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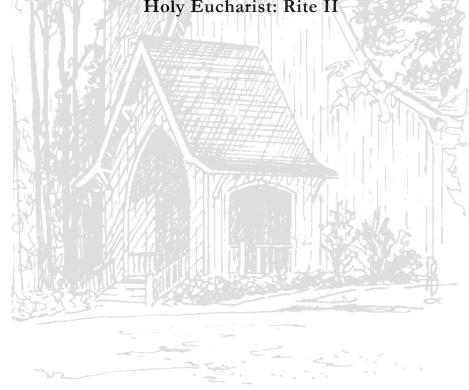
# First Sunday after the Epiphany

The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ

January 12, 2025

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist: Rite II



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

# HAPPENING TODAY

# Annual Parish Meeting immediately following this service

\*No Sunday school today, but children and youth can meet Natalie in Green Hall for activities while parents attend the meeting\*

# **UPCOMING**

- **January 19 Parish Breakfast** following the 7:30 and 8:30 services.
- **January 19 Sung Compline** in the church at 7:00 PM.
- January 20 Church office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.
- January 20 Women's Monday Night Bible Study resumes at 6:30 PM in the Vestry Room with a potluck dinner. We will begin the book study on January 27. "James: What You do Matters" by Margaret Feinberg is available on Amazon. If you have questions, please contact Babs Stapleton at <a href="mailto:babs.stapleton@gmail.com">babs.stapleton@gmail.com</a>.
- **January 22 Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study** resumes at 9:00 AM in the Vestry Room. The new study will focus on the book *The Will of God* by Leslie D. Weatherhead. Books are available on Amazon and christianbooks.com
- January 26 Confirmation Informational Meeting for youth confirmands and their parents, following the 10:30 service. Confirmation classes for youth and adults will begin February 2. Confirmation Sunday is March 30. To sign up or if you have questions, contact Natalie at <a href="mailto:stjameseqc@stjamesfairhope.org">stjameseqc@stjamesfairhope.org</a>
- **February 2 St. James Concert Series** welcomes husband and wife duo, Jihye Chang (piano) and Benjamin Sung (violin). 4:00 PM in Green Hall.

**Altar Flower Dedications** - The 2025 flower dedication calendar is now available in Green Hall. When dedicating flowers, please be sure to <u>FILL OUT THE FORM</u> in addition to adding your info to the calendar. The form is how we know to whom your flowers are dedicated and how you'd like it to read in the bulletin (e.g. in honor of, memory of, etc.)

# **Choir News**

Want to sing in the choir as we prepare for Lent and Easter? Aside from singing on Sunday mornings, we will be preparing Bob Chilcott's St. John Passion, a choral work with soloists which will be presented on **Sunday**, **April 13 at 4pm** in our sanctuary. Two requirements to sing:

1. You can match pitch (MK sings la and you can sing the same pitch back to her)

2. You can commit to weekly Wednesday evening rehearsals.

Contact Mary Katherine at <u>choirdirector@stjamesfairhope.org</u> if you are interested or have questions about singing in the choir.

Rehearsals for Easter and the St. John Passion will begin Wednesday, January 15.

# **January Outreach**

For the month of January, we are partnering with St. James School to collect the following items for Baldwin Family Village:

Paper towels, Pine-Sol, Small bottles of laundry detergent

The collection bin is located in Green Hall.

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II - First Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C Hymns and service music can be found at the back of the bulletin.

PRELUDE At The River arr. Aaron Copland

PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 76 On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry Winchester New

**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.** 

SONG OF PRAISE NO. 421

All glory be to God on high

Allein Gott in Der Höh

All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven, and God's good will unfailingly be to all people given.
We bless, we worship you, we raise for your great glory thanks and praise, O God, Almighty Father.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen**.

#### A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the eartheveryone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

- Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \* ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \* worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \* the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \* the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \* the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \* and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \* the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \* and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \* all are crying, "Glory!"

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN No. 121

Christ, when for us you were baptized

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THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Reverend De Freeman

#### Celebrant

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT The people stand.

BCP 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the

power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the

living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of

saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of

bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and

return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of

every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

#### Celebrant

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**.

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

People: That we all may be one.

Intercessor: 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

#### Celebrant:

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **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

OFFERTORY He Comes to Us as One Unknown arr. John Ferguson

THE DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your bearts.

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Jack Waren Burnam

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest, the highest.

The people kneel or stand 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.

FRACTION S-161 David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

#### THE INVITATION AND MINISTRATION

All are welcome and encouraged to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. 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 the host. Receiving the host or wine alone is considered full communion. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

#### COMMUNION MUSIC

Take me to the Water Spiritual

- 1 Take me to the water.....to be baptized.
- 2 None but the righteous.....shall see God.
- 3 I love Jesus.....oh yes, I do.
- 4 He's my Savior.....oh yes, He is.

- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King: heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.
- 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King: one with his rising, Freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.
- 3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King: born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Hymn No. 448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high Deus tuorum militum stanzas 1 - 3

#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

# BENEDICTION

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO.616 Hail to the Lord's anointed Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

DISMISSAL

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE Bourrée in F from *The Water Music* G. F. Handel

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Take me to the Water - Horace Clarence Boyer admin Augsburg Fortress



# **SERVANTS**

#### **10:00**

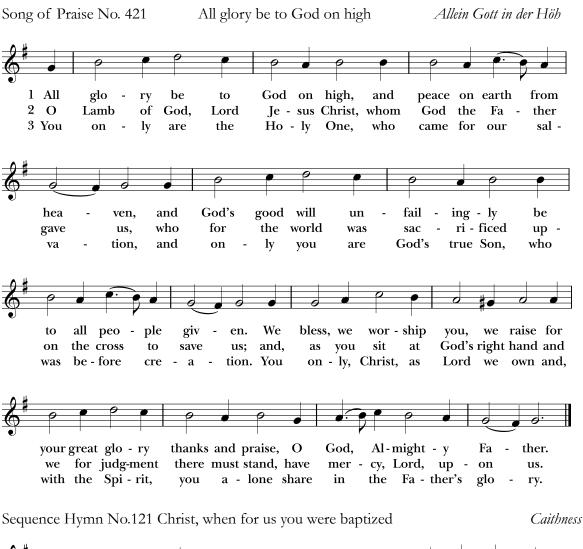
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Rod Matthews, Jim Laura
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Tiffany Dye, Jeanie Smith
Lector: Kaci Sims
Intercessor: Kim Ryland
Acolytes: Anabelle Dosher, Carmella Cannizzo

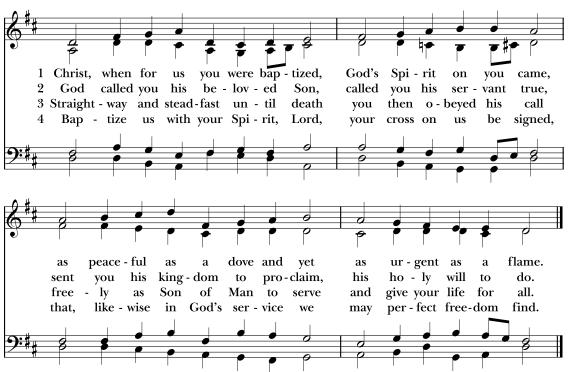
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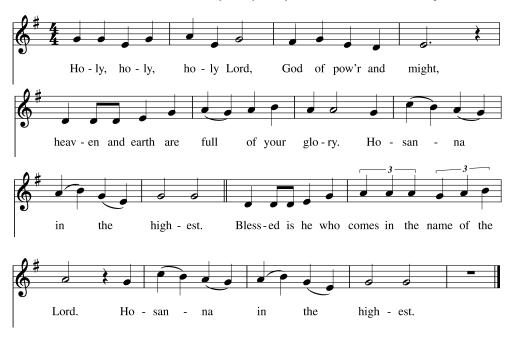
Clergy: The Reverend De Freeman
The Reverend Amanda Dosher
The Reverend Forbes Sirmon
Director of Music: Mary Katherine Kilgore
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Altar Guild: 1/12: Estefan/Sully 1/19: Redditt/Beck

# Hymns and Service Music



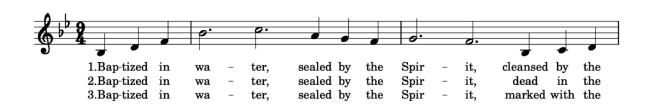






# Communion Music

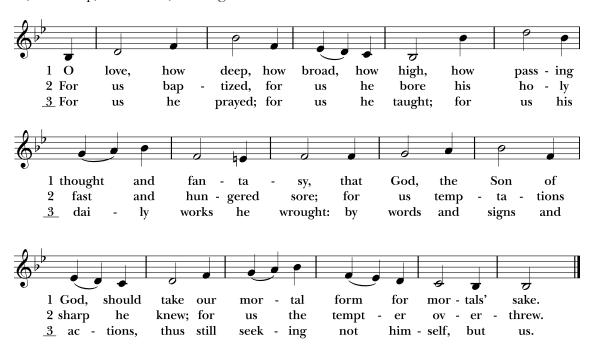








O love, how deep, how broad, how high







# THE ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST

#### PLEASE KEEP THESE PARISHIONERS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Charlie Bassett, Jeanelle Clark, Clarkson Family, Ashley Conyers, Jack Grimsley, Rusty Godard, Ilse Hall, Patty Havard, Andrea Hawkins, Rose Mary Heveran, Dianne Herring, Jim Herring, Sandy Hill, Andy Howard, Mickey Ladd, James Laura, Judy Macoit, Bill May, Patti Miller, Joe Palmer, Brenda Pisarkiewicz, John Pisarkiewicz, Pat Ponder, Joan Rice, Nancy Rowe, Bill Sims, Gillian Smith, Sam South, Ron Stevens, Joan Sulzmann, Carol Scott Thayer, Leslie Turnbull, Cynthia Wallace, John Wallace, Rita Wells, Robin Williams, Sam Williams, Randal Wright, Susan Wynne, and those who care for them.

#### Let us also pray for the needs of others:

Michael Alexander, Robert Bauer, Colin Beall, Lowery Beall, Ed & Nancy Bolton-Beck, Karl Brown, Lee Burford, Katie Burns, Gloria Campbell, Elena Castanet-Wright, Fred Chesbro, Leland Chesbro, Robert Chesbro, Billy Collins, Caroline Combs, Revs. Fletcher & Judith Comer, Regina Conradi, Chris Cook, Albert Corte, Jane Davidson, Rudy Davis, Emma Donoghue, Lila Greer Donoghue, Liam Doran, Bowen Dorr, Katie Duffey, Amy Engel, Denson Freeman, Sr., Kristen Freeman, Mary Freeman, Ronnie Gadbois, Ruth Gadbois, Bill Graston, Michael Gredell, Riva Jackson Gregory, Robert Harrison, Janet Hein, Morgan Henderson, Myra Herndon, Glenn Heveran, Kathryn Goetter Hinsch, Ryan Hollingsworth, Marcia Hudson, Don Hughes, Doug Hungerford, Mary Ingle, Richard Ingle, Keaton Krebs, Peg Lawrence, Moreno Lundy, Wiley May, Michael McGeever, John Charles Moore, Jayne Murphy, Carlene Newman, Stan Norman, Fenter Northern, Kevin Oquin, Ann Parker, Romie Perez, Bob Peter, Rebecca Poire, Whitney Rajkovic, Savelle Rasbury, Reagan Reynolds, Allison Robinson, Anna Sawyer, Leslie Sawyer, Lana Schiefer, Porter Sue Simpson, Cameron Sipperley, Mimi Sisk, Audrey Smolik, Margaret Spence, Tracy Taylor, Kathy Thurber, Giles Tompkins, Glenda Turner, Brandon Webb, Greer Wilhelm, Matthew Williams, Helen Wilson, and those who care for them.

#### Military Prayer Requests:

Brewer Ayres, Marlin Brutkiewicz, Casey Callister, Chase Carlton, James Cassebaum, Hunter Freeman, Bobby Glover, John Heeren, Daniel Keyser, Mike Mikoff, Stephenie Mikoff, Walter Miller, Robert Pinckard, Parker Ponder, Bryan Quinn, Neil Quinn, Celeste Ramming, James Ramming, Lexi Rohrer, Gary Spencer, and Harrison Wilhelm.

To place a name on the prayer list, fill out one of the prayer cards in the Narthex of the church or parish office, or call the parish office at 251-928-2912. Names are listed for 2 months.

# St. James Episcopal Church

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The Reverend Amanda Dosher, Associate Rector
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