



ANNUAL
Parish Meeting
SUNDAY,
JANUARY 11

FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE

WE WILL HAVE ALL THREE SERVICES THIS SUNDAY,
WITH THE 10:30 SERVICE BEING AN ABBREVIATED,
RITE III SERVICE. THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN
THE CHURCH, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE 10:30 SERVICE

2026 Vestry Nominees



Rhett O'Keefe

Rhett was born and raised in New Orleans, LA. He graduated from the University of New Orleans with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management in 2005. He met his wife Molly in 2008, and the two were married at Christ Church Cathedral in New Orleans in 2012. Rhett and Molly have three children including Hamilton 8, Jackson 5, and Charlotte 2. Hamilton and Jackson previously attended St. James Episcopal School, and Charlotte is currently attending St. James. Rhett and Molly moved to Fairhope in 2021 and immediately fell in love with the St. James community. Professionally, Rhett has spent two decades in the Financial Crimes arena of banking, currently leading the Anti-Money Laundering Financial Crimes Unit at USAA. In this capacity, he plays a vital role in coordinating with law enforcement, offering financial intelligence that aids in investigations of criminal and terrorist

activities. Since joining USAA, Rhett has found a passion for serving military members and their families. He regularly volunteers through charitable programs at USAA specifically designed to help military families. Rhett is an avid LSU fan who enjoys coaching his children's sports teams and playing golf.



Austin Young

My name is Austin Young. I have been married to my wife Katherine for 23 years, and we have a son Christopher who is 22 and will graduate from Southern Miss in May. I graduated from Jacksonville State University in 2011, with a degree in Sociology. I have been attending St. James Fairhope since September of 2022, and was Confirmed in March of 2023. I am a member of the choir, the mens breakfast, young men of St. James, lectionary class, Tuesday night Bible study, and several small groups. I have been the Quality Enhancement Director for the Arc of Baldwin since March of 2012. I have been a member of the Robertsdale Rotary Club since 2019 and I am the current President. I also serve on the Foundation Board for the same club.

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Lisa Hansen

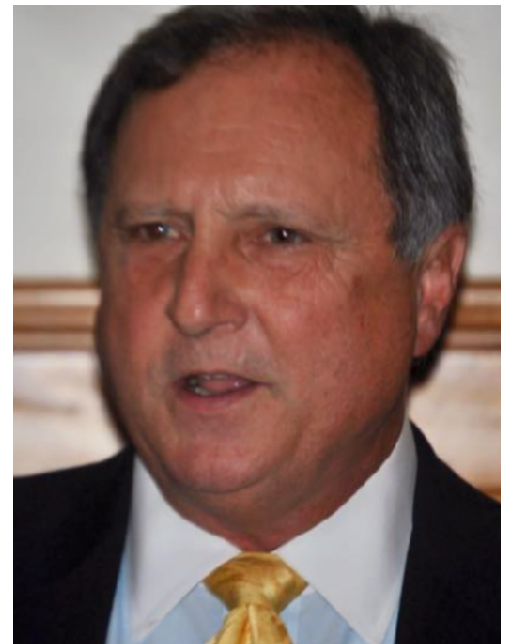
Lisa was born in Birmingham and raised in Gulf Shores. She settled on the Eastern Shore after law school. She has been a practicing attorney for 37 years. She currently serves as general counsel for a nonprofit religious organization. She is a member of Impact 1000 and several professional organizations. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, tennis, reading and needlepoint.

Raised Presbyterian, Lisa was confirmed at St James. Max, her husband of thirty-four years, was raised Episcopal. Their children, Ann Bradford and Hunter grew up at St James. Two of their grandchildren have attended St. James Episcopal School.

Lisa currently serves as a chalice bearer, an altar guild member and assists in the making of baptismal banners. She previously taught three-year-old Sunday school. Lisa looks forward to further serving her St. James family.

Gary Garner

Gary Garner grew up in Fairhope and has been attending St. James for over 30 years. He and his wife Victoria have 5 children. Gary has served on the St. James Finance committee for the past two years. Many Sundays you will see him as an usher or chalice bearer at the 7:30 or 8:30 services. He is a Registered Investment Advisor and he and his wife own Relax & Retire Financial Services in Fairhope. When he is not working you can often find him sailing on Mobile Bay.



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. No ticket or RSVP not required.



Monday Night Women’s Bible Study Resumes January 19

This class meets from 6:30-8:10 PM in the Vestry Room. This season, we will journey together through the Gospel of Matthew using the 2009 study book by N.T. Wright. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to order the book.



Children’s Coat Drive
Daughters of the King Outreach Project

Collection box located in Green Hall through January 18. New & gently used coats accepted.

Confirmation Classes

JANUARY 25
CLASSES BEGIN FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE

If you are interested in Confirmation or have questions, contact info@stjamesfairhope.org or call the church office 251-928-2912

SAVE the DATE!
SECOND SATURDAY GOLF TOURNAMENT
MAY 9, 2026
Lakewood Golf Club
REGISTRATION BEGINS IN FEBRUARY
GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE AND HOLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE
Contact: fundraising@stjamesfairhope.org

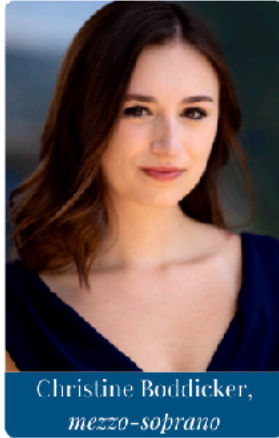
*Music News*2025-2026
Concert Series

February 1, 2026 at 4:00pm
Art Songs and Arias

We welcome the Jan Miller Studio Artists from the Pensacola Opera as they perform great stands of vocal repertoire. The Jan Miller Studio Artists Program has been an important incubator for emerging operatic talent for more than 20 years. In residence from September through March, Studio Artists perform and cover roles in mainstage productions, sing for numerous educational and community outreach programs, and act as Pensacola Opera ambassadors throughout the region. The Studio Artist coach/pianist works as the music director for the educational outreach performances, in addition to serving as rehearsal pianist for mainstage productions and performing with the Studio Artist singers at a variety of events throughout the season.



Jason Edelstein,
baritone



Christine Bodlicker,
mezzo-soprano



Xiaojie Ji,
tenor



Denique Isaac,
soprano



Marine Eckert,
pianist/coach

UPCOMING DATES

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!

Children & Youth News



Thank you to our families who attended our St. Nicholas event in Green Hall! The children enjoyed a story, crafts, and gifts from St. Nicholas. Special thanks to parishioners Connie Cazort, Philip Webb, and Darryl Davis for helping bring the magic of St. Nicholas to our church and school children.

Children & Youth January Schedule

- January 7** 5pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee Pantry and Dinner
- January 11** 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
- January 11** 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
- January 14** 4pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade Postcard Ministry
- January 14** Nursery for the viewing of Sallie's Ashes

- January 18** 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
- January 18** 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
- January 21** 5pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee Pantry and Dinner
- January 25** Confirmation Classes begin
- January 25** 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
- January 25** 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
- January 28** 4pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade Postcard Ministry
- January 28** 5:30pm-7pm You Group

Have questions? Contact Natalie at stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org

School News

Happy New Year!

The students and staff at St. James School had a delightful December celebrating all the joys of the season. We ended 2025 with our traditional Christmas program. All students 30-months through second grade participated and did a wonderful job presenting “The Story of Christmas: A Nativity Tale for Children” in the church. It was such a beautiful way to begin the Christmas Holiday. We were delighted to have all our families and guests present.

Re-enrollment will begin on January 6 for current students and **enrollment** for all new families will begin February 2. We are excited to be adding third grade for the 2026 - 2027 school year. Please help us spread the word!

We are currently seeking substitute teachers and summer camp counselors for our summer camp sessions that will begin in June. Please call, come by the school office for an application, or submit a resume to schooldirector@stjamesfairhope.org.

As we move into the New Year, we continue to be grateful for our school and parish family. We are so very excited about the future growth of our school!

Respectfully,

Shelley Miller

CURIOUS ABOUT ST. JAMES?

Join us for an

OPEN HOUSE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

DROP BY BETWEEN
9AM-11AM

St. James
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

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251.928.2912
www.stjamesfairhope.school

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
30 MONTHS - 3RD GRADE
SCHOOL DAY OR EXTENDED DAY

SCHEDULE A
PRIVATE TOUR



WHY CHOOSE ST. JAMES?

- ✓ DEDICATED EXPERT EDUCATORS
- ✓ DAILY ENRICHMENT CLASSES
- ✓ DYNAMIC HANDS ON CURRICULUM
- ✓ STRUCTURED AFTER SCHOOL CARE
- ✓ FINANCIAL AID FOR FAMILIES WHO QUALIFY
- ✓ NURTURING ENVIRONMENT INSPIRING SPIRITUAL GROWTH





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

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Parish Office Hours

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

Friday ~ CLOSED

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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 **FEBRUARY 4, 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.

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