your love, like the angels to the shepherds and the shepherds to Mary, that our lives would proclaim your wisdom and that our words would become treasure to the lost. God of light,

People **Hear our prayers.**

Leader We kindle a prayer for your world ... this world you love so much you took up skin to live in it. May every place and every heart invite you in joyfully and become your dwelling place. May our city halls and courthouses make accommodation for your grace and justice. God of light,

People **Hear our prayers.**

Leader We kindle a prayer for our neighborhoods ... that we would welcome strangers and immigrants knowing we are hosting Joseph and Mary, that the rooms we offer to refugees will be places of your birth. God of light,

People **Hear our prayers.**

Leader Take these little lights of prayers and make them brighter. Help us not to fear the light of truth but to love the light. Help us to be the light of salvation dispelling darkness and casting out fear. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please stand or kneel as you are able. A moment of silence is observed.

All **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 our Savior 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 Presider stands and says:

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, † forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

This is a liturgical exchange of greeting and is a sign of reconciliation, love, and renewed relationships in the Christian community. Initiated by the Presider, who says, "The peace of Christ be always with you," the people respond, "And also with you." The gesture of Peace has been expressed in a variety of ways, including a kiss on the cheek, an embrace, a handclasp, or a bow. This is an ancient Christian practice. It has been associated with Romans 16:16, "Greet one another with a holy kiss," and similar passages.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries on the first weekend of each month (for the month to come). If your birthday or anniversary is this month, please stand and be recognized in the service.

THE PEACE

Please stand as you are able.

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in Christ while respecting the personal space of neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

Presider God, whose love enfolds the whole of life, who calls us into loving union and holy relationships, bless these people who remember their anniversary. Grant to your servants thankful hearts for all that is past, joyful hearts for the blessings of this day, and hopeful hearts for what is yet to come. In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God. **Amen.**

Presider O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants who celebrate their birthdays this month. Bless them as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

Please remain seated.

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us - an offering and a sacrifice to God.

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC

Please remain seated as the people's offering of bread and wine is brought forward. During the offertory music, the alms basins are passed in the pews.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

HYMN 533

Please stand as the ushers bring the People's offering to the altar. Sung on Sunday.

"How Wondrous and great thy works God of Praise!"

LYONS

THE PRESENTATION

Please remain standing.

Presider All things come of you, O God.

All **And of your own have we given you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP 361

Please remain standing.

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim to the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Please remain standing.

All **✠ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. †Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people remain standing as able.

Presider Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent ✠Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Text Giving

You can now give to St. James using your mobile device!

Text **StJamesWichita** and the amount you want to give to **73256**

Click the link that is sent back to you.

Complete your gift using the online form provided.

[Example Message](#)

To: 73256

Text: StJamesWichita \$75

Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

Our Use of Language

At St. James we use approved Episcopal Church language that expands our expression of God. We make a fundamental theological choice to include as many people as possible in the image of God when we do this. We understand that language is powerful. People who have come to church in the past and have been excluded by language may have experienced rejection, precisely where acceptance at the deepest level is sought. Led by the gospel to be people of healing and love, we offer invitation to join and reconcile. Open the *Book of Common Prayer*, found in every pew, and you'll see that our use of the masculine pronoun for God is now more limited than it once was, and we choose to offer a variety of images of God. In addition to 'almighty' and 'powerful,' we also refer to God as 'loving' and 'redeeming.' As frequently as we call Jesus 'Lord,' Jesus is also called 'Savior.' Most of these changes are very natural and if you notice one, it is meant to feel like an opportunity to welcome the whole world to the table with God.

Presider

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior ✙ Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." ✙

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ✙

All

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. ✙ Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through ✙ Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please remain standing or kneeling.

Presider

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Please remain standing.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please remain standing.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please be seated. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, indicate your choice by crossing your hands over your chest.

THE COMMUNION MUSIC

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN 124

Please remain seated. Sung on Sunday.

“What star is this, with beams so bright”

PUER NOBIS

A moment of silence is observed following Communion.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

All **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)

Please stand as you are able. Eucharistic Visitors come forward.

Clergy In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Eucharist

The sacrament of the Eucharist is the principal act of Christian worship in our church. The term is from the Greek, “thanksgiving.” Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper where he shared bread and wine at a sacred meal with his disciples. Christ's sacrifice is made present in the Eucharist, and in it we are united to his self-offering. By the grace bestowed in Holy Communion we receive the real presence of Christ in this Sacrament.

THE BLESSING

Please remain standing.

Presider The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 128

Please remain standing. Sung on Sunday.

“We three Kings”

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

THE DISMISSAL

Please remain standing.

The Deacon, or Priest, dismisses the People and they respond:

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Join us after the Sunday service in the Guild Hall for Adult Forum, as Phil Speary shares the Year In Review. We are also degreening the church after the Sunday service, with doughnuts and pastries, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate provided.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector

The Rev. Deborah Hill, Preacher

Dakota Bennett, Organist

SATURDAY, 5:30 PM

Chalice Bearer - Mary Druding

Lector - Terry Anderson

SUNDAY, 9:30 AM

Acolyte - Jay Price

Chalice Bearer - Jay Price, Margi Young

Lector - John Robison, Robin Henry

Usher - Janet Newlin, Johnson Olanya

Music is registered under OneLicense #A-721636

PARISH PRAYERS

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Wales

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer: Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Church of the Epiphany, Independence

Those discerning a call to the priesthood: Paul Leeker, Elizabeth Wenger

Those serving in the military: Anna Broadbent; Davis Jackson; Will Corkins; Maureen Tanner

Those in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity: Richard H.; Vicky R.; Susan G.; Barry K.; Claire B.; Kate M.; John R.; Kris & Bill; Will F.; Tracy B.; Margi Y.; Dan.; Vicky P.; Jane S.; Bill M.; William H.; Alex W.; JD; Dairon; Michael; Julie; Marie G.; Ivan; Gabe; Brad M.; Shonda C.; Matt R.; Michael H.; Emma R.; Wes R.; John D.; Michelle L.; Janet C.; Buck & Gladys; Fred; Gail P.; Gerry H.; Thelma; Mary K.; Susan G.; Peggy S.; Ed & Kim; Jean E.; Judy T.; Sam & Beth; Barbara S.; Bill M.; Hazel S.; Allie N.; Kris S.; Larry R.; Drew H.; Elena S.; Bella P.; Daimon; Anna; Sylvester; Pat; Andy S.; Sue C.; Martha L.; Joseph B.; Joan J.; Jayne P.; Deb H.; Dal H.; Carole U.; Bill & Carolyn; Janice M.; Marge R.; Marcia & Lowell; Gus G.

Those who have recently died: Aaron Snook, Janice Orlando; James Gilman Jr.; Dudley

Some who have died in January in the past: Sally Bell; Katharine Burns; JuRie Cole; Eila Daily; Jenny Davis; Russell Duckworth; Paul Edwards; Jimmie Grey; George Harris; Pat Heeren; John Howell; Joy Johnson; Lorayne King; Delmar Klocke; Rick Kuenneth; Bea Kumberg; Donna Littleton; Samuel Massimini; Carol McEwen; Joan McRae; Ruth Meyer; Aldee (Al) Miller; Matt Mitchell; Doris Moran; Ted Riley; Barbara Ritchie; Caroline Rowley; Dave Rumley; Sonny Watson

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

6:30 pm - Contemplative Prayer

6:30 pm - Cub Scout Pack 506

7:00 pm - Scout Troop 506

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

3:00 pm - Executive Committee

4:00 pm - Outreach Committee

7:00 pm - Graduate EfM

7:00 pm - Handbell Choir

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

6:30 pm - Choristers

7:00 pm - Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

12:00 pm - Book Club of

St. James/St. Stephens

5:30 pm - Finance Committee

7:00 pm - Creation Care

7:00 pm - Scout Troop Committee

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

10:30 am - Diocesan Ordination

at Grace Cathedral

5:30 pm - Worship Service

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 am - Coffee Hour

9:30 am - Worship Service

10:45 am - Adult Forum

6:30 pm - Youth Group

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, January 5 is Children's Sunday School and Children's Chapel starting at 9:30 am upstairs in the Kidz Zone. All kids in preschool - 5th grade are welcome.

In case you missed it... Starting on the first weekend of February, we will have two Sunday services again - 8:30 am & 10:45 am. This does mean that we will need double the number of volunteers that we have been utilizing on Sundays, so please make an effort to serve if you are able. This includes ushers, greeters, altar guild members, servers, and lectors.

Maddy Bishop's ordination to the priesthood will be on Saturday, January 11, 2025. The service will be at 10:30 am at Grace Cathedral in Topeka, Kansas. Everyone is invited to attend this meaningful service. She will preside at our services on Sunday, February 2 and our gift of monetary donations will be presented at that time.

Annual Report articles and Bios from Nominees are due this Sunday, January 5. I would like to do my part to make your annual meeting as smooth as possible by having the annual report printed before my time at St. James ends. You can find last year's report on the church website under 'Connect' as an example. If would like me to use a bio from a previous year, please send an email to the office to let me know.

We need help in the nursery! Based on the small number of volunteers that we have for the nursery, we are **not** going to be able to offer nursery services at both Sunday services once the schedule changes in February. Please, if you are able, consider offering to volunteer in the nursery. Or, if you know anyone looking to make a little extra money by staffing the nursery weekly, please contact Chelsea at formation@stjameswichita.org

NOMINATIONS TO SERVE IN 2025

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26 after worship.

Senior Warden: Dana Stelter — **Junior Warden:** Danny Blair

Vestry: Korbin Painter (to fulfill 2 years of a vacant seat);
George Bousfield; Karla Fazio; Tim Newlin

Youth Vestry Appointee: Aiden Petty

Convention Delegates: Adrienne Edwards; Brandon Whipple

Endowment Funds Board: Scott Orr; Clay Bastian

Nominating Committee: Andy Aitken; Vicki Evans; Deb Hager;
Cheryl Schmeidler; Peggy Zerger

GATHERING OUR BLESSINGS

Thanks be to God for the generosity of our parish members who have returned their pledge forms for 2025. If your name is not yet on this list, we would love to add it. Pick up a pledge form at the front desk, or use the one which was mailed to you at home, and return the completed form by mail or in the offering plate at a worship service. Every gift, no matter how small, makes a difference in our ministry at St. James Church. Please pledge.

Anonymous	Rick & Dal Harrison	Mary Sloan
Anonymous	Tom Heeren	Thomas & Teresa Snyder
Anonymous	Robin Henry	Jane Spurrier
Andrew & Marlena Aitken	Gerry House	Susan Stallings
Peg Anderson	June Hubert	Dana Stelter
Deb Bagby	Claudette Johns	Keith & Georgia Stevens
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