

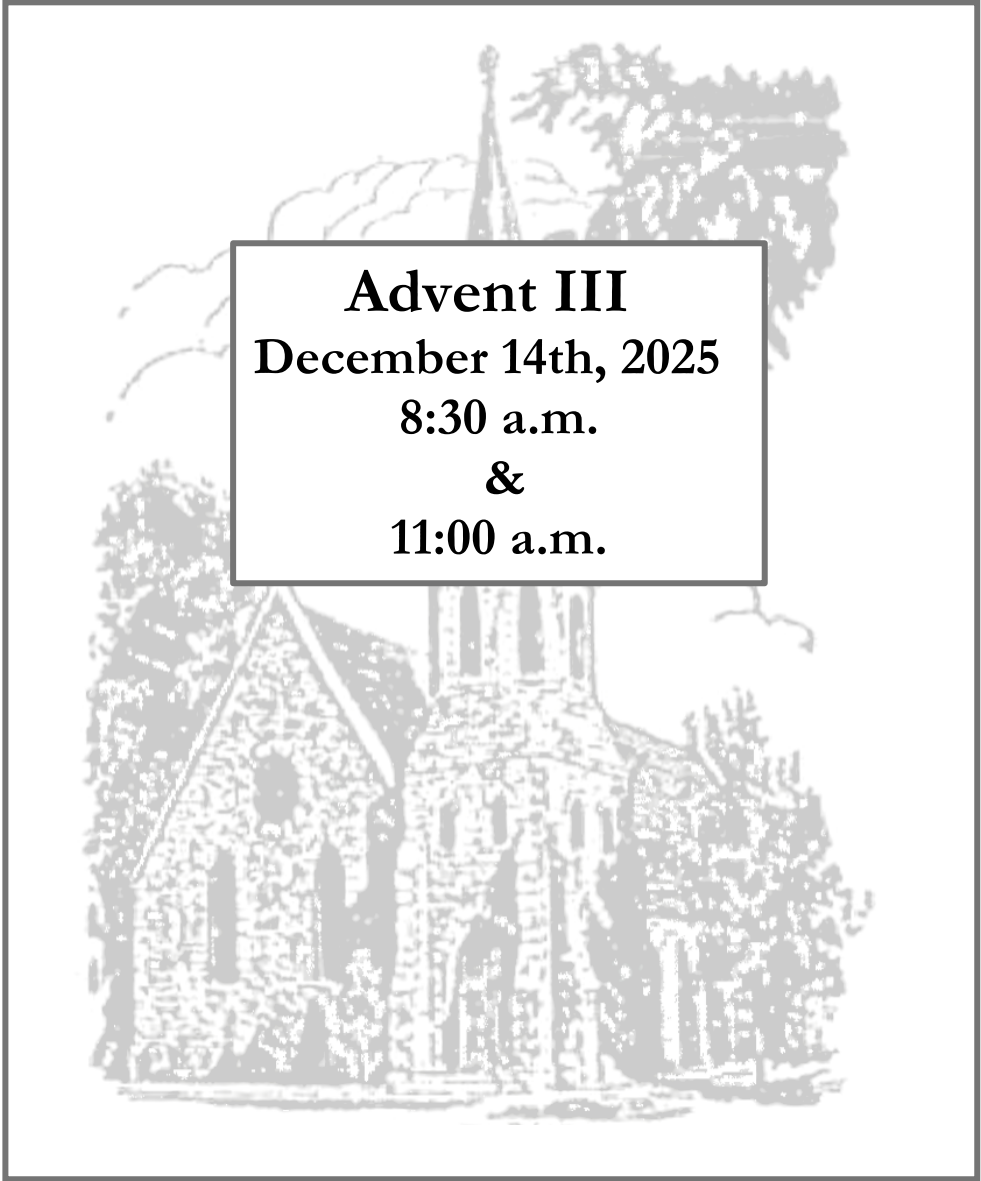


ST. JAMES

Episcopal
CHURCH

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Advent III
December 14th, 2025
8:30 a.m.
&
11:00 a.m.

Wherever you are on your journey with God or towards God,
you are welcome here!



PRELUDE

8:30am “The Coventry Carol”

arr. Edwin McLean (b. 1951)

11:00am “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

arr. Franklin D. Ashdown (1942-2023)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Comfort, comfort ye my people” (PSALM 42)

H82 67

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant Blessed are you, our God, who created light out of darkness and sent your only Son to bring the light of your love to all people. We pray for your blessing upon this wreath and upon all who kindle these lights. As we gather together in this Advent darkness to await the dawn of Christ, prepare our hearts and homes to receive our savior.

Light 2 purple and 1 pink candles

“O come, O come, Emmanuel” (VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL), V.4-6

H82 56

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living one.

People: You come to your people and set them free.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Let us pray together:

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires 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 Lord. Amen.

The Mass setting is from the Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena by Healey Willan (1880-1968)

KYRIE

Rite II

8:30 *Spoken*

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

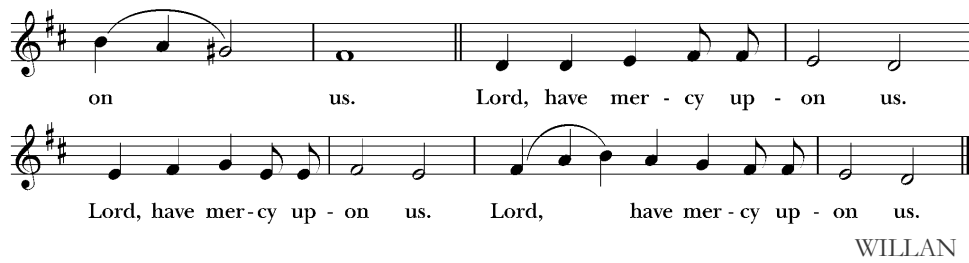
Lord have mercy.

“Lord, have mercy on us”

11:00 *Sung*

S91

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a repeat sign at the end of the first line.



GLORIA

8:30 *Spoken*

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 the God the Father. Amen.

11:00 *Sung*
S202

“Glory be to God (Canticle 6)”

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.
4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;
5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the
right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.
8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou
on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most
high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —
A - - - - - men. WILLAN

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 15 The Song of Mary

8:30am *Spoken*

11:00am *Sung*

S242

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

"Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes" (BRISTOL)

H82 71

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. D Gregory Smith

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand in body or in spirit

**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

Hear Our Prayer

O Lord who has created and loved us and who calls to us be still and wait. Heed our prayers as we say, **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Help us to hear and to accept gratefully your call to be God's people, ignoring the glory and favor of this world in favor of the glory of the kingdom of God.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Turn us away from our fears and division and teach us to embrace your promise, that ours might be a nation of hope and generosity.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Open our eyes to the majesty of your creation and strengthen our resolve to preserve its abundance for the sustenance of all future generations.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lead us to where your loving presence is most needed, and help us to be your agents of love to our neighbors.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Enter into the lives of all who suffer, that they might draw strength from your presence.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Deal tenderly with those who are grieving and with those whose wounds from loss are reopened at this time of year. May we feel the assurance of your promises that we will be reunited in your glorious presence in the new age.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty God, in the face of Christ we see the fullness of your love for us, help us to be the people you created us to be and to live fully in the light of your countenance. All this we ask in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, now and always. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPEAKER – Michael Fox

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS, TRAVELERS, AND ANNIVERSARIES

Lord God, our times are in your hand; look with favor we pray on your servants, surround them with your love and care, protect them from every danger, keep them safe in the knowledge of your love. This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

8:30am

“Ave Maria”

J.S. Bach/Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

11:00am

“The angel Gabriel”

arr. Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

The angel Gabriel from Heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.
“All hail,” said he, “Thou lowly maiden Mary,”
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

“For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,”
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said,
“My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name.”
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

- Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

DOXOLOGY

Sung by all to the tune of OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*While the table is being set, your financial gifts will be received by the ushers
Don't carry cash? Donate online at stjamesbozeman.org/give*

Please stand as the doxology begins and the monetary offering is brought forward

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(Eucharistic Prayer A, *Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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:

SANCTUS

8:30 *Spoken*

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.

11:00 *Sung*
S114

“Holy, holy, holy”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -

— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WILLAN

Celebrant: 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 creator 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.

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 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:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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 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 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

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All:

Traditional

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.

Contemporary

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

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.

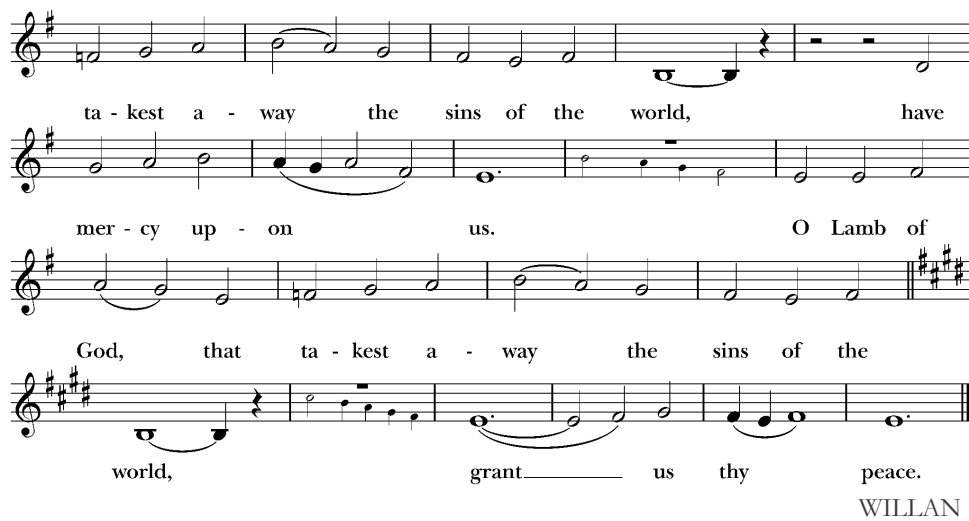
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Grant us your peace.

8:30 *Spoken*

11:00 *Sung*
S158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that



THE INVITATION

The Celebrant offers the consecrated bread with the following invitation:

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer.

We ask that you do not intinct (dip your wafer into the chalice).

Communion is full and complete in one kind if you prefer not to receive the chalice.

*If you do not wish to receive the bread or the wine, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"He shall feed his flock ... Come unto him" from *Messiah*

11:00am only

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd;
and He shall gather the lambs with His arm,
and carry them in His bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

- Isaiah 40:11

Come unto Him, all ye that labour,
come unto Him that are heavy laden,
and He will give you rest.
Take his yoke upon you, and learn of Him,
for He is meek and lowly of heart,
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

- Matthew 11:28-29

COMMUNION HYMN

"Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming" (ES IST EIN ROS)

8:30am & 11:00am

H82 81

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray together:

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members**

of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Blest be the king whose coming” (VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)

H82 74

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People : **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

8:30am “In Duleí Jubilo”

arr. Edwin McLean (b. 1951)

11:00am “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer”

Johnny Marks (1909-1985)



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES!

ARE YOU A NEWCOMER?

Welcome! If you're new to St. James, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card so we can get to know you a little better. Welcome Cards are located in the racks at the end of each pew and in our newly updated welcome folders! Please feel free to take a folder with more information about St. James and our ministries as well as some other goodies. Welcome Cards can be returned to an Usher, member of the Clergy, or put in the offering plate.

COFFEE HOUR

With our new service schedule, Coffee Hour will be between our two services and run from approximately 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Sundays at 9:45 am

Children from PreK-5th are welcome to join us for Sunday School each week in the lower level of the Todd Center, located next door at 111 S. Tracy. If your child is a little older or a little younger, check in with our Sunday School teachers first.

HEALING PRAYERS EVERY SUNDAY

Every Sunday during communion, prayers are available by the sacristy door.

PRAYER SHAWLS

If you know of someone who would be blessed by receiving a St. James prayer shawl, please feel free to take one from the rack at the front doors of the church.

PASTORAL CARE LINE– PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER

Please direct calls to our Pastoral Care Line at **(406) 586-9451** to be connected with the clergy person on call. Pastoral care includes hospital and home visits, eucharistic visitors, meal trains, and more.

PARKING

Sunday morning parking is available in the Canterbury Lot at 8 W. Olive from 8am – 1pm for free. Please reach out to office@stjamesbozeman.org for validation during the week and to be added to our system.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent III (December 14th, 2025)

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JAMES

Dear Beloved Community of St. James,

Thank you to all the speakers who have offered to share their heartfelt stories during stewardship Sundays, reminding us why we each call St. James our spiritual home. We deeply appreciate every gift of time and treasure that allows our church to thrive.

As we look ahead to 2026, we invite you to help us plan the year's ministry effectively. Pledges are vital part of this process; they allow our Vestry to budget accurately for every aspect of our shared life: salaries for our dedicated clergy and staff, essential building maintenance (from snow plowing to utilities), vibrant music and Sunday school programs, vital community outreach, and our support for the wider Diocese.

Our Vestry continues to be diligent stewards of your generosity monitoring revenue and expenses closely. They have also looked at other ways of stretching our dollars. For instance, recent efforts to leverage the Todd Center through a new lease with Bozeman Creative Learning Center and renting our Parish Hall to the Root Physical Therapy Group have aided in shrinking the operating gaps, ensuring that more of your contributions go directly to achieving our mission both within our walls and in the greater Bozeman community.

Our goal for 2026 is 100% participation from every member and friend of St. James.

No gift is too small. Please prayerfully renew your commitment (and consider an increase, if you are able) to sustain our shared future. You can return your pledge card by mailing it to the church directly with attention to: The Treasurer, adding it to the offertory plate, or by making your secure pledge online at <https://www.stjamesbozeman.org>.

In gratitude, The Stewardship Committee

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

We are celebrating Christmas soon! Here is the schedule of various Christmas services:

December 24th (Christmas Eve):

3:00pm: Jesus' Birth Story; A Service for Young Children (ages 0-4yo)

4:30pm: Christmas Eve Service (All Ages)

9:00pm: Christmas Eve Service (All Ages)

December 25th (Christmas Day):

10:00am: Christmas Day Service (Carols & Prayer)

VOLUNTEER IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Juliana is looking for some assistance with answering the phones and passing out Gas & Food cards to those in need. This role would entail responding to questions over the phone, answering voicemails, taking necessary messages to pass onto Juliana, and giving out Gas & Food cards on Sundays (10-2) and Thursdays (1-3). If you have some additional time in your schedule to assist, please reach out to Juliana at office@stjamesbozeman.org.

REQUESTING CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY VOLUNTEERS:

Thank you for bearing with the staff as we get organized around the holiday season. We have made the schedules available for Christmas. Find the schedule at this link or scan the QR code on the right:

<https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/30/web-terminal/master-calendar?liveWebPostId=878535>



In particular, we need many ushers for all Christmas Eve services. **If you are qualified to usher, please consider volunteering some of your time for a Christmas Eve service.** We are anticipating a large volume of visitors; as such, we will need about 6 ushers for the 4:30 and 9pm evening service, and 2 for the 3pm Young Children's

Service. We are also looking for Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, and Acolytes for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Please reach out to the office with any questions.

DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

If you would like to make a monetary donation for Christmas flowers and decorations for St. James, checks should be made payable to St. James Episcopal Church with a notation on the memo line of the check that says Christmas Flowers for St. James. Dedication information for your donation should be e-mailed to Juliana at office@stjamesbozeman.org by **December 21st**. The names of donors and their dedications will appear in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service bulletins. Donations can be made in memory of someone and/or in Thanksgiving for a birth, baptism, confirmation, graduation, anniversary, for the Blessings that you've received in life.

LESSONS & CAROLS

We will be celebrating our 11:00am service **Sunday, December 21st** with Lessons & Carols. The 8:30am service will be spoken. Please join us at 11 for some beautiful music from our Chancel Choir!

CHRISTMAS GREENING & POTLUCK

Our annual greening is coming up on **Sunday, December 21st at 12:30pm** (after the 11:00am service). Please join us that afternoon in celebration to decorate the Sanctuary with evergreens. Afterwards, a Potluck will be held at **4pm in the Parish Hall**. Please bring a dish to share! You do not have to participate in the greening to come to the potluck – come one, come all!

ANNUAL MEETING 2026

Our Annual Meeting is coming up on January 25th, 2026. If you are a Ministry head, please submit your annual report information to Juliana by January 14th at EOD. Our vestry rotation is occurring during the Annual Meeting. If you would like to serve as a Vestry Member, please submit a letter or email of interest to Jessica Wilson at jjtwilson95@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION ROLE

The St. James Memorial Foundation oversees the investments of St. James at DADavidson; income from the investments is used for capital expenses of the church as requested by the Vestry. There is one opening for a board member interested in financial activities of St. James. The term is for 3 years. The board meets 4 times per year to review quarterly information, and occasionally again as needed. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Eversman, 406-586-6788 or steversman61@gmail.com. Election for the new board member will be during the Annual Meeting in January.

ADULT FORMATION THROUGH THE END OF 2025

Adult Formation (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MEN'S BIBLE STUDY) will be going on hiatus until the end of the year. We will send out an announcement when we plan to return to our usual schedule.

GIFT CARD DRIVE UPDATE

Thank you so much for your wonderful and generous donations of gift cards this Christmas season. We raised \$2000 in gift cards to give out to 4 families in need the Christmas. We are so blessed to have so many generous people in our congregation and want to thank everyone for the support they have offered our community this year.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Tues	Dec 16	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (IHOP)
		7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Parish Hall)
Wed	Dec 17	7:30 p.m.	Venture Scouts (Scout Room)
Thurs	Dec 19	7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Guild Room)
Sun	Dec 21		Advent IV

8:30 a.m.	Early Service (Spoken)
9:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
9:30 a.m.	Vestry Meeting (Guild Room)
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School (Todd Center)
10:00 a.m.	NO ADULT FORMATION
11:00 a.m.	Late Service (Lessons & Carols)
12:30 p.m.	Greening of St. James (Sanctuary) – Please join to help us decorate
4:00 p.m.	Holiday Potluck (Parish Hall) – All are welcome!

A LOOK AHEAD

Wed	Dec 24 th	Christmas Eve
	3:00 p.m.	Jesus' Birth Story; a Service for Young Children
	4:30 p.m.	Family Service
	9:00 p.m.	Adult Candlelight
Thurs	Dec 25 th	Christmas Day
	10:00 a.m.	Carols and Prayer
Sun	Dec 28 th	Ingathering
	During Services	
Thurs	Jan 14 th	ALL DAY Annual Reports due to Juliana by EOD
Sun	Jan 25 th	TIME TBD Annual Meeting

REQUESTING TOILETRY DONATIONS

If you have some change to spare, we are looking for toiletry donations, including but not limited to: **Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Floss, Toothbrushes, and Menstrual Supplies.** These donations are passed out to individuals getting Gift/Gas cards with us to alleviate further financial burden. Your help is deeply appreciated!

CLERGY, STAFF, & VESTRY

Rector: The Rev. Rowan J. Larson
Priest Associates: The Rev. Valerie Webster,
The Rev. D Gregory Smith
Deacon: The Rev. Lynne Matthews
Music Leadership: Logan Henke, Minister of Music;
Kyla Rosenberger, Chief Organist
Choral Scholars: Karl Benjamin, Cordelia Cluett,
Chase Equall, Emma Ford, Tyler Flock,
Isabella Mudd, Gayatri Sabne
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Michael Harney, Wendy Wilson, Frances Moore, Rick
Bergstedt, Judi Farrington, Darin Heitt-Rennie, Matt
Kelly, Leslie Piercy

THOSE IN SERVICE

Acolyte: Ty Sherwood; Senior Acolyte
Minnie Johnson; Freshman Acolyte
Stacy Quinn; Freshman Acolyte
Readers: 8:30am – Rick Bergstedt, Peggy Bergstedt
11:00am – Lucy Peterson, Alison Counts
Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Blake
Ushers: Ron Hoseth, Tim Wilson, Lorelei
Dawson, Markie Nathan
Coffee Hour:
Videographer: Keith Nathan
Altar Guild: Nancy Blake, Pat Dunn
Counters: