

# Ministry GUIDE 2022-2023



St. James   
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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# Worship Ministries

## Acolytes

All young people at St. James in grades 5-12 are invited to serve as acolytes. After being trained by clergy and staff, acolytes serve in various roles during Sunday morning worship, and at other services as requested. The acolyte's service is an offering to God.

## Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is responsible for making the church ready for Sunday, weekday and special services such as baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Its members maintain the Church's liturgical vestments and hangings, and care for the Altar silver and brass vessels. Each team serves for one week, with a five-week rotation. Previous experience is not required. All you need is a servant's heart and a joyful spirit!

## Flower Guild

The talented and creative members of St. James' Flower Guild bring the beauty of God's world to our worship space. The guild members are responsible for purchasing and/or arranging Altar flowers for Sunday mornings as well as Easter and Christmas. They are also called upon for special services or events. The current members are happy to mentor interested persons who may not have experience with flower arranging. New members may work in pairs if they would like.



## Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers are trained by the Rector and are licensed by the Bishop to assist the clergy in the administration of Holy Communion. They may also be licensed to go from a Sunday eucharist or other principal celebrations of the eucharist to share the sacrament with members of the congregation who were unable to be present at the celebration because of illness or infirmity. Lay Eucharistic Ministers may be licensed for either or both ministries. This ministry is understood to be an extraordinary ministry, and is not to take the place of the ministry of priests and deacons concerning the administration of the eucharist.

## Lectors

A lector is a lay person trained in reading scripture who is appointed by the clergy to read lessons or lead the Prayers of the People. The term is from the Latin, "to read." There is no license required for this lay ministry. A lector may also be known as a reader. Readers may choose to serve at 8:30 or 10:30 AM Sunday services, and may be asked to serve at special services during the year such as Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve, or funerals.



## Music Ministry

St. James's Music Ministry is under the direction of our Director of Music, Mary Katherine Kilgore and assisted by organist, Helen VanAbbema Rodgers, and Frank Stabler, Associate for Music Ministries.



**The Adult Choir** is directed by Mary Katherine Kilgore and leads music in worship for both Sunday services with full choir at 10:30 AM throughout the year. They rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM (mid-August – May). If you are interested in participating in this choir, please contact Mary Katherine at [choirdirector@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:choirdirector@stjamesfairhope.org).

**Canterbury Choir** is open to students in grades 1 – 6. Rehearsals this are on Monday afternoons 4pm – 5pm in the choir room (September – May). The Canterbury Choir sings periodically throughout the year in worship and leads music at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve service and on Palm Sunday. The children will learn basic music skills, find their singing voice, and have fun making music together with the peers. If you have a child interested in participating in this choir, please contact Mary Katherine at [choirdirector@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:choirdirector@stjamesfairhope.org).

**The Men's Compline Choir** is directed by Helen Rodgers and Frank Stabler. This group rehearses on specific Wednesdays before Adult Choir Rehearsal. The men lead the Compline service on the third Sunday of each month. Please contact Helen Rodgers [music@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:music@stjamesfairhope.org) if you would like to try out for this group.

**Handbells**—If you are interested in playing with a handbell group, please contact Mary Katherine. We are looking to begin this group again but need to know who might want to participate.

## Tech Team

St. James needs a group of people who are willing to help with live-streaming and recording the 10:30 AM service as well as Compline and other services throughout the year. This would involve arriving approximately 15 minutes before the service begins and being “behind the scenes” in the sacristy while the service is taking place. Computer knowledge is helpful but not necessary. We will provide training.

## Ushers

The mission of this ministry is to extend God's love and to welcome those who enter our doors each Sunday. This important lay ministry is composed of men and women from a variety of age groups who volunteer their time on Sunday mornings and at special services when needed.

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## Wedding Team

The members of the Wedding Ministry Team assist the clergy with weddings at St. James. They are present for wedding rehearsals and wedding ceremonies. A member of the team makes every effort to meet with the bride prior to the wedding to go over what to expect and gather more information. They also coordinate with the altar guild and flower guild regarding flowers and altar setup. The wedding team members act as liaison between the bride and groom and the church staff to ensure that the service runs smoothly.

## Welcome Ministry

“Good morning and welcome to St. James”—so simple and so welcoming. Greeters make the first impression of St. James, so put on your happy face and join the group. If you are too shy to greet people, we have a need for someone to write a note to recent visitors. If you want to do something else, our Name Tag board is always in need of proper sorting. Do as much or little as you choose, but be a part of our very important group. Sign up today and feel the love.

# Outreach Ministries

## Alabama Free Clinic

The Alabama Free Clinic (AFC), the first free clinic in the State of Alabama, was formed in Bay Minette on August 28, 1998. The clinic’s mission is to improve the overall health of the adult citizens of Baldwin County who are without health insurance. Volunteers are the heart and soul of the clinic and are always welcome to join the effort. Volunteers needed include doctors, nurses, and those with clerical experience as well. Since its inception, St. James has been a sustaining supporter of the AFC along with parishioners Dr. Bill and Bebe Goetter.

## Baldwin Family Village Project

Slated to open in the Spring of 2023, the vision for the Baldwin Family Village Project is to establish a transitional housing facility for women and children in Baldwin County experiencing homelessness, and to be able to engage its residents with a holistic plan for restored hope and personal transformation. The 13-unit facility will operate as a program of the Dumas Wesley Community Center. <https://www.baldwinfamilyvillage.org/>

## Christmas Gifts for Veterans

Many veterans in the William F. Green State Home in Bay Minette do not have families or loved ones. This outreach ministry helps make their Christmas special and is a wonderful way to show our appreciation to those who have served our country. Volunteers organize donations and deliver packages to the Veterans’ Home.

## Christmas Giving Tree

Each Christmas season our lovely tree adorns Green Hall. The tree is decorated with ornaments of angels and stars that parishioners take to find messages describing Christmas gift wishes to help clients of four local organizations we support: Ecumenical Ministries Inc., Prison Fellowship, Samaritan’s Purse, and The Shoulder.

## Concert Series

The St. James Concert Series is made possible by the Helen Norman Williams Endowment. St. James hosts 3-4 concerts per season. Volunteers are needed to usher. Please contact Helen Rodgers at [music@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:music@stjamesfairhope.org) for more information.





## Domestic Youth Mission Trips



Each summer, the St. James youth in grades 7-12 travel to various destinations in the US. They learn about homelessness, hunger and other social concerns and have an opportunity to experience firsthand the very real needs of humanity in our own country. Past trips have been to such locations as Atlanta, Nashville, Memphis, and Houston.

### Ecumenical Ministries

Ecumenical Ministries, Inc. is a non-denominational, comprehensive social service agency providing aid to low-income families and individuals in Baldwin County. By addressing the urgent financial and material needs of clients, EMI provides a hopeful path to self-sufficiency and long-term economic stability. EMI is currently in need of intake counselors; training and

acclimation is provided. Other opportunities include delivery of Meals on Wheels; stocking and/or sorting food in the pantry; working on Repair Baldwin projects, such as building a handicapped ramp at a home; or even working in retail at Emmy's Thrift Shop.

### Family Promise

The mission of Family Promise of Baldwin County is to provide temporary shelter, related services, and nurturing support to homeless families with children and to assist them with obtaining suitable and permanent housing. Family Promise utilizes area church facilities and their members to serve families with children in crisis. 90.2% of those enrolled in Family Promise leave the ranks of homelessness. St. James parishioners serve this program by housing Family Promise participants at the church for a week every quarter. When St. James hosts, you can provide or serve meals, read, play games with the children, join others in staying overnight, or clean up after the week.

### Kairos Outside

Kairos Outside is a 2 and a half-day Christian weekend designed to demonstrate God's grace and love through Christian support for women who have been impacted by incarceration. Kairos Outside offers a comfortable, non-judgmental retreat for women to support each other as they journey through the incarceration of a friend or relative. Kairos Outside is a Christian program, although no religious affiliation is necessary to attend.

### Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos Prison Ministry is an international prison ministry that provides two yearly events with monthly follow-up, inside area prisons. Kairos Inside is present in each of the correctional facilities in Alabama. The program has been successful and continues to minister to inmates. Visit with those who are incarcerated, pray for them, and assist with inmate letter writing. Bake cookies for the event weekends or help with other food.

### Neighborhood Bridges

Neighborhood Bridges is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in Ohio in January 2017 which began working with Fairhope schools in 2019 and expanded in late March 2022 to include schools in Daphne and Spanish Fort. Neighborhood Bridges facilitates direct local giving to disadvantaged students and families by inviting school professionals (like school counselors and social workers) to advocate for them. Recipients remain completely anonymous. Those needs are shared via email (never more than 1/day) and social media posts, engaging community members to fulfill them. Please sign up on our website to be notified when new needs are posted: [www.neighborhoodbridges.org/community/BaldwinCounty-al](http://www.neighborhoodbridges.org/community/BaldwinCounty-al)

### Operation Christmas Child - Samaritan's Purse

The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 188 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

## Outreach Committee

Outreach at St. James is evangelism that allows us to be the hands and feet of Christ. We, as servants, take His love and mercy out into the world, meeting the needs of our community and beyond. If you would like to get involved email the committee at [outreach@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:outreach@stjamesfairhope.org).



## Prodissee Pantry

Prodissee Pantry is a non-profit community ministry providing emergency food and disaster relief for families who are having trouble making ends meet. The Pantry provides food to single parents, homeless persons, retirees, families in transition, under-employed and unemployed households, grandparents raising grandchildren, and others in need. The Prodissee Pantry cannot assist the community without the help of individuals, youth groups, civic organizations, school clubs, church groups, and local businesses. Here's what you can do: sort produce and groceries, distribute groceries, make food boxes, unload trucks, and help in the warehouse.

## Shepherd's Place

Shepherd's Place Adult Day Respite is located in downtown Fairhope on the First United Methodist Church campus. The Respite provides a time of social interaction and cognitive stimulation for people who have dementia, and allows their caretaker much needed time to themselves. Hours are 8:50 AM -1:00 PM, Tuesday through Thursday. No specific training is required. Volunteers are scheduled in a "sign-up genius" app online and according to your availability.

## South Alabama Volunteer Lawyers Program

The South Alabama Volunteer Lawyers Program (SAVLP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that works with more than 700 local volunteer attorneys to provide free legal assistance in certain civil legal matters to low-income residents of Baldwin, Clarke, Mobile, and Washington Counties. SAVLP often collaborates with Prodissee Pantry, Housing First (Project Homeless Connect), the United Way of Baldwin County, and other non-profits to identify and serve those in need. The organization manages the "Wills for Heroes" program, which provides estate planning services to first responders and also assists people who are at risk of losing their homes, who want to adopt children, and who need legal guidance that they could not otherwise afford or obtain.

## Wilmer Hall

Wilmer Hall Children's Home is a non-profit faith-based organization that has been serving young people in need in Mobile, Alabama since 1864. Wilmer Hall serves children and young adults through several programs that provide tutoring, on-campus living, and other tools needed to succeed. Wilmer Hall currently has five programs: The Residential Program, the Transitional Living Program, the Transitional Family Program, the on-campus after-school education program (called Education4Life), and the Community-Based Education Program. The Community-Based Education program consists of the Philipa Stirling Hamilton Education Center and the Max Miller Education Program. Learn more at [www.wilmerhall.org](http://www.wilmerhall.org)

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# Pastoral Care Ministries

## **Calls and Cards**

This ministry is great for parishioners who want to care for others right from their own home. If you are interested, you can make telephone calls or send cards to parishioners who are going through an illness or surgery or many other pastoral needs.

## **Community of Hope**

Community of Hope International is a Christian community united in prayer, shaped by Benedictine Spirituality and equipped for service in pastoral care ministries. As Lay Chaplains, this group assists the clergy in the pastoral care of the parish and are available for a one time check in (hospital stay or followup) or a long term commitment (homebound or resident at a nursing home) depending on the situation. These Lay Chaplains are members of St. James that provide a listening presence and come alongside anyone who may be feeling lonely, distressed, or facing the many challenges of life.



## **Flower Delivery**

Flowers from our Sunday altar are arranged by volunteers for home or hospital delivery. Arrangements are made following the final service on Sunday; deliveries may be made that afternoon or on Monday. Volunteers may arrange, deliver, or both based on their preference.

## **Funeral Receptions**

Helping a St. James family in their time of grief is the mission of this ministry. The members of this ministry prepare the reception food, setup, and cleanup.

## **Meal Ministry**

The Meal Ministry is organized into 12 teams with each team serving one month of the year. Our mission is to provide meals to members of our parish as they recover from illness, injury, or hospitalization. The only thing necessary to be part of this ministry is a desire to feed someone in need. Everyone is welcome in this group...you don't even need to cook! Periodically volunteers gather in the church kitchen to make and freeze entrees. You may prepare something yourself, draw from the freezer, or buy something already prepared.

## Memorial Garden

The St. James Memorial Garden, located behind the sacristy, is a sanctified location to be used by the communicants of St. James and their immediate families for interment of their ashes (cremains) either in the ground or in a niche in the columbarium wall. The members of the Memorial Garden Board handle all facets of the Memorial Garden including meeting with families, transporting cremains, preparing plots and opening niches, assisting with Memorial Services, and conducting the financial business of the Board.



The Memorial  
Garden Entrance  
8/16/2022

## New Moms Meal Ministry

The New Moms Meal Ministry welcomes you to join us. This ministry provides meals to expectant families for two weeks after arrival of the baby. We hope you will join us in showering these families with not only food, but also God's love from our parish, during this special time!

## Prayers and Squares

Prayers & Squares is a ministry that combines the pastoral gift of a hand-tied quilt with the gift of prayer for someone in need. The quilts are a statement of our faith, a testimony to our strong belief in God, and in the ultimate power of prayer. You do not need to be experienced in quilting to be a part of this ministry. If sewing is not your thing, you can help in other ways.



Prayer Quilt 2/7/2021



# Parish Life Ministries



## Archives Committee

The Archives Committee was developed to find, identify, organize, and preserve our St. James parish history. If you are interested in keeping records, documenting narrative history, have computer skills, or a knack for writing, join the Archives Committee.

## Breakfast Volunteer

Breakfast is served for the parish in Green Hall on the third Sunday of the month (unless otherwise notified) between the services. Parishioners are needed to prepare food, serve and/or clean-up. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners better.

## Buildings and Grounds Ministry

The Junior Warden is the head of this ministry. We are looking for men and women who are willing to help with indoor and outdoor maintenance and cleaning tasks at the church. This ministry also includes people who can help set-up and take down tables and chairs in Green Hall for special events.

## Care for the Church Altar Kneelers

The needlepoint kneelers in the church add beauty to our worship space. Care for the kneelers is simple—they need to be vacuumed once a month. It takes approximately 20 minutes and can be done at your convenience.

## Chess Club

Chess enthusiasts meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM to play chess. All parishioners and friends of St. James are welcome.

## Coffee Hour

St. James' coffee hour, following the Sunday morning service, is our weekly chance to demonstrate the love of God to one another—especially newcomers. Volunteers serve on a rotational basis to assist with making coffee, putting out cookies, and cleaning up.

## Communications

Volunteers are needed from time to time to answer phones, proofread, greet people in the front office, help with large mail-outs, preparing newsletters for bulk mail and the like. Participants will be notified of volunteer opportunities as the need arises.

## Men of St. James

The Men of St. James is an organization which meets quarterly from September through May for the purposes of spiritual growth, fellowship, and outreach. They help raise money for the St. James School and participate in work days around the school. The MOSJ have a dinner meeting in Green Hall (usually with a guest speaker) one quarter, followed by a strictly social get-together, usually outside of the Church the next quarter. All men are welcome to attend.



## Parish Event Volunteer

The parish hosts at least one major event each month and the staff just cannot do it all. Sign up to volunteer on an as-needed basis for setup, cleanup, and other needs of parish-wide events. The office will call volunteers from the list as the need arises.



## Rose Garden & Courtyard

We need a group of dedicated parishioners who would like to keep the rose gardens healthy, growing and blooming for the pleasure of our Lord and community congregation. Volunteers are asked to help with pruning, deadheading, weeding, fertilizing, insect and disease treatment, along with a couple yearly events for maintenance and/or fundraising.



## Small Plate & Restaurant Brunch Groups

**The Small Plate** (*hors d'oeuvres*) **Groups** meet once a month on Saturday evenings at 6:30 PM, from October through May. The host for each month provides drinks, a heavy hors d'oeuvre, their home, and the other members bring an additional appetizer and/or beverage.

These groups are expected to consist of 14-16 participants. For those who wish to participate but whose home may not accommodate the group, it may be possible to co-host with other members. Every attempt is made to balance each group with couples and single participants. We will make all attempts to include you with other couples/singles you might request. Adults only.

**The Restaurant Brunch Groups** meet on Sunday mornings after Church services and host selects a different restaurant to try out each month. These groups usually consist of 10-12 members. Adults only.

## WOW Group

"Women helping Other Women" is a group that began as a support group for widows, but quickly changed to include women who are single. The group takes field trips to the Art Museum and to concerts in Mobile, as well as meeting for lunch in interesting places. The WOW group strives to touch lives in a Godly manner. All women are welcome. At this time this, this group is not meeting and in need of new leadership.

## Yoga Classes - Jane Tucker

Parishioner and yoga instructor, Jane Tucker, offers Gentle Yoga classes on Monday mornings from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in Green Hall and Chair Yoga from 1:30 - 2:30 PM in Green Hall. On Fridays, Jane Tucker offers a Yoga Flow class at 7:30 AM upstairs in the choir room. All St. James parishioners and friends are welcome.

## Yoga Classes - Stacy Reckeweg

On Thursday evenings, a yoga class is available for all levels of participants and taught by Stacy Reckeweg, RYT500 - Beginners are welcome! The Thursday evening one-hour class begins at 5:45 PM in Green Hall. A Zoom option is also available upon request. Yoga classes are free of charge and open to all St. James parishioners and friends.



# Spiritual Formation & Education Ministries

## Confirmation - Youth and Adults

Confirmation is one of the sacramental rites of the Episcopal Church in which candidates “express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop” (BCP, p. 860). Confirmation classes offer candidates an opportunity to “discover the meaning of Christian commitment in their lives, and explore ways that their Christian commitment can be lived. This preparation draws upon the baptismal covenant (BCP, pp. 416-417) and An Outline of the Faith (BCP, pp. 845-862).” Adult and youth classes are normally offered on Sunday mornings for six weeks.

## St. James Library - for all ages

The St. James Library is open to all parishioners and is dedicated to bringing spiritual nourishment, enlightenment, insight, and a deeper understanding of God’s precepts and Christ’s teachings through our collection of a wide variety of books. We have a self-checkout honor system that is easy to use. The library is always open to meet the needs of our diverse congregation.



Confirmation 3/27/2022

## For Children



Kindergarden Bible Presentation 5/1/2022

## Children’s Chapel ~ Age 5 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade

On Sunday mornings, children follow the Clergy Cross to the chapel for Children’s Chapel. In the chapel, they have a structured time of worship and prayer. The children rejoin the main service in time for Communion. All you need to help is a heart to minister to children.

## Communion Instruction

All children are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion. Understanding the Eucharist is important and we encourage our children to learn more about Holy Communion. The classes are supplemental; taken when you feel your child is ready for a deeper understanding of our basic faith.

## Godly Play ~ Age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

This imaginative method for presenting scripture stories to children helps them know God and the Bible instead of simply knowing “about” God or “about” the Bible. Godly Play allows children to experience the stories in a gentle and creative way.

## St. James Episcopal School

St. James Episcopal School is a parish school providing early childhood and educational programs for students 30 months through third grade with school day and full day options. St. James Episcopal School stands as a vibrant expression of the Episcopal Church's historic commitment to quality education for young children. Our mission is to educate the whole child, both mind and spirit, within a nurturing Christian environment. Our goal at St. James is to provide an enjoyable learning experience and ensure that our students become lifelong learners.



## YouGroup ~ 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade

YouGroup is an exciting program specifically designed for St. James' 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents. YouGroup meets in Green Hall on the first Wednesday evening of the month from 6-7:30 PM for fellowship, outreach, and service. Parent participation is required.

## For Youth

### EYC ~ Episcopal Youth Community

The EYC program provides a variety of fellowship opportunities for students in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. These opportunities involve service, worship, learning, and fun! EYC is split into two groups: Jr. High (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders), and Sr. High (9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders).



### Rite 13

A two-year program for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Rite 13 is designed to celebrate the individuality of each young person, while exploring stories of God and God's people. Classes are held on Sundays during the Sunday school hour, at the church. The program culminates with a liturgy that serves as a community expression of the passage from childhood to adulthood. This service is the tangible beginning of the young person's individual spiritual journey.

### Sr. High Sunday School

Students in grades 9 - 12 meet for class during the Sunday school hour, at the church.

## For Adults

### Cursillo

Cursillo ("Cur-see-yo") is a three-day, life-changing weekend that introduces people to simple methods for nurturing and growing their relationship with Christ. It provides an experience of living in a Christian community centered in worship, prayer, study of scripture, and interaction with other Christians. Its mission is to build up our parish churches by encouraging and empowering its members to prepare for doing the work of the church: the spreading of the Gospel.

### Financial Peace University

FPU is a nine-week, biblically based class that teaches step-by-step how to create a budget, pay off debt, spend wisely and save for the future. Participants watch Dave Ramsay's DVD series and engage in discussion. At this time, class is not scheduled for the 2022-23 year. If there is interest from the parish, class will be arranged.

### Men's Tuesday Night Bible Study

St. James men meet once a week in the evening at 6:30 PM for an hour to discuss various Christian topics. Prep time for class is about one hour per week. The group usually meets in the Vestry room. Start date to be determined.



## Clergy Forum

The clergy will lead a forum in the Chapel on Sunday mornings during the Formation and Fellowship hour, between the 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM services. The class will offer an opportunity to dive more deeply into scripture—to open up conversation, and learn from the lessons God teaches us. Stop in the Chapel whenever you can. The sessions are not interdependent.

## Small Groups Study & Fellowship

St. James began “Small Groups” 4 years ago. Small Groups (not to be confused with “Small Plates”) meet at parishioners’ homes for fellowship and study. Each group meets once a month. We are looking to expand our program in the fall. Childcare is provided for participants.

## St. Anthony’s Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a method of meditation used by Christians placing a strong emphasis on interior silence. It is also an ancient form of meditation with roots in monastic traditions of St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross. We begin with a prayer, are silent for 20 minutes while returning our focus to God, and end with a prayer. This takes 20-25 minutes and we meet at 12:30 PM on Wednesdays in the Chapel. Anyone is welcome to come regularly or drop in at that time.

## Sunday Christian Foundations Class

*Foundations of the Christian Faith, Connecting the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer* is an 8-week curriculum, written by The Rev. Julia M. Gattis and The Rev. Kirk S. Smith from the Diocese of Connecticut. The class is “designed to equip adult students with a grasp of the faith sufficient for full participation in the great mysteries of Christ as these are experienced in the life of the church — through worship, the sacraments, prayer, Scripture, and ministry.” The group will be led by Gerry Lester and Sara Majors and will meet in the Vestry Room during the Formation and Fellowship hour between the services. All adults are welcome to join.

## Sunday Morning Book Study

Holly McKinney and Scott Gonzalez will be leading a book study of Stormie Omartian’s *Lead Me, Holy Spirit: Longing to Hear the Voice of God* on Sunday mornings during the Formation and Fellowship hour between the services. Class location is upstairs of Wilson Education Building.

## Sunday Reading Round Table (The Lectionary Class)

This class meets on Sunday mornings to further discuss the readings appointed for the day from the Revised Common Lectionary. The focus of the weekly study is to learn how scripture applies to your daily faith life. The study will meet in the library during Sunday formation time.

## The Order of the Daughters of the King®

After a period of study and discernment, DOK® members take lifetime vows of daily prayer, service and evangelism. The Mary and Martha of Bethany Chapter at St. James is a community that meets monthly for prayer and study, and members take an active role in service to the parish and community. New chapter presidents are elected in April.

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study (WAMBS)

Offered on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Vestry Room, this Bible study chooses a variety of spiritual growth topics. Come early at 9 am for coffee and fellowship. The group study begins promptly at 9:30 AM in the Vestry Room and lasts until 11:00. All are welcome.

## Women’s Monday Night Bible Study

The Monday Night Women’s Bible Study meets every week in the Vestry Room. This group discusses books of the Bible and a variety of Christian topics. All women are welcome. The study begins at 6:30 PM and ends no later than 8:15 PM with prayer. Class preparation/homework time varies based on the study.



## OUR CLERGY



**The Reverend De Freeman**  
*Rector*



**The Reverend Forbes Sirmon**  
*Associate Priest*



**The Reverend Amanda Doshier**  
*Deacon*

## WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

### **Sunday Services**

*8:30 AM ~ Holy Eucharist*

*10:30 AM ~ Holy Eucharist*

*Both services are held in the Church.*

*Nursery is provided during both services.*

*Children's Chapel is at 10:30 AM.*

### **Wednesday Mornings**

*7:30 AM ~ Holy Eucharist, in the Chapel*

### **Third Sunday of the Month**

*Breakfast between the morning services and*

*Taizé in the Chapel at 7 PM*

*or*

*Sung Compline in the Church at 7 PM*

## OUR VESTRY

*Jeanie Smith, Sr. Warden*

*Lauren Arington, Jr. Warden*

*Bruce Stone, Clerk*

*Katie Smith, Treasurer*

### **Class of 2022**

*Tracy Corte*

*Elizabeth Erwin*

*Shannon Pesnell*

*Mary Statkewicz*

### **Class of 2023**

*Bebe Goetter*

*Earl Jackson*

*Chris Nelson*

### **Class of 2024**

*Ben Coddington*

*Peter Gaillard*

*Laura Jones*

*Matthew Myrick*

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