

Anchor Lines

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



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All Christmas Eve services take place in the church. Nursery available for 3:00 & 6:00 PM services.

Please see the special insert inside with Vestry nominee information!

Christmas

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Forms are available at the church and online.

All submissions received by

December 16

will be included in all Christmas bulletins.

Each dedication is \$30



scan the code to access online form.



The form below may be cut out and returned to the church office - PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY. If you'd prefer to complete your form online, visit our website [here](#). You are also able to pay for your dedications online. Questions may be directed to Leslie at communications@stjamesfairhope.org

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATION

Remember or honor a loved one with flowers on the altar at Christmas. Please **print** your dedication neatly on the form below. Flower dedications received by **Monday, December 16** will be included in the bulletins at all Christmas services. The cost is \$30.00 *per dedication*. Please use a separate form for each dedication. Completed order form and check payable to **St. James Flower Fund** may be mailed to the church, returned to the parish office, placed in the "Drop Box" or placed in the Sunday offering. *Please turn in your check and your form at the same time.*

*** PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION ***

Given by: _____

Email: _____ phone: _____

Circle **ONE**: In memory of In honor of In thanksgiving for
Name(s): _____

Mailing address: St. James Episcopal Church, 860 North Section Street, Fairhope, AL 36532.

Parish News & Events



What to bring:

- A Dirty Santa gift (\$10.00 or less) for exchanging
- A sweet or salty dish to share
- Candy or notes to place in small bags to accompany our flowers for homebound parishioners.

All women of the church are welcome!

Refreshments provided.

For more information contact Michelle Orr

251-490-6077

or mollieathome77@yahoo.com

PARISH Breakfast

Interested in being a breakfast volunteer?
Email info@stjamesfairhope.org

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

After the 7:30 service &
Between the 8:30 & 10:30 services
Green Hall

\$3 per person

\$15 max per family

Venmo accepted!

Reservations not necessary



Confirmation INFORMATION

JANUARY 26

FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE
PARENT MEETING FOR YOUTH CONFIRMANDS

FEBRUARY 2

FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE
FIRST CLASS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

MARCH 30

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

SAVE
THE
DATE!

St. James

Women's Retreat

April 4-5, 2025

More information
to come!

Please contact Natalie Smith at stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org if you are interested in confirmation classes, or have questions. Confirmation is open to adults, and youth in 9th grade and up.

Parish News & Events



**COOKIE
DECORATING**
for Santa

Sunday, December 22
12:30
in Green Hall
(following the
Christmas Pageant rehearsal)

*All ages
welcome!*

SR. HIGH EYC

**UNIVERSAL STUDIOS
ORLANDO**

JANUARY
17-20

COST IS \$500
PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER
22 SO I CAN RESERVE THE
AIRBNB

St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH




Children's CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

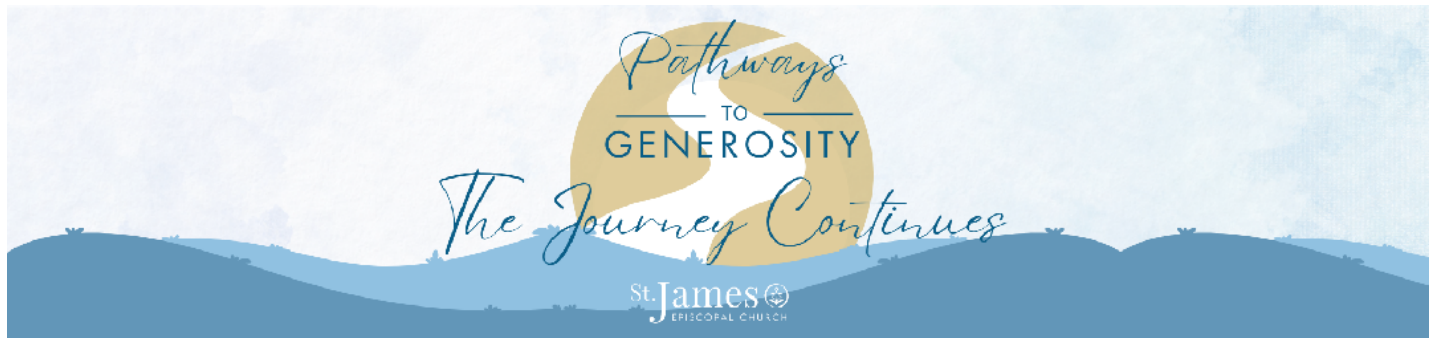
DURING THE 3:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

**PRACTICES FOR THE PAGEANT:
DECEMBER 15 & DECEMBER 22
FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE**

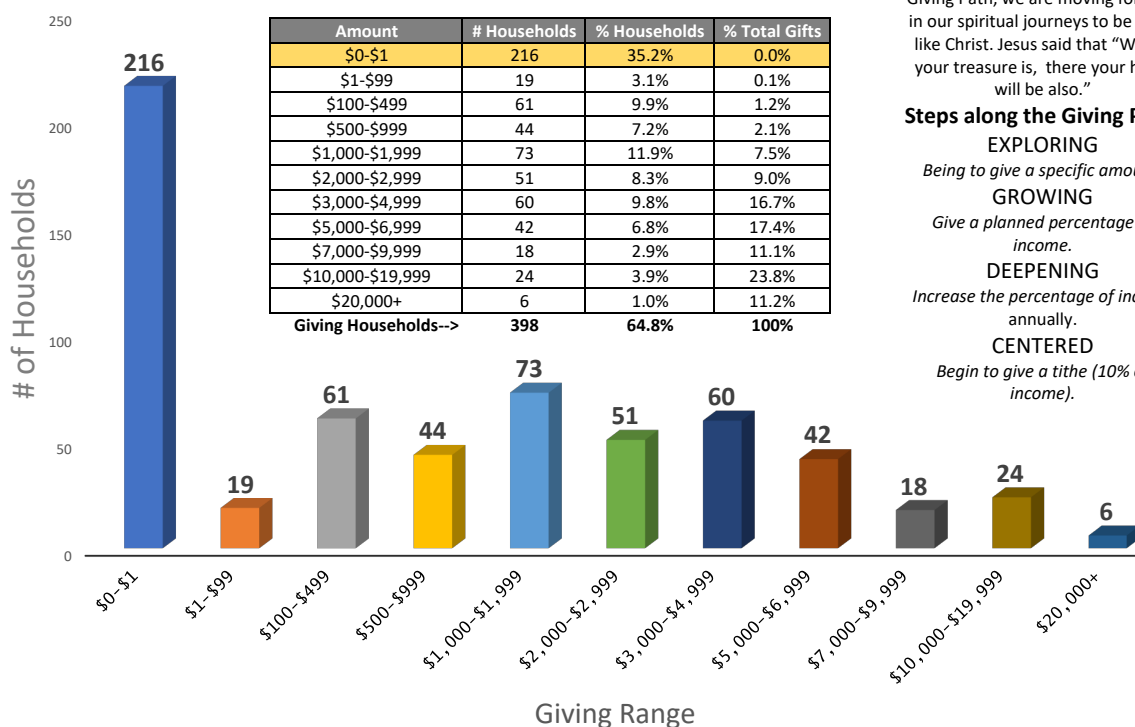
Children & Youth Important Dates

- December 11** 5pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee Pantry and Dinner
- December 15** 11:30am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal in the Church (all ages)
- December 15** 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
- December 15** 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
- December 18** 4pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade Postcard Ministry
- December 22** 11:30am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal in the Church (all ages)
- December 22** 12:30pm Cookie Decorating in Green Hall (all ages)
- December 22** 5pm-7:30 pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC Christmas Party (bring a gift for a game)

Stewardship



St. James Episcopal Church Giving Illustration



The Giving Path

When we take a step along the Giving Path, we are moving forward in our spiritual journeys to be more like Christ. Jesus said that "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Steps along the Giving Path:

EXPLORING

Being to give a specific amount.

GROWING

Give a planned percentage of income.

DEEPENING

Increase the percentage of income annually.

CENTERED

Begin to give a tithe (10% of income).

ESTIMATE OF GIVING

Pathways TO GENEROSITY

My 2025 commitment is \$ _____ per: **Week** **Month** **Year**

☐ Please reserve envelopes for me. ☐ Please have a member of the clergy contact me.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, state, zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

This commitment may be revised or canceled at any time. For questions, please contact our Finance Director, Jim Ketchum. finance@stjamesfairhope.org

To learn more about our stewardship campaign, or to complete the Estimate of Giving online, please visit our website at <https://www.stjamesfairhope.org/giving/pathways-to-generosity>

*Music News**Compline*

JANUARY 19
in the Church at 7:00 PM

What is Compline?

Compline is a contemplative service that emphasizes spiritual peace, and is a relaxed, come-as-you-are service. 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.
This service lasts about 30 minutes.

Save the date for the next St. James Concert Series event!**February 2, 2025 at 4:00pm****Jihye Chang and Benjamin Sung**

Husband and wife duo, Jihye Chang and Benjamin Sung will present a program of "Life in (and) Music" featuring works by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Antonín Dvořák, Amy Beach, Maurice Ravel and more!

Jihye Chang enjoys a diverse career as a soloist, collaborator, educator, scholar, and advocate for new music in the United States and abroad. Her performances focus on the creative process of collaborating with living composers, curating programs that connect to various audiences, and giving context to contemporary works. Chang graduated from Seoul National University and earned her Master's and Doctorate degrees from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. She will join the esteemed piano faculty of Boston University as a Senior Lecturer in the Fall of 2024, after serving as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Florida State University. Chang is also a faculty member at the Brevard Music Center and the director of Piano Intensive Bulgaria.

Associate Professor of Violin at Florida State University, violinist Benjamin Sung is also a Faculty Artist at the Brevard Music Center, where he acts as Violin Coordinator and Concertmaster of the Brevard Opera Orchestra. Sung holds a Bachelor's degree from the Eastman School of Music, and Master's and Doctorate degrees from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music.

**Girls & Boys Choir**

The St. James Girls and Boys Choir rehearses on

Tuesday afternoons from 4:00-5:30 in the Choir Room.

Interested in joining? Contact Joe Setzer at organist@stjamesfairhope.org

School News

Dear parish families,

I am grateful to be a part of this wonderful school especially during this season as the children have such hope, joy, and expectation. The students and staff are anticipating the Advent and Christmas seasons.

We kicked off the holiday season with the lighting of the school Christmas tree, caroling, cocoa and a special visit from Santa (aka Ed Shell). This was a fun evening for our students, staff and school families!

Students and staff joined together in our weekly school chapel service to celebrate St. Nicholas Feast Day. We were thrilled to have St. Nicholas (our very own Philip Webb) visit.

The Kindergarten and First Grade students represented the school in the annual Fairhope Christmas Parade. I am so thankful that we were able to share the joy of our St. James children with a fun night for everyone.

Our annual Christmas program will be presented by all of our school children on December 20th at 9:00am in the church. You are invited to join us for this presentation of "The Story of Christmas".

Thanks to everyone that joined the school and the Outreach Committee in collecting toys for Toys for Tots. This year two huge boxes of unwrapped toys were collected.

We can't wait to share all of the holiday magic we experienced in next month's Anchor Lines. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Blessings,
Shelley Miller





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

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OUR CLERGY



Rev. De Freeman, *Rector*



Rev. Forbes Sirmon,
Chaplain & Associate Priest



Rev. Amanda Doshier, *Associate Rector*

OUR VESTRY

Jeanie Smith, *Senior Warden*
Margaret Cadden, *Junior Warden*
Mary Mullins Redditt, *Clerk*
Bruce Stone, *Treasurer*

Class of 2024

Ben Coddling
Laura Jones
Matthew Myrick

Class of 2025

Margaret Cadden
Tracy Corte
Jim Daniell
Dee Gambill

Class of 2026

Dan Campbell
Bill Dowdle
Jennifer Lambert
Misty Whitehead

Weekly Recurring Schedule

SUNDAYS:

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
8:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
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
6:30-8:00 PM, Women's Bible Study, Vestry Room

TUESDAYS:

7:00-8:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast
6:00-7:30 PM - Adult Bible Study every other Tuesday

WEDNESDAYS:

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel
9:00-11:00 AM Adult Bible Study, Vestry Room
12:30 PM Centering Prayer
7:00 Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAYS:

12:00 PM Healing Service
5:45 PM Yoga, Green Hall
7:00 PM Chess, Green Hall

3rd SUNDAY of the Month:*

Parish Breakfast - Following the 7:30 service, and
between the 8:30 and 10:30 services.
7:00 PM Taizé or Compline

ANCHOR LINES DEADLINE: THE NEXT ANCHOR LINES WILL BE PUBLISHED **JANUARY 8, 2024**. PLEASE EMAIL INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE TO communications@stjamesfairhope.org, NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE PUBLISHED DATE.

READ THE ANCHOR LINES ONLINE—Call the church office or email communications@stjamesfairhope.org and request to be added to the distribution list. In addition, the newsletter is available on the website at www.stjamesfairhope.org.

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 12

We will have one service at 10:00 AM
Parish Meeting will immediately follow.

2025 Vestry Nominees

Cappi Sully



Born in Alabama, I have been blessed to live in beautiful Fairhope all my adult life. I attended University of South Alabama and University of Mobile, earning my degree in Business Administration in 1992, minoring in Marketing Design and Religious Studies.

I have worked for Imperial Dade, a distributor of paper, packaging and janitorial supplies, since 2010, as a consultant and national sales account manager.

I married my husband Robert, in 2000, and we have one son, Sam, who is 20 and in college studying sound engineering. Our family found St James Episcopal in December of 2015 and felt right at home immediately. We were blessed to have my dad, Dan Powell, follow us here soon after. We have all enjoyed being a part of the St James family and serving in various capacities over these 9 years, and look forward to

new opportunities in the years to come. I currently serve on the Altar Guild, as a Lector and Chalice Bearer, and as a member of the St James Episcopal School board. I truly feel blessed and humbled to be able to serve our Lord and our parish in these capacities. My other loves are our two dogs and way too many plants. My passions are all varieties of art and live music, "practicing" interior design, and spending time with family and great friends!

Bruce Stone



I am a native of Fairhope and was baptized at St. James in 1957 and confirmed in 1979. I graduated from the University of Alabama in 1978 and Jones School of Law in 1994. I currently have a private law practice in Fairhope. This will be my third time to serve on the Vestry. I am presently Treasurer of the Vestry and serve on the Finance Committee. I have served as a past Jr. Warden, Stewardship chairman, and was an active member of the former Men of St James. I am presently on the Board of Directors for Ecumenical Ministries and served as Past President.

I am honored to be nominated to serve on the Vestry during what should be an exciting time for our church and parish school.

Bettsie Norton



Bettsie currently serves as the Chief of Staff for the Airbus U.S. Manufacturing facility in Mobile, AL. Prior to joining the U.S. Manufacturing Facility, she worked for the Head of the Mobile Engineering Center as the Executive Project Manager. Before joining Airbus, Norton served in Chief of Staff roles for the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and the President of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. She has also spent several years working in management consulting and teaching high school Economics. She holds a Master's of Science degree in Public Policy from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Louisiana State University. Bettsie holds several professional certifications, including a Chief of Staff Executive Certification from the Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford, England and is also a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). She has been honored as an Alabama "Woman of Impact" by Yellowhammer News for her leadership and contributions in shaping and propelling the state of Alabama. She was selected to participate in the Alabama Leadership Initiative (Class IV) and Leadership Louisiana (Class of 2015). Bettsie also partnered with Manufacture Alabama to organize Catalyst, the first and only conference in the state of Alabama dedicated to women who work in manufacturing and industrial organizations. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Gulf Coast Family Center, Embrace Alabama Kids, the Alabama School for Math and Science, and Women in Manufacturing-Alabama Chapter. A Louisiana native and Fairhope resident, in her spare time she enjoys cooking and entertaining with her husband Josh, listening to audiobooks, binge-watching PBS Masterpiece Classic shows, and parenting her two pre-teen sons and their 7 animals.

Ken Talbert



I grew up in Mobile and spent my weekends and summers at the Fairhope Yacht Club. I attended the University of Alabama and studied Business Administration. I entered the Coast Guard in 1978 and retired in 2000. My family has had the chance to live in Miami, New Orleans, Cape Cod and Cape Elizabeth, ME. In 2021 we moved back to Baldwin County where I began a career in real estate with my father who was a developer and builder. My family has been involved in several churches since moving back. We went to Church of the Apostle in Daphne where I served on the vestry and building committee and then we started attending St. Paul's in Foley where my brother was the Rector. Here I served on the vestry as both Jr and Sr warden after my brother retired and during COVID. In 2021 we decided it was time to move to a closer church and started attending St James. As a family we have found a new church home here. The girls have gotten involved with the EYC and serve as Acolytes. Susannah enjoys the quilting group and helping in the kitchen. I help with the EYC when needed and enjoy the Tuesday morning men's breakfast. In my spare time I enjoy reading and being outdoors with the family.

Vestry members are the governing body of the parish, and are elected by the congregation at the annual parish meeting. It is the vestry's responsibility to be the final decision-making body that hires the rector, approves the parish budget, and makes parish policy decisions. Additionally, the role of the vestry is to listen to, encourage, motivate, and help define the mission of the congregation.

To learn more about the Vestry, or view Vestry meetings minutes, visit our website at

<https://www.stjamesfairhope.org/about-us/the-vestry>