

Consecration Sunday

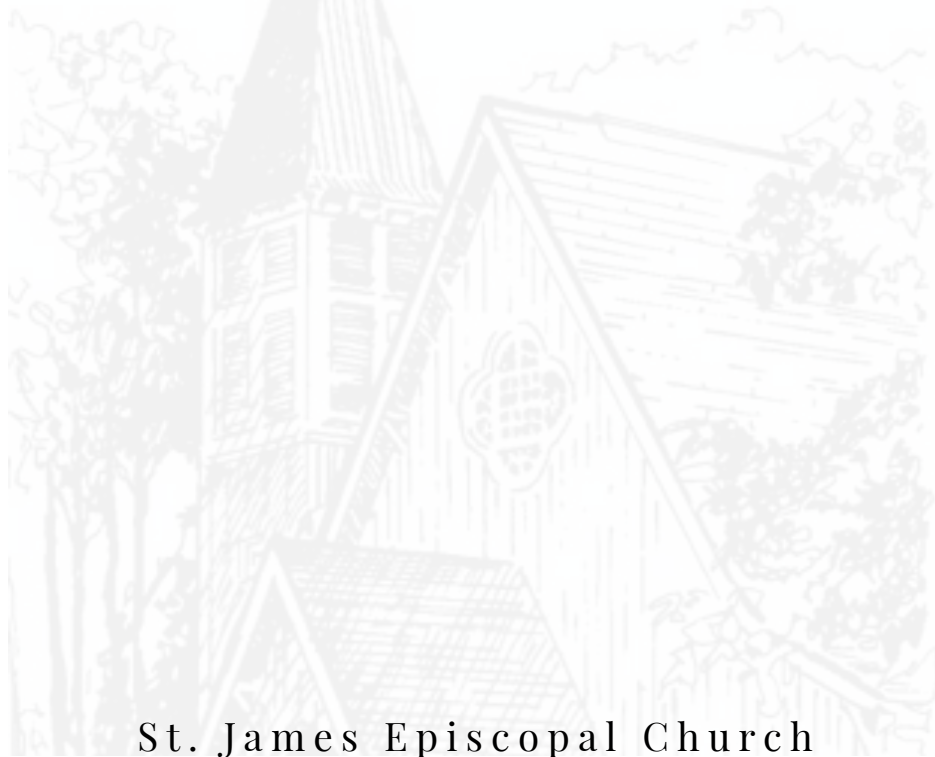
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2022

8:30 & 10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

We wish a warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us here at St. James.



St. James Episcopal Church

We are a community anchored in Christ, seeking God, sharing His love and serving others.

The Reverend De Freeman, *Rector*

The Reverend Forbes Sirmon, *Associate Priest*

The Reverend Amanda Doshier, *Deacon*

Service Schedule

Sundays: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM, both services in the Church

Children's Chapel is at 10:30. Nursery is available at both services.

10:30 service is streamed live on our website at stjamesfairhope.org, Facebook Page & YouTube Channel.

Wednesdays: 7:30 AM, in the Chapel

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Hymn 535

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Paderborn, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765;
 harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947) Reprint by permission of *Ritesong*. Public domain.

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol;
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

OPENING SENTENCES

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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

Hymn S-280*

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev.

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 God the Father, Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

10:30am only

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous--therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 37:1-10

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| <p>1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;* do not be jealous of those who do wrong.</p> <p>2 For they shall soon wither like the grass,* and like the green grass fade away.</p> <p>3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good;* dwell in the land and feed on its riches.</p> <p>4 Take delight in the Lord,* and he shall give you your heart's desire.</p> <p>5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,* and he will bring it to pass.</p> | <p>6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light* and your just dealing as the noonday.</p> <p>7 Be still before the Lord* and wait patiently for him.</p> <p>8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prosper,* the one who succeeds in evil schemes.</p> <p>9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;* do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.</p> <p>10 For evildoers shall be cut off,* but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.</p> |
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SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

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1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

LUKE 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

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

Form III

BCP 387

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor: In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we especially pray for: St. Francis, Gulf Breeze and St. Francis Dauphin Island. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence*

The People may add their own petitions.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious and merciful God, you have blessed our church with people devoted to your word and service in your name, help us to fulfill our church mission and your great commission, to go and make disciples of all nations. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Lord, we offer up prayers of Thanksgiving for the abundance of treasure and abilities with which you have blessed us. Give us the desire to joyfully share our gifts for the good of our church, our community, and your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Lord, you are the source of all gifts including the most precious and holy gift of your son, Jesus Christ. Help us to live in gratitude and joy, generous in giving and sharing from the abundance which you have freely bestowed upon us. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all members of our parish, who through their stewardship of time, talent and treasure eagerly share their gifts and giftedness, may they find a deeper relationship with you, O Lord, and become a family with the other members of this church. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Lord we are your faithful children. In our lives we face many challenges and adversities that put restraints on our time and resources. Look into our hearts and give us the spiritual discernment to find a healthy balance of serving our personal needs, and serving the needs of our church community. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Help us to be obedient to the call to stewardship and to place ourselves at your disposal, O Lord, so that we may become a people who act not on our own, but for you O, God. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Lift us up when we are ill in body, mind or soul so we are reminded of the grace of your Son our Savior and that our concerns, our hurts and our sorrows may be placed at the foot of the cross and be healed. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray that the gifts that we offer today truly reflect our love and thanksgiving for the many blessings that God has entrusted us, and that we may have the courage to be good stewards of God's many blessings, all the days of our lives. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant: Ever Gracious God we thank you for the gifts of abundant life we have in you, and especially for the life and ministries we share; hear our prayers and turn our hearts so that we might better see you in this world, strengthen the bonds of community between us, consecrate all that is given and received, and keep us ever mindful of your vision, now and evermore, through Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *The people stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

8:30 AM

Mercy's Free
Men's Compline

American Folk Music

10:30 AM

Gloria In Excelsis Deo
from the *Heiligmesse*

Haydn (1732-1809)

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.**

CONSECRATION OF GIFTS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The people remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.**

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

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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

Hymn S-129*

Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven 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 as they are able. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, 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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

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.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION AND MINISTRATION

All are welcome and encouraged to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Please come forward and an usher will guide you to the altar rail. Those unable to kneel may stand. To receive the host (bread), place your hands together. You may immediately eat the host, or wait to dip it into the wine (intinction). To receive from the chalice, help the minister guide the chalice to your lips. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your arms over your chest, after you receive your host. Receiving the host or wine alone is considered full communion. It is appropriate to remain at the rail until the next person has received and then return to your seat. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Surely the Presence

Lanny Wolfe

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

**Surely the Spirit of the Lord is here in love;
and it brings God's peace as quietly as a dove.
I can see the glow if angels' wings shining brightly from above.
Surely the Spirit of the Lord is here in love.**

**Surely the blessing of the Lord is in my heart;
and it's here when we're together or apart.
I can feel the brush of angels' wings and I know how great Thou art.
Surely the blessing of the Lord is in my heart.**

Refrain: **One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing, which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

1. **Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.** *Refrain*
2. **Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.** *Refrain*
3. **Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.** *Refrain*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

BENEDICTION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lord, whose love through humble service

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**Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed,
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light,
in its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving, your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.**

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in d minor

Bach (1650-1725)

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Paul Harriman in memory of Sheila Harriman's birthday &
by Roger Guilian in thanksgiving for his beautiful wife and best friend, Leslie,
in celebration of their 19th wedding anniversary.

SERVANTS

8:30 AM

Ushers: Bob Ford, Frances Patton,
Allen Jones, Joe Strange
Chalice Bearers: Gary Garner, Bill Haljin, Andy Smith
Lector: Mary Statkewicz
Server/Crucifer: Ceci Howard
Coffee Ministry: Gerry Lester, Cappi Sully
Welcome Ministry: Savan Wilson

10:30 AM

Ushers: Chris Kasuba, David Roberts,
Anne Pearson, Randy Sternenberg
Chalice Bearers: Roger Guilian, Tiffany Dye,
Margaret Cadden
Lector: Kathy Sternenberg
Acolytes: JT Bradley, Will Huckabay
Children's Chapel: Alexandra Miller
Welcome Ministry: Nancy Dennis

at both services

Clergy: The Reverend De Freeman, *Rector*,
The Reverend Forbes Sirmon, *Associate Priest*,
The Reverend Amanda Doshier, *Deacon*
Organist: Helen Rodgers
Choir Director: Mary Katherine Kilgore
Altar Guild: 10/2: Earle 10/9: Stabler / Webb

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Happy Consecration Sunday!
Thank you for all of the gifts that
you give to St. James.



ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PARISHIONERS:

Fred Akel, Barbara Arnold, Charlie Bassett, Arthur Bayer, Susan Bridges, Donna Brown, Jeanelle Clark, Maite Clyatt, Beverly Dykes, Bruce Fahlberg, Lyn Fogarty, Ellen Gentle, Rusty Godard, Tylene Gredell, Jack Grimsley, Brandy Haas, Clay Havard, Jim Herring, Steve Ingram, Richard Jackson, Fred Jones, Dean Koch, Sylvia Mills, Hilde Neasbe, Doug Nester, Joe Palmer, Mary Pilcher, Gorman Schaffer, Bill Sims, Martha Smith, Sallie Smith, Sam South, Ann Thomas, Leslie Turnbull, Jayne Welch, Robin Williams, Sam Williams, Randal Wright, Jeanne Yancey, Joy Zeanah, and those who care for them.

LET US ALSO PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF OTHERS:

Byron Baggett, Helen Bender, Gloria Campbell, Fred Chesbro, Leland Chesbro, Bonita Clark, Janice Clifford, Arthur Cohen, Jeffrey Cohen, Regina Conradi, Justin Crabtree, Pat Cranton, Jim Crooke, Rudy Davis, Liam Doran, Denson Freeman, Sr., Kristen Freeman, Mary Freeman, Radner Graham, Bill Graston, Michael Gredell, Verna Guillet, Charlie Hall, Ilse Hall, Deb and Danny Hawke, J.D. Hawke, Mimi Henderson, Marcia Hudson, Nancy Hughes, Barbara Kellem, Ann Kiser, Alan Kuhn, Peg Lawrence, Kim Lowery, Elizabeth McGonagle, Tami McGowan, Suzanne McKinney, Laurin McMurry, Carrie Mills, Andrew Mills, John Charles Moore, Stan Norman, Ursel Norman, Jack Orr, Carolyn Parham, Ann Parker, Page Robinson, June Schilling, Cameron Sipperley, Margaret Spence, Connie Thames, Sandra Thompson, William Twilbeck, Mark Ulmer, Marsha Weaver, Brandon Webb, Jay Wells, Larry Williams, Alan Wilson, Helen Wilson, Claire Windham, Colleen Wood, Carolyn Zeanah, and those who care for them.

MILITARY PRAYER REQUESTS:

Brewer Ayres, Brandon Beam, Lee Brennan, Chase Carlton, James Cassebaum, Charles Cotton, Matthew Curry, Edward Doyle, Hunter Freeman, Billy Geiger, Bobby Glover, John Granlund, John Gresla, John Heeren, Mallory Henderson, Matthew Kangsumrith, Daniel Keyser, Will McDuff, Walter Miller, Robert Pinckard, Parker Ponder, Bryan Quinn, Neil Quinn, James Ramming, Alex Rice, Lexi Rohrer, Adam Simpson, Gary Spencer, Stephanie Tatum, and William Watts.

To place a name on the prayer list, please complete one of the prayer cards found in the narthex of the church/chapel, or in the Parish office. Names are listed for 2 months.

News & Events

PARISH NEWS

Blessing of the Animals & Haven Pet Supply Drive - Sunday, October 9 at 5:00PM. Bring your pet (or a photo) to be blessed during the special service in the courtyard. Bring pet supply donations to the courtyard on Sunday or drop off in Green Hall during the month of October.

SAVE the DATE! St. James School Annual Zebedee Doo Dah Fundraiser, Nov. 6 from 5:00 - 8:00pm, tickets are on sale today in the courtyard!

MUSIC NEWS

St. James Concert Series dates announced. Series opens with organist **Amanda Mole, Thursday, October 6 at 7:00 PM**. If you would like to be on our concert series mailing list, email info@stjamesfairhope.org and request to be added.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEWS

Sunday School Teachers Needed—Please contact Ellen Huckabay at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org if you are interested in teaching youth or children's Sunday school classes.

EYC meets TONIGHT at the Ross' home in Point Clear from 5:00 - 6:00 pm.

The Youth Ski Trip to Beech Mountain, NC is set for Feb 22 - 26, 2023 and is **signing up now**. This trip is for youth in grades 9-12. Email Ellen Huckabay at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org or call her at 251-928-2912 if you would like to go or have questions.

Trunk or Treat - our annual Trunk or Treat festival will take place on October 30 from 5:00-6:30. This is a free event, but bring money to vote on your favorite storybook pumpkins, provided by St. James Episcopal School students!

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

No Formation today due to the Consecration Sunday lunch. For class schedules please see the signs posted on doors and in Green Hall.

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION - DURING THE WEEK:

Centering Prayer has resumed and meets at 12:30 in the Chapel for around 30 minutes. 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. Anyone is welcome to come regularly or drop in at that time. Questions? Contact Shannon Spinks at shannon@gatewaysourcing.com.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them*, by Liz Curtis Higgs. Meet at 6:30 PM in the Vestry Room in Green Hall. The group usually finishes around 8:10 PM. All women are welcome to join, even if you did not participate in the pre-summer book study portion.

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study meets at 9:30 AM in the Vestry Room. Our first book study of the fall will be Priscilla Shirer's *Discerning the Voice of God*.