



THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

Prelude *Variations on "Will there be Any Stars in My Crown?"* Virgil Thompson

Processional Hymn 596 "Judge Eternal" *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity p. 355

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.**

Gloria in excelsis: S278 "Glory to God" William Mathias

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -

ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: 1 Samuel 1:4–20

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 242

Commentary: Hannah was a woman of deep and abiding faith. She was married to a man named Elkanah and she had a problem: she was barren. Although Elkanah did not understand the depth of Hannah's heartache, he loved her dearly. Hannah desperately wanted a child but more than that she wanted to honor the Lord by bearing a child who would become a godly leader for Israel. After committing herself and her situation to God in prayer, Hannah experienced relief from her anxiety. In due course she conceived and gave birth to a son, Samuel. Hannah recognized that Samuel's birth was an answer to prayer, a supernatural gift from God. Samuel, as a prophet, would serve and glorify God and he would also be an instrument of blessing for Israel.

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

Conserva me, Domine

Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Anglican Chant

The Epistle: Hebrews 10:11–25

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Commentary: Jesus Christ's priesthood is superior to what came before because unlike the Levitical priests, Jesus completed His work and then sat down at His Father's side. Jesus' one sacrifice atoned for all sins of all time, making any further sacrifice unnecessary. How should we respond to such a gift? These verses contain five recommendations: draw near to God, hold onto hope, spur each other on toward love and good deeds, continue meeting together and encourage one another. These are practical steps toward a life of faithful, grateful obedience.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another

to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 628

“Help us, O Lord, to learn”

St. Ethelwald

During the Sequence Hymn, the children proceed to the Children’s Chapel

The Holy Gospel: Mark 13:1–8

NRSV, p. 927

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Deacon Kitty Davis

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant and People

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition:

...Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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 Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

I Will Lift Mine Eyes

Leo Sowerby

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
From whence cometh my help?
My help cometh from the Lord
Who made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, He that keepeth Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper
The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day
Nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee
From all evil;
He shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out
And thy coming in
From this time forth,
And for ever more. Amen

Soloists: Tanya Hanano & Sara Westermark

Organist: John Jordan

Presentation Hymn 397

“Now thank we all our God”

third stanza only

Nun danket alle Gott

All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv-ven the
Son, and him who reigns with them in high-est hea-ven, e-ter-nal, tri-une God, whom
earth and heaven a-dore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev-er-more

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer B

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

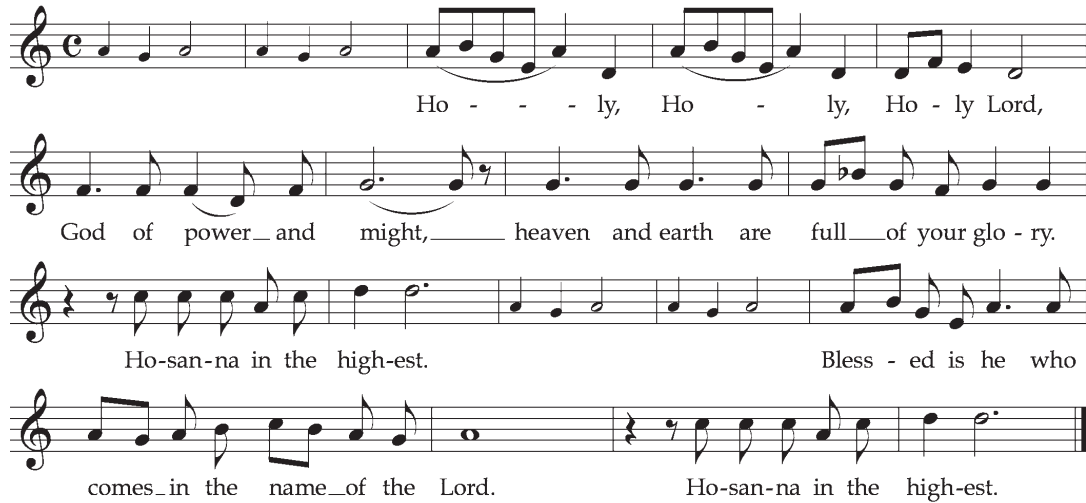
Here, a proper preface is said, then the Celebrant continues...

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: S128

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Mathias



Ho - - - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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.**

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

The Lord’s Prayer

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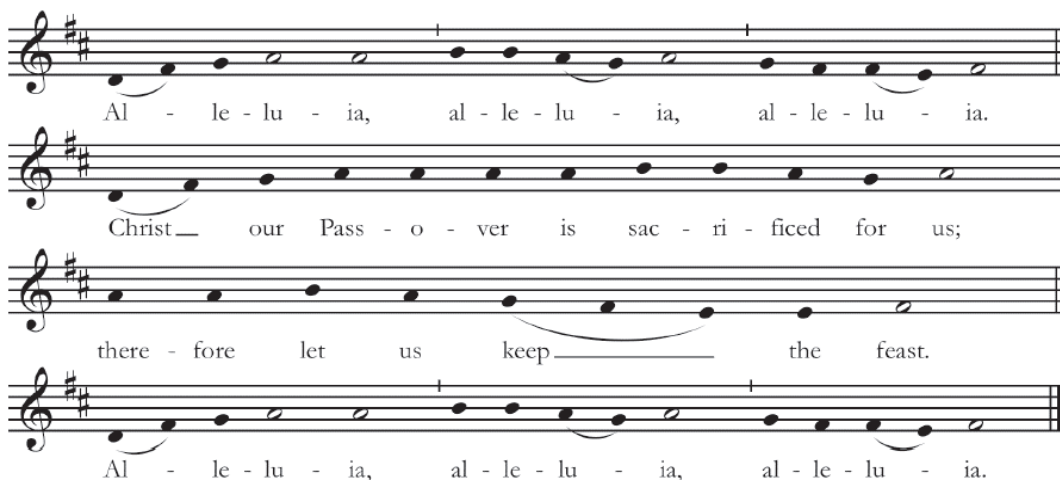
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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Fraction Anthem: S154

David Hurd



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.

Communion Hymns

Hymn 686	“Come, thou fount of every blessing”	<i>Nettleton</i>
Hymn 613	“Thy kingdom come”	<i>St. Cecilia</i>
Hymn 51	“We the Lord’s people”	<i>Decatur Place</i>

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
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

Closing Hymn 307 “Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor” *Bryn Calvaria*

The Dismissal

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People Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Postlude on “Old Hundredth”

Fred Bock

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., NOVEMBER 18-22

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor & Zoom
- VESTRY MEETING
5:15 PM | Lippitt Room
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | TBD

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00 - 11:30 AM | Registration Req.
- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT
GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30-7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th Street. Starbucks
- WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor

WEDNESDAY CONTINUED

- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel
- CATALOGING THE MUSIC LIBRARY
2:00 PM | Choir Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- ST. JAMES ORIENTATION FOR
NEWCOMERS: SESSION 3
5:30 - 7:15 PM | Great Hall | RSVP
- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:45 - 6:45 PM | Green Room

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 - 8:00 PM | Registration Req.

- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 - 8:30 PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- CHOIR REHEARSAL
10:00 AM | Choir Room

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST
8:30 - 9:00 AM | Great Hall
- ST. JAMES PARISH SHOP OPEN
8:30 - 10:30 AM | Parish Shop
- FAITH FORMATION & SUNDAY
SCHOOL HOUR
9:10 - 10:00 AM | St. James Parish
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
9:15 - 10:00 AM | Choir Room
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Online
- CELEBRATING 295 YEARS
11:30 AM | St. James Parish Lawn
- ADVENT WREATH MAKING EVENT
4:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- YOUTH-LED THANKSGIVING
SERVICE
5:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

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THIS SUNDAY

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, November 17 | 9:10 - 10:00 a.m. | St. James Parish

- CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - Ages 3 - 5th Grade - Meet on 2nd Floor of Milton Hall
- YOUTH, FAITH & FRIENDS - 6th - 12th Grades - Youth Hall
- LIFE IN COMMUNITY: ADULT FORMATION - Great Hall
 - *The Rev. Phillip Craig leads* **The Unifying Love of Christ**-In times of political and social division, the Rev. Phillip Craig reminds us that we are ONE in Christ's love for us. We are challenged to walk in love as Christ loves us. Let us reflect on how that might be applied to each of us, to our parish family, and to the wider church as we move forward.

ALSO TODAY!

- ECW BAKE SALE | 8:00 - 12:00 PM | Cloister
- HOT COCOA FOR WESTERN NC | After the 10:15 Service
- DOWNTOWN CAMPUS TOUR | After the 10:15 Service
- YOUTH GROUP | 5:00-6:30 PM | Perry Hall

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 - *Speakers: The St James Tricentennial Committee leads* **Celebrating 295 Years of St. James** Wednesday, November 27th is the official 295th birthday of our St. James Family. Our community began worshipping together in November 1729. While buildings have come and gone, our parish family has endured, grown, and thrives still today. Join us as we share plans for the next 5 years as St. James Parish prepares to celebrate 300 years of worship together.

A SUNDAY OF THANKS

- CELEBRATING 295 YEARS | 11:30 AM | Parish Lawn
- ADVENT WREATH MAKING EVENT | 4:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- YOUTH-LED THANKSGIVING SERVICE | 5:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS TOUR

Sunday November 17 | Following the 10:15 a.m. Service Newcomers and "oldcomers" are invited to join us for the Downtown Campus Tour! Following the 10:15 a.m. service, at around 11:30 a.m. we'll gather in the Great Hall for a time of fellowship and we'll form smaller groups for campus tours.

4TH & 5TH GRADERS SERVE HOT COCOA

Sunday November 17 | Following the 10:15 a.m. Service Children's Ministries will be serving hot chocolate on the lawn after the 10:15 a.m. service once a month. This will be attended by the 4th & 5th graders! All donations received will be donated to rebuilding Western NC.

ST. JAMES ORIENTATION FOR NEWCOMERS- SESSION 3

Thursdays, November 21 | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Newcomers are encouraged to be a part of our St. James Orientation for Newcomers (SJON) series. Meet us in the Great Hall to learn about St. James Parish; meet the clergy; find programs and ministries to suit your interests. Session 2 is complete but it's not too late to join! Child-care provided with advance reservation. Register online.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PREP!

Sign Up to Participate by Sunday November 24

It's time to sign up to participate in the annual Christmas pageant at St. James! This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate the birth of Jesus. The pageant is open to children PreK (3 year old) through 5th grade. Rehearsals will begin in November during Sunday School with a **presentation on Sunday, December 22nd at the 10:15 service.**

If your child(ren) plan to participate, please **complete individual registration forms on our website by Sunday, November 24th, 2024** Any questions, please contact Taber Stockstill-Tornes (childrensministries@stjamesp.org) or Kathryn Barmore (kgcbarmore@gmail.com)

We want to help support you through the bad and the good.

Prayer Requests are one way our parish family supports one another. If you would like to be included on the prayer list, please know the request will be included for two Sundays in the Prayers of the People and a full month on Weekday Morning Prayer unless otherwise requested. If you, or a loved one would like a *pastoral care visit, communion brought to you, or to request prayer*, please make sure to reach out to our church office or our clergy. We want to know how we can be there for you. The parish office number is 910-763-1628. Similarly, if you need to update your contact information, please make sure to let us know.

*Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr. ~ Preacher: The Reverend Deacon Kitty Davis
Interim Director of Music: The Reverend Dr. William J. Weisser ~ Children's Chapel: Taber Stockstill-Tornes*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charlotte S. Murchison,
David R. Murchison, Jr., David R. Murchison III, Sallie L. Harrison, & Horace H. Harrison*

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