
The Weekly Parish Light

November 21, 2024

St. James Episcopal Church · 2 S Augustine St. · Wilmington DE 19804 · 302-994-2029

From the Rector – The Rev. Sarah Nelson



“This Sunday we will celebrate the culmination of the church year as we crown our Saviour King of Kings and lord of lords. Truly Christ the king is the crowning of the very thing that we have leaned over the year: Jesus born in a meager stable , heralded as the new born king, baptized in the River Jordan as Gods own beloved, teacher and healer in the name of the divine, tempted in the desert, crucified, dead and buried in the worst that humanity can do, raised from the dead and ascended to the right hand of God. And now on the final Sunday of the church year lifted high and honored as the king of kings. Yes, this is the Christ the king Sunday.

Everything, all year long leads to this recognition. Jesus is the king and we crown him as such.

What does those mean to us. It means that we live our lives devoted to a higher power. Our allegiance is not to the powers of this world but our hearts and souls are dedicated to Gods kingdom, Gods reign come among us.

As this year draws to its end, as we prepare to proclaim Christ as our king and lord we all might reflect on how we are living each day devoted to Christ as king. We also may ask how can our intention and focus be made ever clearer on Christ being our king requiring everything in our being.

Faithfully,

Sarah

SUNDAY'S LITURGIES – Old Testament: 2 Samuel 23:1-7 23 Psalm: Psalm 132

New Testament: *Revelation 1:4b-8* **Gospel:** *John 18:33-37*

LAY MINISTERS –

Director of Music Ministry:	Dr. Michael Larkin	Greeter:	Penny Geist
Worship Leader:	Mary Hammond	Usher:	Carol Hall
Old Testament Reader:	Michael Larkin	Altar Guild:	Carol Hall
New Testament Reader:	Denise Jarrell	Counters:	Tom Reilly
Acolyte:	Tom Reilly		



Sunday School is available for all children during the 10:00 am worship service. Sunday School Lessons are planned to match the Lectionary reading for the week. A discussion about the lesson and a craft or activity will follow. The children join their families in church for the Eucharist, or if Miss Tina is singing in the choir, the children will come in during the peace. All children are welcome to attend our class, even if they are not here every week or are just visiting. Please ask a Greeter to direct you to the classroom.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHERSALS HAVE STARTED! I Need the Kids in church as much as Possible (preferably every week) We only have 4 weeks until our performance!

*In Our Thoro
Prayer*

PARISH PRAYER LIST – Please see the last page of this newsletter and pray for those in need of our prayers for strength, guidance, or healing, especially *Linda White, Jessica Absher, Butch & Betty VanHekle, Ike Hammond, Lindsay Hammond, Penny Wilhelme, Marti LaRue, Sandy Grim, George Fischbach, Jim Bender, Ann, Carmen Scott, Diane Geist, Lindsey, Kira, Preston, Cindy, Dave, Joyce Beattie, Dean, Dutch, Chris, Jeannie Trotto.*

- Pray for those who have died.

Anyone wishing to have someone **placed on or taken off the prayer list** may email Stjamesnew@verizon.net or call the church office at 302-994-2029.

A Prayer for Families: Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we humbly pray to you to guide and govern us by the Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life, we may never forget you, but remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

“The season is upon us now. A time for gifts and giving.” That is the opening line in a favorite John Denver song. And truly that is where we find ourselves. It is the season first to recognize and count as precious the myriad of gifts in our lives, certainly blessings too many to number. What treasures and gifts we are given. We also recognize the gifts and blessings that we can share. As you plan your season what follows is a calendar of events at Saint James. My hope is that you will find these offerings as gifts to, you and gifts to share.

November 24

- Christ the king Sunday
- Gathering and blessing of pledges
- Norm the Turkey

December 1

- Advent 1
- Cookies Due for Pearl Harbor celebration
- Ingathering of food (See List Below)
- Margie’s tree, socks, hats and mittens

December 8

- Advent 2
- Ingathering of Food (See List Below)
- Margie’s tree, socks, hats, mittens
- 3 pm Advent lessons and Carols

December 15

- Advent 3
- Ingathering of food (See List Below)
- Margie’s tree socks, hats, mittens
- Caroling after Church
- Visiting home bound parishoners
- 7pm Quiet Christmas light refreshments to follow

December 22

- Advent 4
- Christmas pageant

December 24

- 6:30 lessons and carols
- 7:00 p.m. the Christ Mass

December 29

- Christmas lessons and carols
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MEETINGS



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – You are invited to join in a study of scripture with others seeking to know God. Each Wednesday we will gather at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge to consider the words of the Gospel for the coming Sunday. While we will be meeting in person, if you would like to join us by Zoom, please let the office know. I hope that you will join us. Sarah



VESTRY MEETINGS: Vestry meetings are scheduled on the following dates:



WORSHIP MEETING: The Worship meetings are usually scheduled on the fourth Sunday of the month.



HEALING SERVICES are generally held on the first Sunday of each month in the Chapel immediately following the 10am worship service. They have been scheduled on the following dates: December 1st.

Altar Flowers



Poinsettias will be ordered to be placed on the Altar in Memory or in Thanksgiving for Loved Ones. Please return this form to the church office by Sunday, December 15. The cost of each poinsettia is \$10.00.

**PLEASE PLACE IN COLLECTION PLATE
OR PUT IN OFFICE**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Flowers given:

In memory of

In thanksgiving for

You may pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve service on December 24.



1	Owen Geist	19	Art Scotton
3	Nikki Luckey	19	Jim Briggs
13	Becky Purdy	22	Lisa Bowe
15	Jim Bender	24	Kristi Pham
17	Amber Luckey	26	Jennifer Erdman
17	Anna Sheesley-Sanchez	26	Ike Hammond
18	Brad Pastore	27	Christopher Luckey
18	Cavin Luckey	27	Jen Wills McClellan .

2024 STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available if you would like to use them.

PLEDGE CARDS received will be linked to your envelope, if you desire to use the envelopes.

A & D CHALLENGE GRANT

The Work has been completed on our new roof, however our work has just begun, as part of our A&D Loan terms we have requested a Challenge Grant in the amount of \$5,000. This mean if we raise \$5,000 The A&D Committee will Match it! If you would like to contribute, please make sure you put a note on your check or offertory envelope that lets us know that it should go towards the Challenge Grant. Also, be on the look out for other Fundraising activities! If you have any fundraiser ideas please contact Tina!



Calling All Bakers!

Connie Calver and the DMA are requesting cookies for their pearl harbor celebration. They sell the cookies and give the money back to us 😊 If you would like to donate a dozen (or a few dozen) a sign up sheet will be in the Hall way. Cookies need to be brought in December 1st so we can make up tins/ bags.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

To submit exciting details about achievements about your Young Person, please email information (and if you desire, a picture) to: stjamesnew@verizon.net Please know that by sending us a picture, you will be authorizing and agreeing to having your youth's picture appear in our newsletter.

MISCELLANEOUS

Altar Flowers: After Easter, if you would like to place flowers on the altar in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one, flower forms are available on the table in the church foyer, or you may contact the church office. The cost for flowers is \$30.00. Checks should be made payable to: St. James Church. Please write "Altar Flowers" on the memo line of your check. The check can be placed in the Offering plate or dropped off at the office.

Memorial Garden Bricks- Tina will be placing an order for Bricks in the memorial garden, If you would like to purchase one please let tina know ASAP The order will be placed at the end of the month. The cost is \$100.

Election Prayer

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges.

Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes.

Grant that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease, that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace.

Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred and bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

***Know – God Love – People
Nurture – One Another Serve – The Community***

Rector: The Rev. Sarah Nelson
Services: Sunday – 10:00 a.m.
E-mail: stjamesnew@verizon.net

ST. JAMES VESTRY

Sr. Warden: George McDowell
Jr. Warden: Tina Geist

Christian Education Chair: Tina Geist
Finance: George McDowell/Tina Geist
Outreach Chairs: Dawn Martinez and Janice Fischbach
Pastoral Care Chairs: Dawn Martinez and Marti LaRue
Property Chairs: Tom Reilly and Andi Bender
Hospitality/Fellowship Chairs: Marti LaRue and Carol Hall
Worship Chairs: John Grim and Dawn Martinez
Recording Secretary: Marti LaRue
Clerk of the Vestry: Janice Fischbach



Prayer for Ukraine
God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

*Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby
Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell*

Prayer in the Midst of Violence

Lord, in our shock and confusion, we come before you
in our grief and despair in the midst of hate,
in our sense of helplessness in the face of violence,
We lean on you.

For the families of those who have been killed, we pray.
For the shooters – *help* us to pray, Lord.
For the communities that have lost members, their anger, grief, fear,
We pray.

For the churches striving to be your light in darkness
beyond comprehension,
We pray.

Lord of all, gather us up – your creatures, your world –
and bring an end to the violence.
Come, Lord Jesus.
Amen.

*Taken from “Prayer for mass violence” by Grace Claus
written for faithward*

Prayer for Refugees

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness
and brought them to the promised land.
Guide us now so that, following your Son, we may
walk alongside vulnerable refugee families as
they build a new life in the county of your love and mercy. Amen.⁹

ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST – Please use this Prayer List and include the following people in your daily prayers. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. If you want to keep someone on the list, add, or remove anyone, please email (stjamesnew@verizon.net) or call the church office (302-994-2029). **(Recently added are BOLDED)**

Abigail	Diana and Pevan	Juanita Kavanaugh	The Roche Family
Jessica Absher	Rose DelliGatti	Kathy	The Family of
Alan	Henry Diaz	Melvin Kessler	Fr. Ruben Rodriguez
Alethia	John Diorio	Kiara	Roy
Alex	Ross Donovan	Ritchie Kinlaw	Emily Ruggieri
Allysa	Deborah Earley	Kira	Henry Saffer
Amy	Vern Earley	Sara Kirk	Sally
Adrienne	Patti Edwards & Family	Susan Kriznuski	Daniel Sanchez
Anna	Penny Edwards		Gabriela Santiago
Anne	Carol Edwards & Family	Marti & Ron LaRue	Mike Scarpetti
Christina Azwol	Ellie Rose	Laura	Scott
Tony Andres	Eli	John Lewis	Carmen Scott
Sage Andrews	Eric	Liam	Richard Scott
Barbara	Janice Fischbach	Lilly	The Francis Scott Family
Scott Battaglia	George Fischbach	Lois	Maria Perdikis
Seth Bayless	Mary Ellen	Allen Luckey	Mike Pierce
Jim Bender	Kira Fix	Cindy & Dave Mahoney	Seth
Trisha Bender Bayless	John & Harriet Flynn	Mallory	Linda Sheesley
Joyce Bettie	John	Marie Marcinkowski	Earlene Smith
Jeff Biscoe	Joan Frati	The Martinez Family	Dan Sommers
Bobbie Blevins	Ginny	Mary Helen	Kenny Stafford
Eileen Borders	Diane Geist	Jude Matejkovic	Dorothy Stephens
Barry Boulden	Fred Geist	Melvin	Steve
Paula Boulden	Gerike Family: Adam, Lindsey, & Oliver	Missy	Gavin Stiteler
Myrle Bowe		Carmen Moore	The Family of
Doris Brown	Glenn	Shirley Moore	Paula Szczuka
Charles Brown	Brittney Griffin	Ann Moses	The Sotkiewicz Family:
Eleanor Buchanan	Sandy Grim	Jay Muckle	Joanna, Michael,
Crystal Bush	Scott Gunn	Randy Murray	Hannah, Charles
Douglas Bush	Carolyn Halfen	Sara Musselman	In Thanksgiving for the
David Butters	Tom & Carol Hall	Natalie	Birth of Maxwell
Fran Pearlman-Butters	Ike Hammond	Maren Nelson	Thomas
Cameryn	Lindsey Hammond	The Rev. Sarah Nelson	Lorayne Titter
Caroleen	Amy & Rick Harra	Sue Nelson	Jack Tucker
Carolyn	Major Scott M. Harra	Nicholas	Shon Tucker
Kaymarie Castro	Rick Harvey	Noah	Tyler
Cathy	Nancy Hoffman	Cassandra Norsworthy	Jack
Wayne Chapman, Jr.	Travis Hoffman	Paula Orty	Butch & Betty VanHekle
Chris	Holly	Mark Parton	Preston VanHekle III
Cindy	Eileen Hughes	Terri Parton	Mary Wade
Linda Clark	Peter Huiner and Family	Debbie Papa	Family of Nancy Walls
Clint	Kaylee Jackson	Madeline Pepe & Children	Valerie Warrington
Bill Cole	Jennifer	Pat	Nazim Washington
Brittany Collins	Jenna & John	The Pease Family	Linda White
Christina Conaway	Jeremy	Maria Perdikis	Missy Wieland
Presiding Bishop	Jim	Mike Pierce	Penny Wilhelme
Michael Curry	Joan	John Pumphrey & Family	Andy & Linda Wolf
Daisy	Joe	The Pat Purdy Family	Emily Zirkle
Dave Cullen	Joshua John	Reese	Dean, Dutch, & Chris
Kate Deal	Sister Julian	Neil Reilly	
Frank Dean	Carolyn Karney & Family	Aaron Richers	Marti LaRue

For those serving our country: National Guard: Terron Barnes, Brad Pastore, Christina Pastore; U.S. Army: Maj. Scott M. Harra. *Give grace, O Lord, to our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer physically and emotionally, that may be healed. Grant them trust and love that their prayers may be answered and that they may be relieved from their suffering. Amen.*

Rev. 03/28/24