

Anchor Lines

St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama



November 9, 2022

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Holidays at St. James EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 24

10:00 AM in the Chapel

*This service will take the place of the Wednesday morning service for this week

Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, November 27

Advent Lessons and Carols

& St. Nicholas in Green Hall

Sunday, December 4

Pergolesi Magnificat

St. James Choir & Strings

Sunday, December 18

8:30 & 10:30 AM services

Service of the Longest Night

Wednesday, December 21

5:30-7:30 PM in the Chapel

Cookie Decorating for Santa

All ages welcome

Thursday, December 22

2:00 - 4:00 PM in Green Hall

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

4:00, 7:00 & 10:00 PM

in the Church

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

10:30 AM in the Church

Sunday Adult Christian Formation

Sunday adult formation takes place
between the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM services (approximately 9:40 - 10:20 AM)

ADULT FORMATION *Sunday Classes*

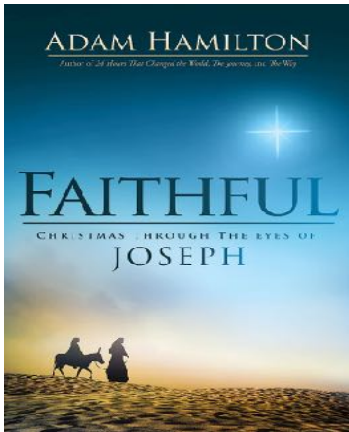


Class	Location	Leader
Reading Round Table	Library	Jim Daniell
Sunday Book Study for Adults	Chapel	Holly McKinney and Scott Gonzalez

The L e c t i o n a r y S c h e d u l e

Date	The First Lesson	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
23rd Sunday after Pentecost, November 13, 2022, Proper 28	Malachi 4:1-2a	Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Last Sunday after Pentecost, November 20, 2022, Proper 29	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
1 Advent November 27, 2022	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
2 Advent December 4, 2022	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12

Formation & Worship



Women's Monday Night Bible Study

The Women's Monday Night Bible Study will begin a Christmas study with Adam Hamilton's lovely story, *Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph*. We will begin on November 21 and end on December 12.

Adam Hamilton describes his book in the following way:

From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for all of us. Join Adam Hamilton as he examines Christmas through the eyes of Joseph. Absent from much of the biblical narrative, Joseph never spoke a word, but his courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity.

We hope that you will join us in this special Christmas study. We will meet in the **Vestry Room of the Parish Hall on Monday nights from 6:30 until 8:10 p.m.** New or used books may be purchased from Amazon. For more information, contact Michelle Orr at 251-490-6077. Also, for our first meeting, if you have a nativity set, please bring the statue of Joseph.

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 on Wednesdays in the Chapel. Anyone is welcome to come regularly or drop in at that time.

Contact Shannon Spinks at shannon@gatewaysourcing.com if you have questions about Centering Prayer.



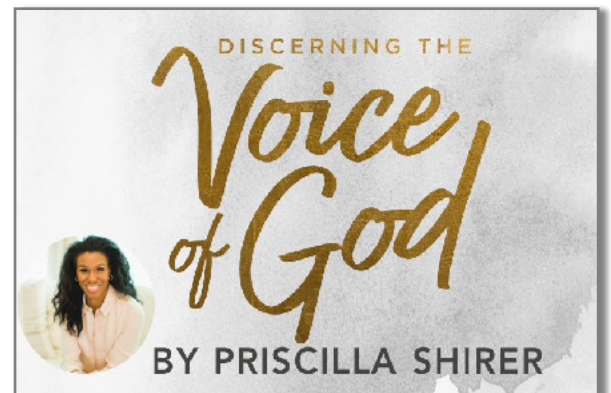
The Monday Night Women's Bible Study celebrates the end of their recent study of "The Bad Girls of the Bible" with a costume party at Elizabeth Orr's home. Listed left to right, back row are Kathy Wade, Babs Stapleton, Valerie Hodgson, Margaret Cadden, Jayne Edge, and Misty Campbell. Front row are Elizabeth Orr, Jo Patton, Frances Patton, Elizabeth Erwin, Sheryl Dolan, Nickie Olson, Michelle Orr, Linda Jamieson, and Julee Howard.

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study

The group meets in the Vestry Room from 9:30 - 11:30 AM.

Contact Elaine Pannell for more information.

pannell3264@yahoo.com



Children & Youth

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE
Soccer

Introduce your child to soccer!
If you have a child who is in kindergarten - 4th grade, and would like to join Coach KJ for soccer practices, let us know!
We'll begin practices in November, and will form Youth Development League teams in January.
There is no cost to attend practices and this will not obligate your child to join a team. Practice days and times TBD. Open to all St. James children and St. James school students!

EMAIL KJ
KJ@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG

St. James EPISCOPAL SCHOOL & St. James EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. James EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WELCOMES OUR NEW
Youth Director
KJ MINNIEFIELD

Practices will be held from 2:30-4:00 PM on the following dates:

November 14-17 and November 28-December 1. In order to accommodate students from all schools, students may "drop in" as they are able between those hours and attend on whatever days their schedules allow. Contact KJ [here](mailto:KJ@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG) with questions.

Children/Youth Formation LOCATIONS & LEADERS

LOOK FOR THESE SIGNS ON THE DOORS TO YOUR CLASSROOM



CLASS	LOCATION	LEADER(S)
Godly Play Pre-K-3rd grade	Classroom #2 (last room on left in the school downstairs)	Rotates
What's in the Bible? Grades 4-6	Classroom #8 Upstairs in the school	George Huckabay
Rite 13 7th & 8th grades	Classroom #5 Upstairs in the school	Ellen Huckabay & Karen Myrick
Senior High 9th - 12th grades	Classroom #7 Upstairs in the school	Meg Willett & Bettie Norton



*Trunk
On
Treat
2022*



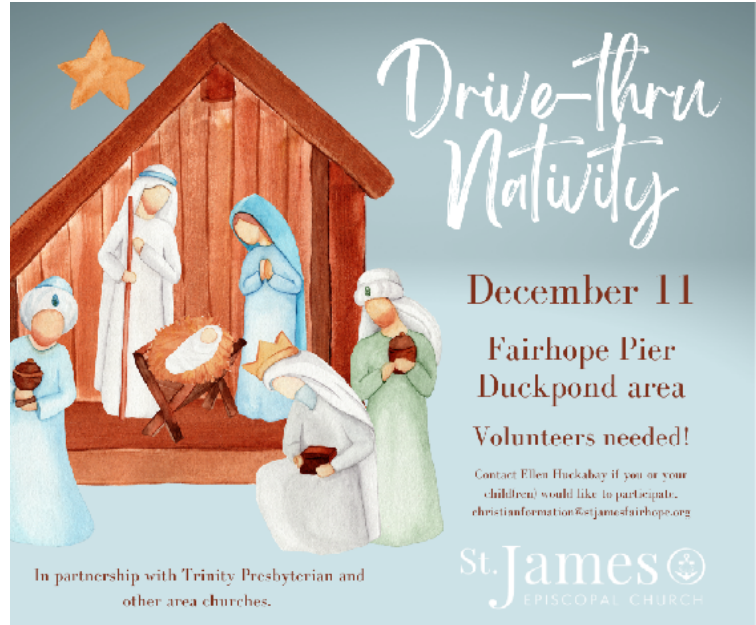
News & Events

St. James
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Episcopal Schools Celebration

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13
DURING THE 10:30 AM SERVICE

WE LOOK FORWARD TO
CELEBRATING OUR PARISH SCHOOL!



The school will be open for touring after the
service. We encourage our parishioners to take a
look!

To volunteer, email
christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org or click
[here](#).



Christmas Outreach is coming!



This year, St. James will be collecting gifts for the following organizations: Ecumenical Ministries, Angel Tree Prison Ministry, The Shoulder, Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, and the William F. Green State Veterans Home in Bay Minette. Gift tags and instructions will be available for pickup outside of Green Hall before and after services on November 20th, November 27th, and December 4th.

Monthly Financial Report

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER PLEDGING FOR 2023

	September	September	YTD	YTD	YTD
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Church Income	\$93,864	\$109,053	\$946,226	\$984,273	\$914,894
Church Expense	\$120,590	\$132,048	\$1,017,378	\$1,064,869	\$990,188
School Income	\$51,878	\$88,672	\$638,557	\$444,769	\$447,347
School Expense	\$77,035	\$75,094	\$526,285	\$545,593	\$360,380

*Please remember you can set up your recurring gifts online by clicking this link.
Gifts may be made by ACH or credit card.*

ONE MONTH POST
CONSECRATION SUNDAY:

2022

146 PLEDGES
\$672,667

2021

143 PLEDGES
\$679,616

Youth News

St. James  youth
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fairhope Christmas Parade

DECEMBER 2 AT 4:30

**HELP DECORATE THE ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL SCHOOL FLOAT
AND WALK WITH US IN THE PARADE!**

Join us for gumbo and float decorating at KJ's house! We'll meet at 4:30 and then ride the float to the start of the parade route. For meeting address and RSVP, please email KJ kj@stjamesfairhope.org

YOUTH WILL WALK ALONGSIDE THE FLOAT DURING THE PARADE.

The school students will be riding ON the float.



**St. James Youth
Ski Trip**

Beech Mountain, NC
Feb 22 - 26, 2023

**Signing up
9th - 12th
graders now!**

Call 251.928.2912 or email Ms. Ellen at christianinformation@stjamesfairhope.org
if you would like to go on the ski trip.

\$175 deposit due by December 1 to confirm your reservation.



St. James  youth
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

December 18
5:30 - 7:00 in Green Hall

WEAR A TACKY SWEATER OR YOUR FAVORITE
FESTIVE ATTIRE!
WE'LL HAVE FOOD, GAMES, AND LOTS OF FUN!

Music News

St. James **CONCERT SERIES**

2022 - 2023 Season

November Concert

Sunday, November 13, 2022
4:00 PM



Quintessential Harp Duo,
 Rebecca Todaro & Catherine Anderson,
 Rockland Osgood, tenor

The concert will open with a harp ensemble selection featuring members of the Central Gulf Coast Harp Society followed by music from the Quintessential Harp Duo and selections for Tenor soloist and harp.



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The concert will open with a harp ensemble selection featuring members of the Central Gulf Coast Harp Society followed by music from the Quintessential Harp Duo and selections for Tenor soloist and harp.

Rebecca Todaro hails from Baton Rouge but freelances professionally across the Gulf Coast. A frequent guest musician on opera and orchestral programs, Rebecca has served as principal harpist across the south and is active on the board of the American Harp Society.

Catherine Anderson is an active professional freelance harpist and is on the faculty at Tulane University, the University of New Orleans, and Loyola University.

Tenor Rockland Osgood has sung with symphony orchestras across the country as well as opera companies of Mobile, Syracuse, and Anchorage. He has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Spoleto Festival USA, Northwest Bach Festival, and at the Church of Ignatius Loyola in Manhattan.

Sunday, December 18, 2022

8:30 & 10:30 AM

Worship services

Pergolesi *Magnificat*

St. James Choir & Strings

The Magnificat is a hymn expressing joy and thanksgiving, sung by the Virgin Mary.

Francesco Durante composed two versions of his Magnificat in B Flat - the four-part version that we will sing, and a more elaborate five-part version featuring two sopranos. The composition date of either version is unknown, but both likely were written in the 1740s. Some controversy surrounds the Magnificat. Although scholars traditionally agree that Durante composed this Magnificat, in 1910 musicologist Giuseppe Radiccioli attributed the work to Giovanni Battista Pergolesi, Durante's talented pupil. That myth has followed the work ever since.



What is Compline?

In short, Compline is a sung prayer service. Compline consist of psalms, short passages from scripture, an office hymn, canticle, litany, collects and additional prayers. The offering of prayer in the evening, by laity or clergy, has sometimes been described as the "goodnight prayer of the church". It rounds off the day and prepares us for a quiet night. Compline is offered when the work of the day is completed, and the quietness of evening settles over the hearts and minds of those who have come together in thankfulness for the blessings of the day, and in anticipation of God's gift of a new day.

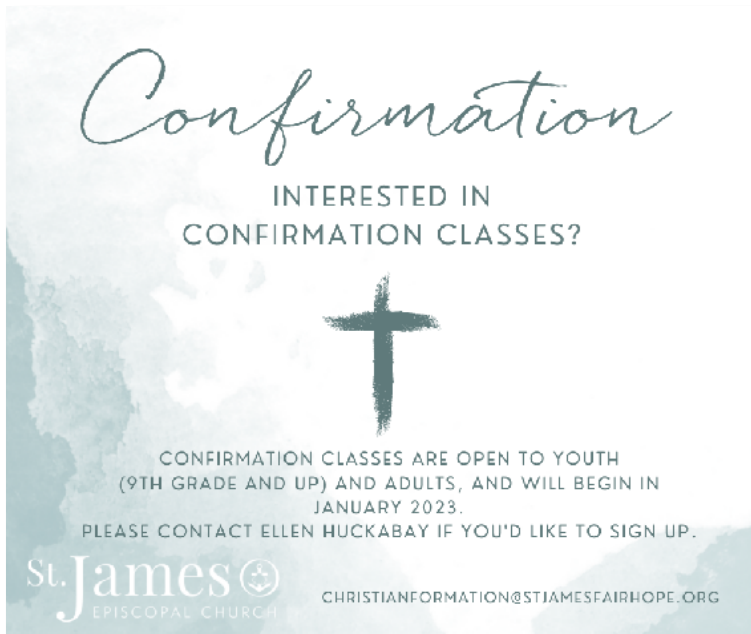
Parish Life



Our St. James youth have shopped for the items to fill the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Please join us after the 10:30 service on November 13 to help pack the boxes for their final destinations. All are welcome!



Please bring your new or gently used coats and jackets to Green Hall. Our parish DOK chapter is partnering with other area churches to help those experiencing homelessness by blessing them with warm coats!



Confirmation will take place on March 26, 2023. Email Ellen Huckabay [here](mailto:ellenhuckabay@stjamesfairhope.org) if you are interested in our upcoming Confirmation classes.



Wreath making will take place in Green Hall during the formation hour (between the 8:30 and 10:30 services).

Parish Life



Altar Guild UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER 19
TRAINING AND LUNCH

PLEASE RSVP FOR 11/19
TRAINING AND LUNCH TO
MEDIA@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG

DECEMBER 17
GRAND POLISHING
DAY AND LUNCH

St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Please RSVP to media@stjamesfairhope.org for the November 19 training and lunch or click [here](#).



**\$3.00 per
person
or
\$10.00 per
family
Pay when
you eat.**

Make your
Sunday
morning
better!
Have
breakfast
at

St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**PARISH
BREAKFAST
November 20**

Between the services
Reservations are not necessary.

St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Jane
Tucker's**

Yoga
SCHEDULE
Beginning Sept 12

Mondays - 9:30 AM - Gentle Yoga in Green Hall
Mondays - 1:30 PM - Chair Yoga in Green Hall
Fridays - 7:30 AM - Yoga Flow upstairs in the Choir Rm

STACY'S

Yoga
SCHEDULE
Thursdays

5:45 PM - Flow Yoga with Stacy Reckeweg
in Green Hall or via Zoom.
If you'd like the Zoom link, contact Stacy
at stacy.reckeweg@gmail.com

School News



Fall in the air and our halls are decorated to prove it! The students and staff are enjoying all the festivities of the season.

Our Trunk-or-Treat was a fun-filled afternoon for everyone. The annual Storybook Pumpkin Carving Contest was another huge success, and we raised \$234.56 for the purchase of new library books. Thanks to everyone that participated and voted. We ended October with a Halloween Scavenger Hunt around the campus and all the students and staff came dressed in costumes.

Our students enjoyed a special program presented by our Spanish teacher Senora Veronica celebrating Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead).

As part of our christian formation, the children have been studying the Saints in Godly Play and in their classrooms. On November 2nd, we culminated our study with a beautiful All Saints' Day chapel service presented by our Kindergarten Class.

Our Annual Fundraiser the Zebedee - do - dah Fest was another huge success. I want to thank the chairs of the fundraiser, Jennifer Lambert and Laura Port, for organizing another great event. Also, I wholeheartedly thank everyone that sponsored, made donations, purchased tickets and volunteered their time and talent.

We will observe Veteran's Day on November 11th at 9:50 in front of the church flagpole. We invite everyone to attend this honorable service and encourage all veterans to come.

We look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving with our friends and families and wish each of you all the blessings of the Thanksgiving season.

Director

St. James Episcopal School

Shelley E. Meier

All veterans welcome!



School News

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Zebedee Do-Dah event at the Fairhope Brewing Company! Special thanks to our chairs, Jennifer Lambert and Laura Port!



**Parish Office
Hours**

Monday - Thursday
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday ~ CLOSED

OUR CLERGY



Rev. De Freeman, *Rector*



Rev. Forbes Sirmon, *Associate Priest*



Rev. Amanda Doshier, *Deacon*

OUR VESTRY

Jeanie Smith, *Senior Warden*
Lauren Arington, *Junior Warden*
Bruce Stone, *Clerk*
Katie Smith, *Treasurer*

Class of 2022

Elizabeth Erwin
Shannon Pesnell
Tracy Corte
Mary Statkewicz

Class of 2023

Bebe Goetter
Earl Jackson
Chris Nelson

Class of 2024

Ben Coddington
Peter Gaillard
Laura Jones
Matthew Myrick

Weekly Recurring Schedule

SUNDAYS:

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
9:40 - 10:20 AM Christian Formation & Fellowship
*see our Christian Formation section for all of the different
classes offered on Sunday this year
10:30 AM* Holy Eucharist in the Church *also online
Children's Chapel at 10:30 AM
Nursery available at both services

MONDAYS

9:30 - 10:30 AM Gentle Yoga, Green Hall
1:30 - 2:30 PM Chair Yoga, Green Hall
4:00 - 5:00 PM Canterbury Choir rehearsal
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study, Vestry Room

WEDNESDAYS:

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study, Vestry Room
12:30 PM Centering Prayer
7:00 - 8:30 PM Adult Choir rehearsal

THURSDAYS:

5:45 PM Yoga, Green Hall
7:00 PM Chess, Green Hall

FRIDAYS:

7:30 AM Yoga Flow, upstairs in the choir room

3rd SUNDAY of the Month:

9:30 - 10:30 AM Breakfast
7:00 PM Compline in the Church & online
or Taizé in the Chapel

For staff email addresses or other contact information go to the
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or *click here for St. James Staff*.