



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

College Hill, Wichita, Kansas

5:30 PM, SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026

8:30 AM AND 10:45 AM, SUNDAY JANUARY 4, 2026

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

All directions about standing and 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 people stand as they are able.

THE OPENING HYMN

HYMN 117

Please remain standing. Sung on Sunday.

“Brightest and best of the stars of the morning”

MORNING STAR

WELCOME & OPENING ACCLAMATION

Please remain standing.

Presider ✎Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be His Kingdom, 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.**

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.

THE KYRIE

HYMNAL S86

Please remain standing. The words below are spoken or sung from the hymnal on Sunday at 10:45 am.

“Lord have mercy”

DAVID HURD

Presider Lord have mercy.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Presider Lord have mercy.

GLORIA

HYMNAL S277

Please remain standing. The words below are spoken or sung from the hymnal on Sunday at 10:45 am.

“Gloria in excelsis”

DAVID HURD

All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His 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 The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 60: 1-6

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters

shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord *or*
 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 72: 1-7, 10-14

Please remain seated. The psalm may be spoken in unison, or responsively by whole or half verse. Sung at 10:45 by choir or cantor.

Give the King your justice, O God, *
 and your righteousness to the King's Son;
That he may rule your people righteously *
 and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
 and the little hills bring righteousness.
He shall defend the needy among the people; *
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
 from one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
 like showers that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
 and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
All kings shall bow down before him, *
 and all the nations do him service.
For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
 and the oppressed who has no helper.

Saying the Psalm

Each numbered verse of a psalm has two parts, half verses, which are marked in the middle by an asterisk. When we are not singing or saying the psalm in unison, we say it antiphonally. The Reader announces the way we will say the psalm, either in unison, or responsively by whole or half verse. The Reader always begins the first verse. If we read by half verse, then the congregation says the portion of the verse following the asterisk. When reading by whole verse, the Reader says the first whole verse, and the congregation says the next whole verse. This provides a rhythmical back-and-forth between Reader and the People.

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He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

**Glory be 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."**

THE SECOND LESSON

EPHESIANS 3:1-12

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant

according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader The Word of the Lord *or*
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel in Liturgy

In the Episcopal liturgy, the gospel is the final reading from Holy Scripture at the Eucharist. It is proclaimed by a gospeler in holy orders. The 2nd Council of Nicaea in 787 decreed that icons, crosses, and gospel books could be venerated as sacred images, just as the incarnate Christ is the image of the invisible God. Today, many still choose to venerate the gospel book by bowing in reverence as it comes near.

GOSPEL SEQUENCE

Please stand as you are able. The alleluia is sung by the choir, repeated by the congregation, then sung again by all after the verse.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: We have seen His star in the east and are come with offerings to worship the Lord.

❖ *As the gospel book passes by. Please turn to face the Gospel with reverence for the Word.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Please remain standing.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.

Deacon The Gospel of our Lord.

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

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.

That blank space in the PoP

A pause in speaking the prayers is often taken during the Prayers of the People. At such times, you are invited to add your own intercessions to the prayers of the congregation either silently or aloud.

THE SERMON

ELIZABETH WENGER, SEMINARIAN

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

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Please stand as you are able.

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 or kneel as you are able.

Deacon

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Leader

Lord in your mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

Leader

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Leader Lord in your mercy
People **Hear Our Prayer.**
Leader Give us a reverence for the Earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Leader Lord in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Leader Lord in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them to the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Leader Lord in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader Lord in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
Presider O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **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**

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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.

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.**

INVITATION TO THE PEACE

Please stand as you are able.

Presider The Peace of Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in Christ while respecting the personal space of neighbors. After greeting, please be seated for the announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcement conclude with the Presider giving an offertory sentence.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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 you are able and 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 thee, O Lord.

All **And of thine own have we given thee.**

Please stand as you are able.

Presider The Lord 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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

HYMNAL S124

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

DAVID HURD

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

The people stand or kneel.

Presider Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Presider On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our **+** Lord 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 he took the cup of wine; and

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Example Message

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Text: StJamesWichita \$75

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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 one self-offering. The grace bestowed in Holy Communion augments (deepens, increases) faith, forgives sin, and strengthens our charity. Everyone who seeks a deeper knowledge of Christ is welcome to receive the sacrament.

Presider

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.” ♣ Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your ♣ Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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

HYMNAL S152

Please remain standing or kneeling. Spoken at 5:30 & 8:30. Sung at 10:45.

“Christ our Passover”

MARTENS

Presider

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

All

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

AGNUS DEI

HYMNAL S161

Please remain standing or kneeling. Spoken at 5:30 & 8:30. Sung at 10:45.

“Jesus, Lamb of God”

HURD

*All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Communion in One Kind

Our doctrine upholds the truth that the fullness of communion is available by receiving either the consecrated bread or wine. Communicants receive both the body and the blood in either the consecrated bread or the wine, though all are invited (as they are able) to receive both kinds. Our belief in the fullness of communion in one kind (bread or wine) is called the doctrine of concomitance. The term concomitance comes from the Latin, “to accompany.”

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please remain standing or kneeling.

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. Please 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Please be seated.

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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The 10:45 am service is streamed by Wichita Livestream.

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SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)

Please remain standing or kneeling. 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.**

THE BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

Presider May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

Presider May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

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”

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

THE DISMISSAL

Please remain standing.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Shared on Sunday.

*The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God.*

If you would like to give flowers for the altar to honor or memorialize loved ones, you can reserve a date by signing up on the sheet in the hallway or by calling or sending an email to the parish office, office@stjameswichita.org.

The arrangements are \$80 and should be paid for before the date you have chosen on the calendar.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Deborah Hill, Presiding Priest
Elizabeth Wenger, seminarian, Preaching
The Ven. Jeff Roper, Archdeacon
Dakota Bennett, Organist
Altar Guild
Vocal Choir

SATURDAY, 5:30 PM

Chalice Bearer - Dana Salter

Lector - Karla Fazio

Lector - Terry Anderson

SUNDAY, 8:30 AM

Acolyte - Deb Bagby

Chalice Bearer - Margi Young

Lector - Claudette Johns

Lector - Peggy Sprague

Usher - Andrew Tade

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

Acolyte - Michael Kephart

Chalice Bearer - Necia Rillema

Lector - Richard Bowman

Lector - Bert Clark

Usher - Deb Hager, Paul Rillema

Livestream - John Robison



THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

6:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

6:30 pm - Efm

6:30 pm - Scouts & Cub Scouts

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

3:00 pm - Rector visiting Larksfield

4:00 pm - Outreach Committee

5:30 pm - Phoenix Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

6:00 am - Al-Anon (Spanish)

11:00 am - Staff meeting

5:30 pm - Bell Choir

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

12:00 pm - The Book Club of St. James/

St. Stephens

5:30 pm - Finance Committee

5:30 pm - Phoenix Al-Anon

6:30 pm - Deacons of the Diocese

6:30 pm - Scouts Troop Committee Mtg.

7:00 pm - Creation Care

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

10:00 am - De-greening of the church

11:00 am - Al-Anon (Spanish) Group 2

5:30 pm - Worship Service

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30 am - Worship Service

9:30 am - Adult Forum

10:45 am - Worship Service

12:00 pm - St. James Town-Hall Meeting

PARISH PRAYERS

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Seychelles - The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

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

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

Prayers for Public Policy and Witness: See eTower for link to prayers.

Our seminarians: 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: Rosie & Mary; Sarah P.; Wayne W.; The Schooler family, Arista B; Tricia S; Elizabeth H; Brian F; Briana P.; Brad B.; Marylee H.; Gus G.; Dan C. and Family; Ted P.; The Family of Carol Cohen. Cathy W.; Jayne P.; Scott O.; Deborah O.; Charles L.; Erica H. and Family; Ron D.; Richard & Judy M.; Dave; Lee S.; Teresa S.; Myers family; Gloria C.; Marge, Janet; Tanner W; J.R.; Richard H.; Susan G.; Claire B.; Dan.; William H.; Alex W.; JD; Dairon; Michael; Julie; Ivan; Brad M.; Michael H.; Emma R.; John D.; Michelle L.; Buck & Gladys; Dal H.; George M.; Jean E.; Judy T.; Sam & Beth; Kaye A.

Those who have recently died: Jason Higgins, Wes Rine, Shermie Robinson, Mary Ellen Joyner, Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, N.J. Abraham, Jay Sprague, Tracy Blair, Spenser Schooler

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

All victims of natural disasters and all who reach out to give them aid.

We will gladly include prayers of thanksgiving. Thanksgiving statement must be brief. (Not to exceed 1 sentence.) Names of submitters will not be included. Names mentioned in thanksgiving will be first name only.

NOMINATIONS TO SERVE IN 2026

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25 after worship.

Senior Warden: Dana Stelter

Junior Warden: Danny Blair

Vestry expiring 2027: Ian Mc Mains

Vestry expiring 2029: Judy Goodpasture, Jenny Kroeker, Shirley Orr

Convention Delegates (3 delegates and 2 alternates): Malachi Biffle, Fiona Haley, Randy Harrison, Paul Leeker, Joan Moore

Endowment Funds Board: Mary Halley, Tom Zerger

Nominating Committee: Dakota Bennett, Mary Druding, Denise Gorney, Kurt Harper, Paula Skinner

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Executive Committee and the Vestry are pleased to announce our **new Interim Priest, The Reverend Audrey Miskelley**, will begin the weekend of January 17-18. Rev. Audrey has a strong background providing interim leadership and is originally from the Kansas City area. Mother Deborah and Father Andrew will continue to provide services for us as needed. Join us in welcoming Rev. Audrey when she arrives!

Adult Forum today will kick off the new year with the **Year In Review** led by Phil Speary. Be sure to join us today at 9:45 am for an informative time and spirited discussion.

Sunday, January 4 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.

De-greening of the church will be January 10th at 10:00 am.

St. James Parish Town-hall Meeting:



The Town-hall will be held January 11th following the 10:45 am service. The menu is Taco Soup. Please sign up at the front desk for

which soup you would like to eat: Beef or Chicken. If you are able to bring a hand-held dessert to share, please note that as well on the sign-up sheet. You can also email or call the office, to put in your meal requests. If you would like to assist, please contact Denise Gorney dgorney@cox.net or (316) 641-3545.

Annual Report articles and Bios from Nominees are due on Sunday, January 11th. 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 you would like me to use a bio from a previous year, please send an email to the office to let me know.

Daughters of the King will meet in the lounge on the third Sunday, January 18, after the 10:45 service.

The 2026 Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 25 at 10:45 am. We will only have one service that Sunday, at 9:30 am (the 5:30 pm Saturday service will be held as usual).

All **elected persons** (existing and new) should plan to be at the **10:45 service on the first Sunday of February** for commissioning.

Scout Sunday Pancake Feed will be Sunday, February 8th. Be sure to make room for this tasty treat of pancakes and sausages.

Tabs for Ronald McDonald House: There is a small cardboard house in the entryway to collect aluminum pull tabs for Ronald McDonald house. They collect these and cash them in to help with their services for children and families.



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Weekly Eucharist Services

Saturdays at 5:30 pm

Sundays at 8:30 am & 10:45 am

Adult Forum

Every Sunday at 9:45 am

(except second Sundays)

Children's Sunday School and Children's Chapel

First Sunday of each month, starting at 9:30 am

Youth Ministry

Every Sunday at 12:00 pm at St. Stephen's

New to St. James?

If you are new to St. James and haven't filled out a **Newcomer Card**, we would love to know more about you! Once we have a card from you, we will have a name badge ready for the following weekend.

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You will hear these words every week at St. James as we invite you to join us for the Word and Sacraments that are God's gifts to all. It does not matter who you are, what you look like, what you have done in the past, or who you love. God's grace is not petty; it is not earned. It is radical and universal. We at St. James seek to mirror God's healing love by making this community a safe place for skeptics, doubters, seekers, those who have been wounded by the church, those who have never darkened its doors, those who have wandered, as well as new believers and those who have never left. As a diverse community we have discovered in God a oneness greater than our differences. We have come to know that our variety reflects the divine comprehensiveness of God. Engaging God is a lifelong process. Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we believe God invites you to keep traveling. In some subtle or profound way, the Spirit of God drew you here. Our hearts are open to God and to you.

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