



**St James Episcopal Church
December Newsletter
Sent with Love!**



Vision Statement:

**God asks us to make His love visible in our lives and community. . .
let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:18)**





Prayer List

Bill K, Joan Stevens, Katie Marchonda, Jackie, Rev. Sandy, Walt, Linda K, Andrew Miller, Jessica C, Neal B, Lindsey, RT, Linda S, Jaydon, Luanne, Bob C, Lonnie, Jennifer M, Jenna, Tehya Meyers, Patricia Osgood, Alicia, Jay C, Damon, Bruce, Bill T, William K, Nancy F, Lindsey, Richard Frey, Jillian, Linda G, Jim G, Laverne and Patsy, Evelyn A, Rebecca H, Betty K, Ashlyn, Kimberly J, Rev. Gary, Janetmarie S, Charlie S, Chris C, Gail O, John P, Robert Z, Kathy, Our brothers and sisters on Zoom, those who mourn, 1st responders, teachers and students, the Food Pantry, those suffering from addiction, those in the military and St. James Vestry

Notable Events

- Sock collection now until 15 December. Socks may be left at the back of the church for delivery to the VA on 16 December
- Cookie walk 7 December from 10:00 to 2pm
- Christmas Bazaar 7 December from 10:00 to 3pm
- Vestry Meeting is 11 December at 6:30 PM in the undercroft
- Ladies Breakfast TBD
- Athlete's dinner will be Tuesday 17 December.
- Christmas Eve Service 24 December at 7PM. Music begins 6:45
- **Annual Meeting 26 January 2025**

First Friday Fellowship

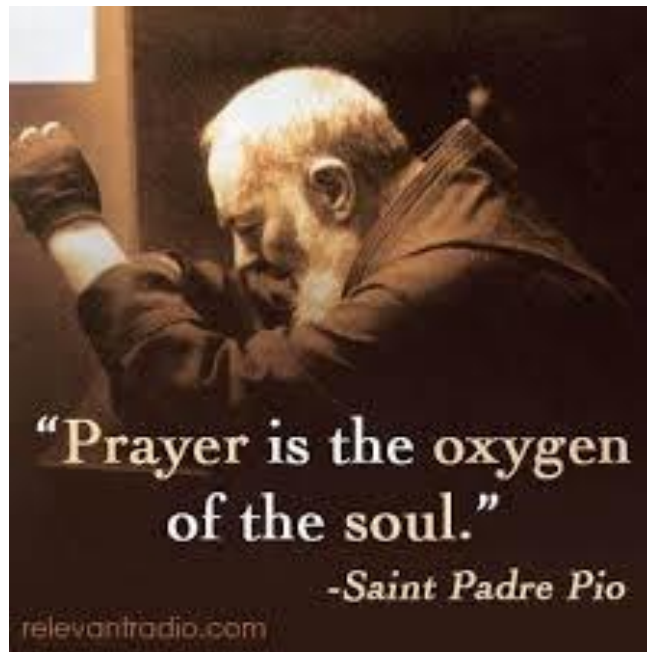


Hi Everybody!

Our **First Friday Fellowship** will meet **next Friday evening, December 6, 2024**, at **Mitchellsville Methodist Church** (see [map](#) for location). This is a very busy week coming up with lots of Christmas activities happening next Friday. Please support the one you feel most called to by the Lord. Our Praise and Worship singalong will start at **7pm** with Christmas Carols mixed in. Let me know if you have a favorite song or carol to add to our [1st hour list](#) (in progress). Bring your musical instruments and a couple friends to help us make a 'joyful noise unto the Lord.'" If you feel inclined to bring a small snack to share, please feel free to do so. **Note:** if the weather should turn wintry on Dec 6, please check our [website](#) for last minute changes or cancelation notices. Hope to see you in Mitchellsville!

"Your love never fails" - [1 Cor 13:8](#) , [Lam 3:22](#)

Compline Service every Monday evening at 8:30 PM



We have Compline every Monday night at 8:30PM. A 10–12-minute service of prayer, Scripture, music, and much more. Zoom address is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83857418968>

A note of Thanks

From the Mission Committee

The Mission Committee would like to thank the parishioners of St. James for their generous contributions of hygiene, cleaning products and miscellaneous items to women's shelter in Bath. A complete list of the donations can be found on the bulletin board in the Undercroft.

We are also grateful for the contributions to Samaritan's Purse for Operation Christmas Child, aka shoeboxes. St. James donated 22 online shoeboxes and 15 traditional boxes. We have many (empty) shoeboxes remaining, so you could keep your eye out for things throughout the year in preparation for next year!

December Lay Schedule

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Reader	Ushers
12/8	Mary White	Jim Grillo	Kris Packard	Marietta Piersons Jim Piersons
12/15	Karen Derr	Leah Nichiporuk	Rich Little	Donella Barney Gladys Palmer
12/22	Leah Nichiporuk	Karen Derr	Sandy Young	Marilyn Dowdle Linda Grillo
12/24 Christmas Eve	Mary White	Nick Forenz	Linda Hacker	Marietta Piersons Jim Piersons
12/29	Nick Forenz	Leah Nichiporuk	Jim Grillo	Jim Derr Linda Hacker

December Readings



Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading
12/8	Baruch 5:1-9	Canticle 16 (Luke 1:68-79)	Philippians
12/15	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Canticle 9 (Isaiah 12: 2-6)	Philippians 4:4-7
12/22	Micah 5:2-5a	Canticle 15 (Luke 1:46-55)	Hebrews 10:5-10
12/24	Isaiah 62: 6-12	Psalm 97	Titus 3:4-7
12/29	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Psalm 147: 13-21	Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Summary of Vestry notes taken November 13, 2024

- Mission Committee approved \$500 donation to Calvary Episcopal Church in Florida which had about \$1.5 million damage from hurricanes Helene and Milton.
- A request was made to purchase small tool kits for the Elizabeth Rose Ministries. Vestry approved the purchase of 10 tool kits
- We need more volunteers to Ushers
- April 3rd, St James Church will host the Daughters of the American Revolution meeting.
- Elizabeth Rose Ministries is in need of twin and queen sheets, blankets, kitchen utensils, toasters, mixers.
- **The Annual meeting is 26 January 2025**



The Nativity of Our Lord
December 25th

Let Us Pray: O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-4,6-7

Psalm 96: 1-4, 11-12

Second Reading: Titus 2: 11-14

Gospel: Luke 2: (1-20)

Date	Processional	Sequence	Recessional
12/8	#76 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry	#59 Hark! A Thrilling Voice	#75 There's a Voice in the Wilderness
12/15	#58 Lo! He Comes	#66 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	#68 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
12/22	#56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	#66 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	#437 Tell Out, My Soul

St. James Church Choir Recordings

Hymns: Processional, Sequence, Recessional

Right Click to Open on each Hymn. Then push open Hyperlink

Saint James Church Window



If you look closely, you can see a pelican. The pelican is a symbol of the Atonement. She is shown piercing her own breast and feeding her young with her blood. This also rests on the ancient legend that in times of famine the mother pelican would tear open her breast, giving her life for her young. Sometimes a serpent is shown with the pelican, referring to a variation in the story that a serpent stings the young and the mother revives them with her own blood.

