

# Anchor Lines



St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama

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## Called *by God*

Lenten  
Lecture Series 2023



Wednesday Evenings  
beginning March 1  
5:30-7:30 in Green Hall  
Dinner followed by guest speakers

Join us this Lent for an exciting formation series where we will showcase the various and subtle ways in which we are all called by God. Each week, two speakers will come together in conversation and share stories of their own personal call and work in the world. These portraits of faith - from our clergy, staff, and parishioners - promise to inspire and enrich your own walk with God. To tie it all together, Fr. De will teach us about Spiritual Gifts and provide an assessment, so we can discover and explore our own gifts. Series attendees will walk away inspired and equipped to begin to seek and answer the particular call that God has for each of us.

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*Stay tuned for more  
information  
on our Lenten program!*



*Ordination Sunday**Congratulations, Amanda!*

On Sunday, January 29, we celebrated the Ordination to the Priesthood of Amanda Doshier. Friends, family, and many fellow clergy attended this special service. Thank you to everyone who played a part in making this a memorable, successful event for Amanda and for our parish! We are grateful to the many volunteers who helped with preparation, decorating, serving, cleanup, and all tasks in between!





# Ordination Sunday





*Parish Life & Ministry*

*Ministry Spotlight*

*Community of Hope*  
INTERNATIONAL



The people in this photo are your fellow parishioners. As Lay Chaplains, they are here for you during times of need.

If you are struggling with grief, loneliness, illness, depression, or any circumstance that prevents you from enjoying life, Community of Hope can help.

**Everything discussed is kept strictly confidential.**

**Community of Hope Lay Chaplains:**

Forbes Sirmon, Bonnie Gulsby, Bebe Goetter, De Freeman, Nancy Dennis, Jim Daniell, Scott Gonzalez, Amanda Doshier, Beth Moore, Susan Bridges, and Elaine Estefan.

Confidentially contact  
Community of Hope [here](#).

*Complete Ministry Guide*

*Ministry*  
GUIDE  
2022-2023



**St. James**   
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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A complete list of ministries can be found in our Ministry Guide on our website [here](#). Interested in volunteering or need more information? Email the church office [here](#).



**Save the Date!**  
*Palm Cross Making*



**April 1 at 8:00 AM**





# Rose Garden Spring Cleanup

Saturday,  
February 18  
9:30 AM

No experience necessary!  
Please bring your own  
gloves, rakes, loopers, clippers, etc.

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## Annual Rose Garden Cleanup

We are excited to be joined by  
**Jamie Rollins**, with the  
Horticultural and  
Landscape division of the  
City of Fairhope!

If you have questions or  
would like more information,  
click [here](#).



## Shrove Tuesday Chicken & Waffle Dinner

Tuesday, February 21  
5:30 - 7:30  
in Green Hall

No reservations necessary  
\$5 per adult, \$3 per child  
\$15 max per family

### What is Shrove Tuesday?

Shrove Tuesday is a day of indulging in the rich, fatty foods that were traditionally abstained from during Lent. Making pancakes (or in our case, waffles!) was a way to use up butter, milk, sugar, and eggs before the 40-day fast.



*Parish News**What is Compline?*

You may have heard the service of Compline announced and be wondering what it is. Very simply put, Compline is the last prayer liturgy (or office) of the day. It is a part of the liturgy of Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Eastern and Greek Orthodox churches as well as some others. In many monasteries it signaled the beginning of the “Great Silence” wherein monks and guests would remain silent until after the first service of the next day. In the Anglican faith it was once merged with Vespers to form the service of Evening Prayer. It has since been separated back out to be its own service. You can find it in our Book of Common Prayer starting on page 127. Compline is a contemplative service that emphasizes spiritual peace.

Here, at St. James, we have a men’s Compline choir that offers Compline on the third Sunday of most months. Compline starts at 7pm and lasts about a half hour. It is a relaxed, come as you are service. We ask only that you listen. Most people stand for the creed when it is chanted, but that isn’t mandatory. There are no bulletins, no hymnals, no prayer books; it is a time for you to disconnect from the cares of life and be with God. Children are welcome, and you are free to bring a pillow and blanket for them.

*Chili for Charity*

Make plans to attend the **2023 Chili for Charity** event in support of Ecumenical Ministries. Come cheer on the St. James team and cast your vote! We are currently in need of 4 more volunteers to serve in the St. James tent. Please contact Kristen Wootten if you can help out! [kkwootten@gmail.com](mailto:kkwootten@gmail.com). There will be a planning meeting Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 in the Vestry Room. Bring your decorating ideas! Youth are welcome!

Admission: \$15.00 at the gate (\$12.50 in advance from Eventbrite or the office of EMI). Children 12 and under are FREE. Tickets on sale NOW!





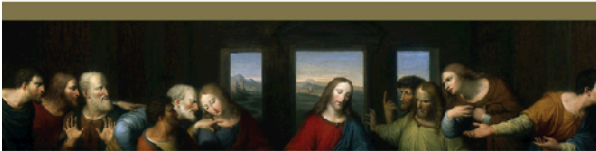
## Adult Formation



AMY-JILL  
LEVINE

# ENTERING THE PASSION of JESUS

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE to HOLY WEEK



From the author of *The Journey* and *The Way*

ADAM HAMILTON

24 Hours  
That Changed the World

Expanded Paperback Edition

## Women's Monday Night Bible Study

This Lent, the Women's Monday Night Bible Study will be studying the book, *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, by Amy-Jill Levine. This six week study will take us through the history and literature surrounding the last days of Jesus' life. According to the author:

*Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward. Jesus risked his reputation when he entered Jerusalem in a victory parade. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes, or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges. In *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.*

The books are available on Amazon. I would suggest that you purchase a used book which is much less expensive or purchase on Kindle. We will begin our study on Monday night, February 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Vestry Room of Green Hall. We try to leave by 8:10 p.m. after prayer. For more information, please contact Michelle Orr at 251-490-6077 or mollicathome77@yahoo.com.

Order the book [here](#).

## Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study

A new study will begin on February 22.

The book is called *24 Hours that Changed the World* and is available on Amazon.

This study meets at 9:30 AM in the Vestry room.

Order the book [here](#).



*Parish Life*




**PARISH**  
*breakfast*

**February 19**  
Between the services

\$3.00 per person or \$10.00 max per family  
Pay when you eat  
*Reservations are not necessary*

*Ash Wednesday Services*



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22  
7:30 AM 12:30 PM, 6:00 PM

**Cursillo #168**

**March 9 - 12**  
**Camp Beckwith**

If you are interested in attending and would like more information please contact  
Martine Steiger @ [w\\_martine@yahoo.com](mailto:w_martine@yahoo.com) or 251-391-1169



**CURSILLO**  
THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

*Yoga Classes*

**YOGA WITH JANE**

**Monday**  
9:30 AM Gentle Yoga in Green Hall  
1:30 PM Chair Yoga in Green Hall

**Friday**  
7:30 AM Yoga Flow upstairs in the choir room



**YOGA WITH STACY**

**Thursday**  
5:45 PM Flow Yoga in Green Hall  
or via Zoom

For Zoom link, contact Stacy at [stacy.reckeweg@gmail.com](mailto:stacy.reckeweg@gmail.com)

For more information, contact Martine Steiger [here](#).

Looking for a healthy practice for the new year? We have 4 yoga classes to choose from - at no cost! Jane Tucker and Stacy Reckeweg are certified yoga instructors with classes for every skill level!



Formation

Weekday Formation

**Men’s Bible Study** - Genesis for Normal People - meets in the Vestry Room on Tuesday evenings from 5:45 - 7:30.

**Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study** - Begins new study on February 22. *24 Hours that Changed the World*. See previous page for more information.

**Women’s Monday Night Bible Study** - New study begins on February 27. *Entering the Passion of Jesus*. See previous page for more information.

**Centering Prayer** meets at 12:30 on Wednesdays in the Chapel. Centering Prayer is a method of meditation used by Christians placing a strong emphasis on interior silence. Anyone is welcome to come regularly or drop in at that time. Questions? Contact Shannon Spinks at [shannon@gatewaysourcing.com](mailto:shannon@gatewaysourcing.com).

Sunday Formation

Look for these signs on the door to each classroom!



| CLASS                              | LOCATION  | LEADER(S)                      |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Reading Round Table                | Library   | Jim Daniell                    |
| Sunday Book Study for Adults       | Chapel  | Holly McKinney, Scott Gonzalez |
| Godly Play<br>Pre-K-3rd grade      | Classroom #2<br>(last room on left in the school<br>downstairs) | Rotates                        |
| What's in the Bible?<br>Grades 4-6 | Classroom #8<br>Upstairs in the school                          | George Huckabay                |
| Rite 13<br>7th & 8th grades        | Classroom #5<br>Upstairs in the school                          | Ellen Huckabay & Karen Myrick  |
| Senior High<br>9th - 12th grades   | Classroom #7<br>Upstairs in the school                          | Meg Willett & Bertsie Norton   |



## *From the Finance Office*

Last month I reported our pledges for 2023 were significantly below our 2022 pledges. Progress was made in January as we received an additional 23 pledges for \$109,273. While this is a positive sign, we are still well below last year’s pledge pace. There are still nearly 50 families that pledged last year, but have not yet pledged for this year. **Please prayerfully and faithfully consider pledging for 2023.** Giving back to the church a portion of the many gifts God has given to you is a wonderful and rewarding blessing.

With thanks and in Christ’s love,  
 Jim Ketchum  
 St. James Director of Finance



|  | December  | December  | YTD         | YTD         | YTD         |
|--|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | 2022      | 2022      | 2022        | 2022        | 2021        |
|  | Actual    | Budget    | Actual      | Budget      | Actual      |
| <b>Church Income</b>   | \$189,492 | \$217,621 | \$1,353,748 | \$1,420,000 | \$1,346,245 |
| <b>Church Expense</b>  | \$190,647 | \$165,823 | \$1,415,898 | \$1,472,767 | \$1,354,744 |
| <b>School Income</b>   | \$56,867  | \$88,672  | \$787,740   | \$710,785   | \$586,270   |
| <b>School Expense</b>  | \$89,859  | \$75,073  | \$784,721   | \$773,964   | \$513,647   |
| <i>Please remember you can set up your recurring gifts online by clicking <a href="#">this link</a>.<br/>                     Gifts may be made by ACH or credit card.</i> |           |           |             |             |             |

## *Lectionary Schedule*

| Date        | The First Lesson       | The Psalm | The Epistle         | The Gospel     |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------|
| February 26 | Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 | Psalm 32  | Romans 5:12-19      | Matthew 4:1-11 |
| March 5     | Genesis 12:1-4a        | Psalm 121 | Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 | John 3:1-17    |
| March 12    | Exodus 17: 1-7         | Psalm 95  | Romans 5:1-11       | John 4:5-42    |
| March 19    | 1 Samuel 16:1-13       | Psalm 23  | Ephesians 5:8-14    | John 9:1-41    |
| March 26    | Ezekiel 37:1-14        | Psalm 130 | Romans 8:6-11       | John 11:1-45   |



## School News



Our St. James School children participated again this year in the **“Great Kindness Challenge”** which was a spectacular week that empowered our students to create a culture of kindness at school, home, and throughout our community. Each class made hospitality bags decorated with kindness quotes and artwork, then they filled them with goodies for the Ronald McDonald House in Mobile. Over 150 bags were distributed.



Thank you for your support with the LifeSouth Blood Drive. Through your generosity 51 lives can be saved and our school earned \$300.00 through the LifeSouth School Grant Program.

We look forward to celebrating Valentine's Day with class parties. Our school staff will distribute heart shaped doughnuts to our parents at the morning carpool drop off!

Laissez les bon temps rouler! We invite you to come and join us as our St. James School Krewe will roll on February 16th at 9:00am in the parking lot. No throws but there will be lots of waves and smiles. Come and see some fabulous box floats!

We are enrolling students **now** for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

Summer Camp registration for the public will begin March 6. We are looking forward to another fun-filled summer program at St. James.

If anyone is interested in working as a substitute teacher, after school assistant, or summer camp counselor, please call the school office or send your resume to [schooldirector@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:schooldirector@stjamesfairhope.org).

*Shelley E. Miller*  
School Director





**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, *Curate*

**OUR VESTRY**

Jeanie Smith, *Senior Warden*  
Lauren Arington, *Junior Warden*  
Mary Mullins Redditt, *Clerk*  
Katie Smith, *Treasurer*

**Class of 2023**

Bebe Goetter  
Earl Jackson  
Chris Nelson

**Class of 2024**

Ben Coddling  
Peter Gaillard  
Laura Jones  
Matthew Myrick

**Class of 2025**

Margaret Cadden  
Tracy Corte  
Jim Daniell  
Dee Gambill

**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 in Vestry Room

**TUESDAYS**

5:45 - 7:30 PM Men'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  
About Us tab on our website at [stjamesfairhope.org](http://stjamesfairhope.org)*