St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL



THE ANCHOR LINES

November 4, 2026



Rev. De Freeman, Rev. Ellen Huckabay, Rev. Amanda Dosher

Dear St. James Family,

Throughout my 15+ years at St. James, I have known you to be a generous and hospitable congregation, and that was confirmed exponentially at my Ordination to the Priesthood service on October 28. So many of you outdid yourselves to make it a beautiful, special, and holy evening. The choir, the flowers, the reception, the acolytes and service ministers, the staff...everyone did what they do best and it showed! I was moved to tears several times throughout the day and the evening. My out-of-town friends could not stop talking about how welcoming and wonderful everything was, either. Well done!

And your generosity did not end there! I am touched by your generous donations to my discretionary fund. I can assure you that those funds will further spread St. James' love and hospitality to our community. It is a privilege to be entrusted with that work.

Thank you, friends, for all the ways you have supported my family and me throughout the journey to the priesthood. I am so thankful to have been called to serve in this place with all of you and look forward to our ministry together in the years to come.

Warmly, Ellen †

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

Christmas OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:00 PM IN ST. JAMES COMMONS

WINE & HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES WILL BE SERVED.

PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 10 TO INFO@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG

Advent & Christmas SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 6	**Advent Lessons & Carols** *at the 8:30 and 10:30 services*
DECEMBER 22	**Service of the Longest Night** 6:00 PM
DECEMBER 24	**Christmas Eve Services** 3:00 PM (Children's Christmas Pageant) 6:00 PM • 10:00 PM
DECEMBER 25	**Christmas Day Service** 10:30 AM
DECEMBER 27	**Christmas Lessons & Carols** *at the 8:30 and 10:30 services*

Giving

It's not too late to complete your Estimate of Giving Card for 2027.

If you would prefer to complete your card online, visit our website here, or click the Giving tab and select Annual Giving. Cards will also be available at the church.

If you have have questions about giving, please contact our Director of Finance, Jane Barnette at finance@stjamesfairhope.org

ESTIMATE OF GIVING

Stewardship 2027

My 2027 commitment is $_____ per: Week Month Year

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

Name: _____

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City, state, zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

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PAVE *the* WAY
UPDATE

Have you ordered an engraved brick and wonder when it will be installed?

Bricks are installed in groups of 50.

We currently need 24 more orders for the next installation to take place.

Order yours today! With the holidays approaching, a commemorative brick is a wonderful gift that will last a lifetime.

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ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN GREEN HALL, OR ORDER ONLINE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE.

Outreach

Our church and school are partnering to collect toys for Toys for Tots during November. The Outreach Committee will also have opportunities to provide gifts for **Ecumenical Ministries**, as well as **boxes for Veterans gifts**. Stay tuned for information about when these will be available.



St. James Hosts Family Promise November 22-29

After a year of construction, we will once again be able to host Family Promise. A sign-up sheet for meals, sleepovers, cleanup, and a special Thanksgiving meal is located in Green hall.

The mission of Family Promise of Baldwin County is to provide temporary shelter, related services and nurturing support to homeless families with children, and to assist them with obtaining suitable and permanent housing. This charity organization utilizes church facilities and their members to serve these families. We are one of 12 churches, and we hope to host 3 times a year. 90.2% of these families leave the ranks of homelessness.



Blessing Box

As cooler weather and the holidays approach, help us keep our Blessing Box stocked for our neighbors in need.
Please donate non-perishable food and hygiene items.
You may place your items directly into the blessing box.
If it is full, you may bring your items to the office.

Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry!

Trunk or Treat and All Hallow's Eve Festival













November Schedule

Please contact Natalie at stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org for a list of all the fun things happening in November! Mark your calendars for these special holiday events:

Sunday, December 6: St. Nicholas Visits St. James

Wednesday, December 23: Cookie Decorating for Santa (time TBD)



Thanksgiving Service

NOVEMBER 26

10:30 AM in the Chapel

FEB-MAR

Lenten Concert Series

Tuesdays at 12:05 PM in the church sanctuary

Concerts are free and open to the public. Lunch will follow after each performance. $5 suggested donation for lunch.

February 16 - Eduardo Elias, classical guitar
February 23 - Rockland Osgood, tenor
March 2 - Dr. Benjamin Rollings, piano
March 9 - Dr. Joshua Coble, organ
March 16 - TBA

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Concert Series

MAY-JUN

Eastern Shore Chamber Music Festival

Friday, May 28 & Friday, June 11 • 7:00 PM • 2027

FEATURED CONCERT / TICKETS REQUIRED

Apollo 5

Five voices. Five centuries of music.

Tuesday, March 2, 2027
7:00 PM at St. James

Britain's acclaimed vocal ensemble spans classical, folk, jazz, and pop.



Scan to purchase tickets online.

THE BEST FAIRHOPE FILM FESTIVAL OF THE BEST

2026 NOV 12TH-15TH

FAIRHOPEFILMFESTIVAL.ORG

The 14th Annual Fairhope Film Festival takes place in downtown Fairhope, and features four days of outstanding independent films from around the world.

It's Almost time for Zebedee-Do-Dah!



As November arrives, we turn our thoughts to gratitude and togetherness. Thanksgiving is a special time to reflect on the blessings in our lives, and I am so very grateful for our school community.

Students enjoyed Episcopal Schools Week celebrating each day with special activities that highlighted our shared faith, community, and joy in learning. We ended the week with our first Pep Rally in the St. James Commons gym.

All students enjoyed an onsite field trip from Uncle Joe's Farm to culminate our farm unit.

Students gathered together during chapel to celebrate "Dia de los Muertos." It was beautiful service led by Mother Ellen and "Miss" Mayelys, our Spanish teacher.

We were overjoyed that Mother Ellen, our School Chaplain, was officially ordained as a Priest. Our school has been blessed by Ellen's spiritual leadership, compassion and presence on our campus.

Halloween was a fun day as students showed off creative costumes and enjoyed a campus wide scavenger hunt and festive class parties.

November is sure to be another busy and exciting month. We will kick off with a special All Saints Chapel presented by our kindergarten students, our 7th Annual Zebedee-do-dah "Disco Knights" Fundraiser, Veterans Day program, basketball kick-off, Thanksgiving program presented by our PK4 students, and the Thanksgiving Holidays. Whew!

As we come together as a school community for our Annual Zebedee-do-dah Fundraiser, we would like to thank our sponsors and our team of volunteers for organizing what is sure to be a wonderful event. All of the contributions of this event have a lasting impact on our school and the lives of our students, teachers, families and community. I hope you will come out and join the fun, November 12th in the St. James Commons.

We invite all Veterans to join us on campus for our annual Veterans Day program in front of the St. James Commons at 10:00am.

As we get ready for Thanksgiving, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone in the St. James community for all the time, talent, and support you've given our school. Want to get involved? **We are currently looking for substitute teachers. If interested, please reach out to the school office.**

Happy Thanksgiving!

Shelley Miller, Director

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OUR CLERGY



Rev. De Freeman,
Rector



Rev. Amanda Dosher,
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Rev. Ellen Huckabay,
Associate Priest

OUR VESTRY

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

Class of 2026

Dan Campbell
Bill Dowdle
Jennifer Lambert

Class of 2027

Bettsie Norton
Bruce Stone
Cappi Sully
Ken Talbert

Class of 2028

Lisa Hansen
Austin Young
Gary Garner
Rhett O'Keefe

Weekly Recurring Schedule

SUNDAYS:
7:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
8:30 & *10:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
**also online* Children's Chapel at 10:30 AM
Nursery available at 8:30 & 10:30 services
9:30-10:20 AM Formation Classes

MONDAYS:
9:30-10:30 AM Gentle Yoga, Green Hall
1:30-2:30 PM Chair Yoga, Green Hall
6:30-8:15 PM Women's Bible Study in 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
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 and 8:30 services.

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