



Christmas

SERVICE TIMES

DECEMBER 16

SERVICE OF THE LONGEST NIGHT

6:00 PM IN THE CHAPEL

DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

3:00 PM

WITH THE ST. JAMES CHILDREN'S CHOIR,
AND CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT IN PLACE OF THE SERMON

6:00 PM

WITH ST. JAMES ADULT CHOIR

10:00 PM

WITH CHORAL ENSEMBLE

DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 10:30 AM

DECEMBER 28

CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS AT ALL SERVICES

(7:30 SERVICE WILL HAVE MORNING PRAYER WITH CAROLS AND ORGAN)

Parish News & Events



YOU'RE INVITED TO A
**CHRISTMAS
 OPEN HOUSE**
**SUNDAY,
 DECEMBER 14**

4:30 PM IN GREEN HALL

Wine & heavy hors d'oeuvres
 will be served.

Please RSVP by December 11
 to info@stjamesfairhope.org



**PARISH
 BREAKFAST**
DECEMBER 21

Following the
 7:30 & 8:30 services
 in Green Hall
 \$3 per person
 \$15 max
 per family
 Reservations
 not required!

Women of the Church
 Christmas Party & Dirty Santa Exchange

December 8

6:30-8:30 in the Vestry Room

What to bring:

A Dirty Santa gift (\$15.00 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.

For more information, contact Babs Stapleton babs.stapleton@gmail.com

PAVE THE WAY

BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS AND A LASTING LEGACY

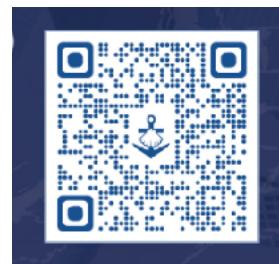


Give a unique and lasting gift this Christmas!

Order your commemorative engraved bricks today!

Deadline is December 19.

Bricks will be installed in the spring of 2026.



Christmas FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Please submit by December 15

to have your dedication included in all Christmas bulletins.

Each dedication is \$30

You can Venmo the church, drop a check in the mail, or bring cash or check to the church office.

Scan the code to access online form.



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 15** 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. You may also pay via Venmo @stjamesfairhope*

***** 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

A POWERFUL ALABAMA DOCUMENTARY ABOUT COAL ASH, COURAGE, AND THE WISDOM OF AGE IN ACTION.



Special Screening of "Sallie's Ashes"

Join us on January 14 at 5:30 PM for a screening of this acclaimed documentary film, featuring St. James parishioners Savan Wilson, and the late Sallie Smith.

Stewardship Snapshot

(updated 12/02/25)

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a pledge. If you have not done so, please prayerfully consider it. Pledging is tremendously helpful for budgeting and planning, and it is not too late to submit yours!

2026 Pledge Numbers To-Date:

184 pledges submitted for a total of \$999,933. Average pledge amount: \$5,435

2025 Pledge Numbers for Comparison

220 pledges submitted for a total of \$1,028,260, of which \$867,305 has been received.

Average pledge amount: \$4,674

How to Pledge

Pledge securely online at

<https://www.stjamesfairhope.org/giving/pledge>

or complete an Estimate of Giving card, available in the narthex.

Christmas Eve Shuttle Services:

The shuttle will be available on Christmas Eve beginning at:

2:00 PM for the 3:00 PM service*

5:00 PM for the 6:00 PM service.*

9:30 PM for the 10:00 PM service

(Shuttle picks up from Fairhope West Elementary)

Annual Parish Meeting - January 11

Women's Retreat - April 17-19



Rose Garden Request

We are so pleased that our parishioners have enjoyed the Rose Garden this year here at St. James! It has really been quite beautiful, but we are in need of some new roses to replace the older ones that have not been healthy. We will be replanting several in February, and request that you consider making a monetary donation to the Rose Garden fund. This can be done through the church finance office at your discretion.

The roses have been going to "hip," completing their natural growing cycle, and we have paused the trimming and deadheading. Our annual work day will be held in February - stay tuned for an exact date and time. In the meantime, all are welcome to weed any time.



*Music News**Advent*LESSONS
& CAROLS

December 7

8:30 & 10:30 Services

7:30 service will remain
Holy Eucharist, Rite II*Christmas*LESSONS &
& CAROLS

December 28

8:30 & 10:30 Services

7:30 service will have Morning Prayer
with carols and organ

UPCOMING DATES

February 1, 2026 at 4:00pm**Art Songs and Arias***Jan Miller Studio Artists from the Pensacola Opera*Enjoy an afternoon of great music sung by these
incredibly talented rising artists.

They will perform some of the great standards of vocal repertoire.

Tuesday, February 24 - March 24 at 12:05 PM**Lenten Concert Series**

Each week we will feature a different musical or group of musicians from our area.

Concerts will begin at 12:05 PM in the sanctuary and be followed by lunch in Green Hall.

April 19, 2026 at 4:00 PM**Chamber Music Concert**

featuring horn, harp, strings, and organ

Josiah Bullach, horn and Rebekah Atkinson, harp

Mozart Horn Quintet, Elgar's Sospiri, and Glière's Harp Concerto

May 29, 2026 at 7:30 PM**June 12, 2026 at 7:30 PM****Eastern Shore Chamber Music Festival**

Sahada Buckley, violin and Trace Johnson, cellist

along with guest musicians will present two separate concerts in our sanctuary.

We are delighted to welcome the ESCMusic Festival back to St. James!

2025-2026
Concert Series



Children's
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
 DURING THE 3:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

PRACTICES FOR THE PAGEANT:
DECEMBER 14 & DECEMBER 21
 FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE



St. Nicholas
 visit in
 Green Hall
 Sunday,
 December 7
 9:45 in Green Hall

St. James
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**COOKIE
 DECORATING**
 for Santa
 Tuesday,
 December 23
 1:00 PM
 in Green Hall
 All ages
 welcome!

Children & Youth December Schedule

December 7 9:45am St. Nicholas comes to St. James (Green Hall)

December 7 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC

December 7 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC

December 10 5pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee Pantry and Dinner

December 14 11:30am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (in the Church for all ages)

December 14 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC

December 14 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC

December 17 3:15pm-4pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (speaking parts only)

December 17 4pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade Postcard Ministry

December 21 11:30am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (in the Church for all ages)

December 21 6pm-7:30pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC Christmas Party

December 22 12pm Christmas Acolyte Training

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December 23 1pm-2pm Cookie Decorating in Green Hall (all ages)

Have questions? Contact Natalie at stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org

St. James Families,

As we move into December and the anticipation of the Advent season, we continue to be grateful for our school and community. Here on campus things have been a flurry of activity. Aside from a few hiccups, progress is moving along with our new church and school building. Everyday we are amazed to see what new equipment or structure is going up and the children are always in awe. We may have a few future engineers!

November was an exciting time on campus as we kicked off the month with our Kindergarten class presentation of the All Saints Chapel. Students dressed in costumes and shared information about their Saint. We learned that we can all be Saints, too.

Our Zebedee-Do-Dah Fundraiser was a HUGE success! This year our fundraising efforts helped raise \$18,390.00. I want to thank our sponsors, community businesses, families and friends that donated items for the silent auction and thank you to everyone that came out to the event.

A special thank you to our fundraising chairs Lindsey Feenker, Libby Sykora, and Emily Hansen, and to everyone who volunteered. Their tireless efforts and hard work was evident. It was a fun filled evening for everyone.

We observed Veterans Day with a special service. Commander Jeff Smolik of the United States Coast Guard was the master of ceremonies. Our students, staff, families, friends and veterans of our school families were in attendance. It was truly a touching service as each of the Veterans were recognized for their service to our country. I feel it is so very important for our students to learn first hand the importance of this day and why we observe it.

Our school celebrated the Thanksgiving Holiday with a lovely Thanksgiving presentation from our PK4 classes. It was a great opportunity for everyone to come together and give thanks.

It's truly a special and magical time of the year as we start December with many of our wonderful school traditions: St. Nicholas Chapel, Fairhope Christmas Parade, Polar Express/ Pajama Day and our annual All School Christmas Pageant to round out the year.

As we prepare to celebrate a season of peace, joy, and love, I am so thankful for this school and our school community. We wish you and your family Happy Holidays and a peaceful and joyful New Year.

Blessings,
Shelley Miller
School Director

CURIOUS ABOUT ST. JAMES
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL?



OPEN HOUSE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 · DROP BY 9-11AM

Join us for an Open House! Drop in anytime to explore our classes for 30-months through 3rd Grade and see what makes our school special!



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

860 North Section Street
Fairhope, AL 36532
251-928-2912 phone
www.stjamesfairhope.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday ~ CLOSED

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Permit # 16
Fairhope, AL

OUR CLERGY



Rev. De Freeman,
Rector



Rev. Amanda Doshier,
Associate Rector

OUR VESTRY

Margaret Cadden, *Senior Warden*
Bruce Stone, *Junior Warden*
Mary Mullins Redditt, *Clerk*
Amanda Montz, *Treasurer*

Class of 2025

Tracy Corte
Jim Daniell
Dee Gambill

Class of 2026

Dan Campbell
Bill Dowdle
Jennifer Lambert
Misty Whitehead

Class of 2027

Bettie Norton
Bruce Stone
Cappi Sully
Ken Talbert

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
4:00-5:30 PM - Children's Choir Practice
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
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.

ANCHOR LINES DEADLINE: THE NEXT ANCHOR LINES WILL BE PUBLISHED **JANUARY 7, 2026**. 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.