

Holy Communion

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

Welcome to Saint James!

We're so glad you're here.
Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. Join in as you're comfortable-listening, reading, praying, and singing.

If you need to step away at any time, you can reenter through the main doors in the back of the sanctuary. Other exterior doors are locked during the service. Restrooms can be found near those main doors, in the narthex (the back foyer of the worship space).

We love kids in our services, noises and all! The **Family Den** (in the back) is a space for nursing or wrangling as desired. **Children's activity bags** are available in the narthex (foyer). **Nursery** is available during the service for children ages 0-3k (an Usher can show you where). During the gospel reading, children aged 4k-5th grade are invited to come to the center and then to follow the cross to **Children's Chapel**. They return during the announcements.

We'd love to give you a welcome bag on your way out. And please join us for coffee and snacks in the Parish Hall after the service.

Learn more and connect further on our website (Saint-James.org), or by dropping a Visitor Card in the offering plate.

Parking note: Extra parking spaces are available around Town Hall. We ask that you avoid parking in the shopping center across the street–they've asked us not to.

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About the Season After Pentecost

The Season After Pentecost – also known as "Ordinary Time" – is the season of church life that stretches from Pentecost to Advent. Our readings focus on the life of Israel (awaiting Christ), the life of Jesus (the Christ himself), and the life of the Church (sent by Christ into the world until His return). Called 'ordinary' because it includes no major Christian feasts (like Christmas and Easter), this season is nevertheless full of wonder and meaning. It is meant to encourage God's people to live their 'ordinary' lives in the extra-ordinary power of the Holy Spirit, who came to us at Pentecost.

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The Prelude

The Processional *"JESUS PAID IT ALL"*

I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

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The Acclamation BCP p. 123

Celebrant Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity BCP p. 124

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 Summary of the Law

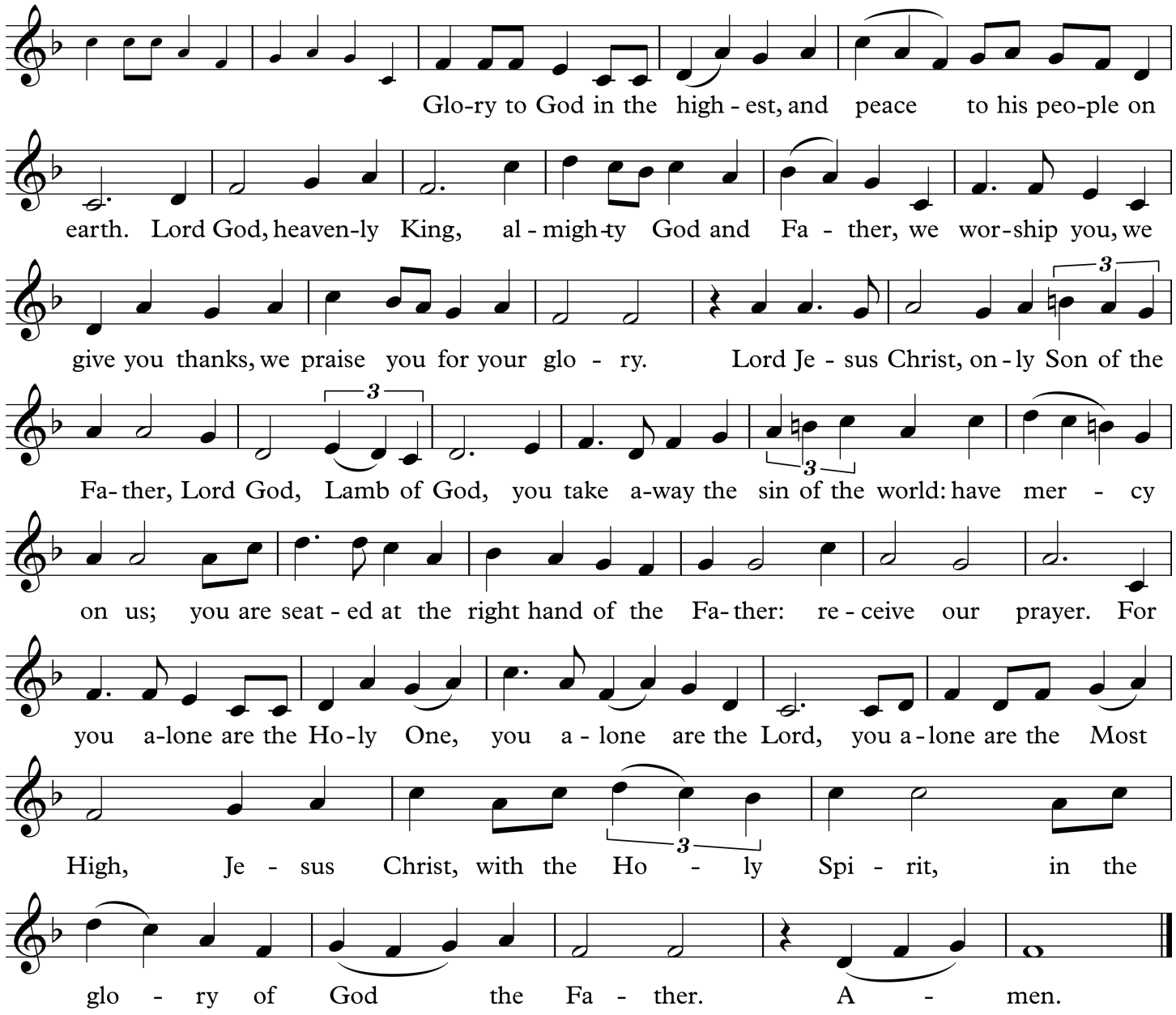
Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory; we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit; one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE LESSON 1 THESSALONIANS 3:11- 4:12 ESV

11 Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, 12 and may the Lord make
you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, 13 so that he may establish your
hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. 4
Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to
walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. 2 For you know what instructions
we gave you through the Lord Jesus. 3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from
sexual immorality; 4 that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, 5 not in the
passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this
matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.
7 For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. 8 Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not
man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you. 9 Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone
to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, 10 for that indeed is what you
are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, 11 and
to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, 12 so
that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM PSALM *70* *(BCP)*

1 Hasten, O God, to deliver me; *
make haste to help me, O Lord.
2 Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek after my life; *
let them be turned back and put to confusion who wish me evil.
3 Let them be soon brought to shame *
who cry over me, “Aha! Aha!”
4 But let all those who seek you be joyful and glad in you; *
and let all who delight in your salvation say always, “The Lord be praised.”
5 As for me, I am poor and in misery; *
hasten to me, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

Children ages 4k to 5th grade are invited to join the cross in the center aisle for the reading of the Gospel.
After the reading, they may follow the cross to Children's Chapel. Children return during the Announcements.

THE GOSPEL HYMN *“GREAT ARE YOU LORD”*

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only
Great are You Lord

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THE HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:1-13 ESV

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

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

"GREAT ARE YOU LORD"

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only
Great are You Lord

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord
(REPEAT)

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THE SERMON

TIME OF REFLECTION

THE NICENE CREED BCP P. 127

Celebrant Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son, 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 kneel as able. After each bidding, the congregation offers their own short prayers on the theme, silently or aloud. Each concludes:

Leader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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 your Son 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 Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also
for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

The Ministers and People greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

Announcements

The Offertory

Online giving is available at saint-james.org/give

"TAKE MY LIFE

Take my life and let it be consecrated
Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee
Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry power as You choose

Here am I all of me
Take my life it's all for Thee

Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne
Take my love my Lord I pour
At Your feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee

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THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING BCP P. 132

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth….

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Lord, we sing Your praise: Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we sing Your praise!

Please kneel as able

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 BCP P. 134

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 PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS BCP P. 135

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians in good standing in their home churches are welcome to receive Communion.
Prayer teams, positioned near the front on either side of the room, are available to pray with you during communion or after the service.

"The Blessing"

Verse
The Lord bless you And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His Face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus
Amen, Amen, Amen

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"Abide with me"

Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens o Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless abide with me

Thou on my head in early youth did smile
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou has not left me though I oft left thee
On to the close Lord abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness
O death where is thy sting O grave thy victory
I triumph still if Thou abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's shadows flee
In life in death Lord abide with me

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The Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 137

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Recessional *"How great thou art"*

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art
Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art

And when I think that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prayer teams are available to pray with you and are positioned in the front of the room on the right side. Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service.

Announcements

See full details and more at saint-james.org

- **Fall Market Volunteer Meeting- Today.** Volunteers of the Fall Market are invited to meet in the Sanctuary after quickly grabbing coffee in order to vote about the distribution of earnings from the Fall Market.
- **Operation Christmas Child-** We are collecting gift shoeboxes for children in need across the world. Contact Debbie Morillo at Morillodf@gmail.com for more information Drop off filled boxes at the church between November 16-22nd.
- **Men's Steak Night- November 15: 6:00- 8:00pm**. Men are invited for fellowship and a steak dinner in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP no later than today to Jay Millen @JMillen@caldwell.com.
- **Music Team Night- November 18: 5:30- 7:30pm.** Join us for dinner followed by meet & greet to see what our community has to offer and if you can add something special to our Sunday worship. Contact Shane Williams at SWilliams@Saint-James.org.
- **Advent Wreath Making- November 29: 4:00- 6:00pm.** Come make a wreath to take home for the Advent season. Wreath forms, candles, and hot chocolate provided. Please bring greenery and your best cookies to share! Contact Claire Buxton at CBuxton@saint-james.org.
- **Dinner for St. Alban's Chapel- November 30.** If you would like to participate in helping prepare or serve dinner to the cadets at the Citadel, please contact Claire Buxton at CBuxton@Saint-James.org.
- **Christmas Pageant- December 20: 4:00pm** with live animals and carols. Contact Sam English at SEnglish@Saint-James.org if you would like your child to participate. Soup & sourdough will be served in the Parish Hall directly afterwards. Contact Claire Buxton at CBuxton@Saint-James.org if you would like to sign up to bring soup and/or sourdough.
- **Christmas Eve Services: 4:00pm and 10:00pm**

PRAYER

- **For Healing:** David Agee, Lois Bouknight, Amarylis Cranwell, Jack Cranwell, Ernie Droze, Art Field, Rebecca Flood, Mary Forbes, Mike Gaitan, Carl Green, Erin Stockwell Grimm, Tim Harrelson, George Haynsworth, Heckmann Family, Bill Huff, Matthew Lehman, Debi Myers, Rob Pierce, Bill Porcher, Michael Rutherford, Jon Scot, Carol Shue, Jeff Switzer, Sondra Switzer, Charles Watts, Vivian Watts, Hanna Debruhl, Robert Doscher, Nicole Henn, Sharon Willis
- **For Protection:** Aiden Burgess, Bradon Malasky, Brittany Swafford, Trey Thompson, Thomas Tilson, Rylea Swafford
- **Request Prayer:** You are invited to request prayer via the **prayer box** in the narthex. It is checked regularly by clergy. Daughters of the Holy Cross members also pray for our parish daily and will pray for anyone who would like to be added to their prayer list. All prayers are kept confidential.

Today's Servers

Acolyte Team: Charlie Cope, Edmund Cope, Aubrie Nichols, Aurelia Nichols, Lila Smithson, Eliza Cate Volousky, Lenox Williams
Children's Chapel: Debbie Morillo
Nursery: Rachel Morrison, Jessie Miller
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Altar Guild: Laval Wells, Rosie Colson
Lay Readers: OC Brummett, Virginia Bartels
Greeters: Wayne & Rosie Colson, Lily Woods, Barney Holt
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