Welcome to St. James!
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St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

7:30 • 8:30 • 10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Happening Today

Senior Acolyte Recognition at the 10:30 service.

Family Forum
The Family Forum is a class designed for young(ish) adults and families. Meets in the Vestry Room at 9:40.

Lectionary Class
Dive deeper into the day's lectionary readings. Meets in the conference room in St. James Commons at 9:40.

Children and Youth Formation at 9:40

Chinese Mah Jongg at 1:30 PM at St. James Commons

For a schedule of *weekday* classes and events, please scan the QR code above.

November 11
Youth Basketball Clinic 5:30-7:00 in St. James Commons with the Coastal Alabama Men's Basketball Team
K-3rd grades welcome. Email Logan at **events@stjamesfairhope.org** to register.

November 12
St. James Episcopal School's Annual ***Zebedee Do Dah Fundraiser*** - 6:00-9:00 PM at St. James Commons
Join us for a "Disco Knights' - themed night of fun, fellowship and support of our parish school!
Tickets on sale now. Scan the QR code above, or visit the ticket table outside Green Hall between services.

November 15
Outreach Ministry Fair & **Parish Breakfast** in Green Hall. (Breakfast follows the 7:30 and 8:30 services)
Come enjoy a hot breakfast and learn about the many opportunities to help serve our parish and community.

November 26
Thanksgiving Day Service at 10:30 AM in the Chapel

December 6
Advent Lessons & Carols at the 8:30 and 10:30 services

November Outreach - Toys for Tots
The church and school are collecting new, unwrapped toys, which can be left in the collection box in Green Hall.

Volunteers for Pew Supplies
We are in need of an individual or individuals to help keep our pews stocked and organized with visitor cards and pencils.
If you are interested, please contact info@stjamesfairhope.org

Holy Eucharist, Rite II - Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Hymns can be found at the back of the bulletin.

PRELUDE Suite Du Duexieme Ton Louis-Nicolas Clerambault
Plein Jeu, Duo, Basse de Cromorne

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates *Truro*

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.**

GLORIA S-280 Powell

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

A READING FROM THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,

because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

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

PSALM 70 *Chanted by all. (Read in unison at 7:30)*

1 Be pleased, O God, to de**liver me**; *
O Lord, make haste to **help me**.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dis**mayed**; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be dis**graced**.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn **back**, *
because they are ash**amed.**

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in **you**; * let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the **LORD**!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and **needy**; *
come to me speedily, O **God**.

6 You are my helper and my de**liverer;** *
O LORD, do not **tarry**.

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN Wait for the Lord Taizé Community

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the

dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON — The Reverend De Freeman

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — Form III

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*

A Prayer for Generosity in Stewardship

Gracious and loving God, giver of every good gift: we give you thanks for this parish and school, and for the many blessings you have entrusted to us. Give us grateful and generous hearts, that we may offer our time, our talents, and our treasure for the building up of your kingdom. Bless our stewardship, strengthen our common life, and guide us to give with faith and joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and people

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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

8:30	As We Gather at Your Table	Carol Daw, Jr.
10:30	The peace of God	John Rutter

The Doxology

7:30 Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.
People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

8:30/10:30 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

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

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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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 S-130 Schubert/arr. Richard Proulx

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

The people kneel or stand as they are able.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

Hymn No. 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence	*Picardy*
Hymn No. 620 Jerusalem, my happy home	*Land of Rest*

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

Friends, our time on Earth is short and we have not much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the road with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. Remember that God is infinitely more concerned with your future than with your past. May the blessing of God Almighty; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you this day and always.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 68 Rejoice!, rejoice believers *Llangloffan*

DISMISSAL

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE Caprice Louis-Nicolas Clerambault
Sur Les Grands Juex

SERVANTS

7:30 AM **Ushers:** Frank Adams, Marian Adams **Chalice Bearer:** Frances Patton
Lector/Intercessor: Susan Paris

8:30 AM **Ushers:** Tracey Corte, George Huckabay, Mark Redditt, Glendon Farquhar
Chalice Bearers: Laura Jones, Bill Haljun, Lisa Hansen, Bill Dowdle
Lector: Kerry Kelley **Intercessor**: Mary Mullins Redditt
Acolyte: Jaden Williams **Welcome Ministry:** Lynn Russell
Coffee: DJ Elmore, Sandy Stepan

10:30 AM **Ushers:** Jennifer Lambert, Jake Lambert, Lee Griffin, Anne Pearson
Chalice Bearers: Bruce Stone, Cappi Sully, Susan Duffy, Andy Burton
Lector: Cappi Sully **Intercessor**: Holly McKinney **Acolytes**: Davis Randle, Wyatt Ayres, Margaret Conyers, Ella Gray Lambert, Claire Lambert
Welcome Ministry: Michelle Orr **Children's Chapel:** Jane Tucker

Clergy:
The Reverend De Freeman, *Rector*
The Reverend Amanda Dosher, *Associate Rector*
The Reverend Ellen Huckabay, *Associate Priest*
Director of Music/Organist: Mary Katherine Kilgore
Altar Guild: 11/8: Stabler/Webb **11/15**: Redditt/Beck



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
by Beverly and Gorman Schaffer
in memory of Grady Schaffer



Processional Hymn No. 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

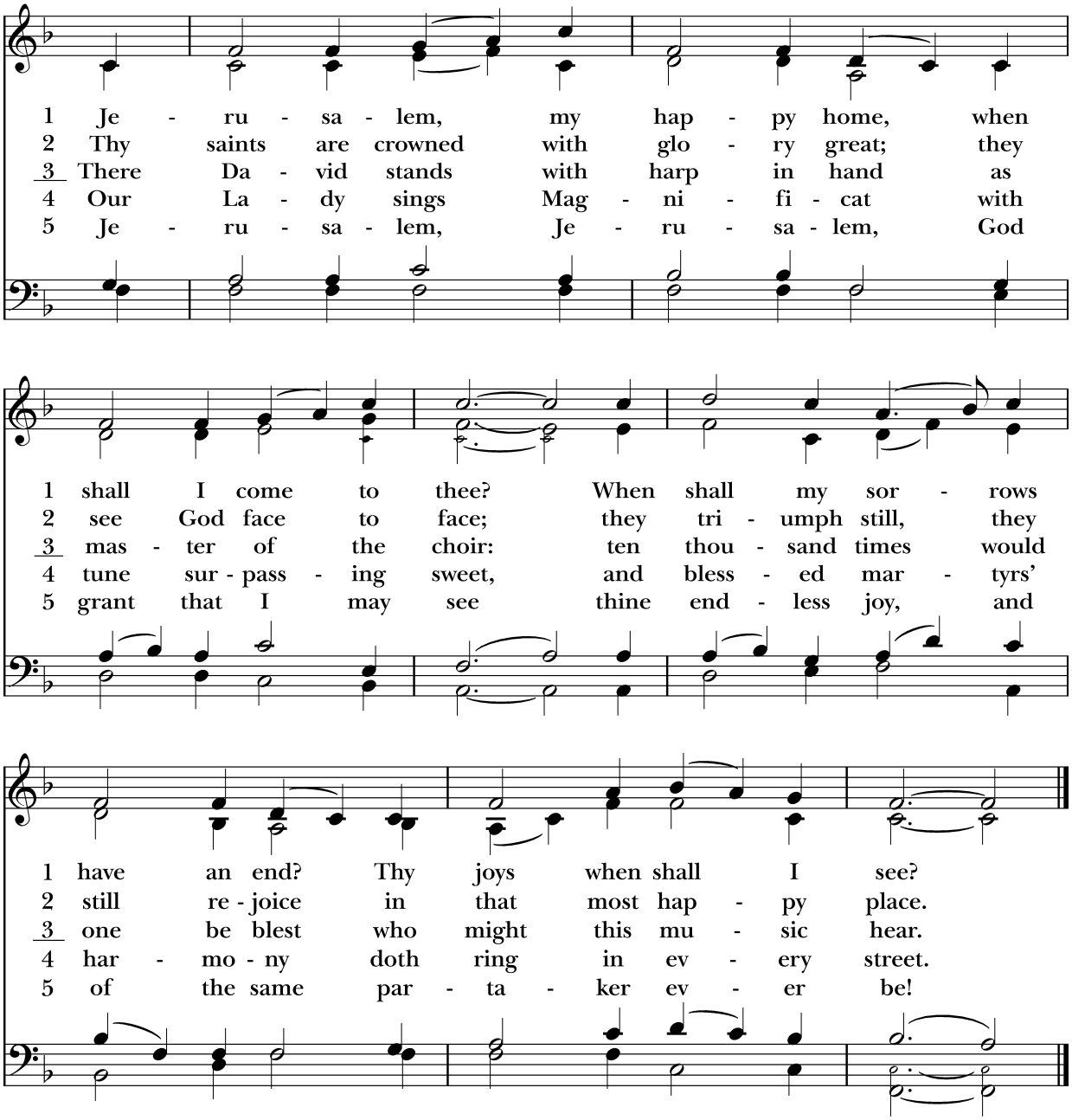


Communion Music

Hymn No. 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence



Hymn No. 620 Jerusalem, my happy home



Processional Hymn No. 68 Rejoice! rejoice, believers





THE ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST

Please keep these parishioners in your prayers:

Jayce Adams, Barbara Bayer, Susan Bridges, Evan Brock, Eileen Burke, Beverly and Ray Clark, Jeanelle Clark, Lynne Clarke, Maite Clyatt, Cole/Laurence families, Ashley Conyers, DJ Elmore, Ann Fargason, Pam Wilson Foreman, Denson Freeman, Sr., Mary Freeman, Connie Gebbia, Sarah Matheny Gordon and family, Glenda Gravlee, Mary Henderson, Riva Jackson Gregory, Ilse Hall, Andrea Hawkins, Jack Hoffman, Terri Kennedy, Maggie MacKellar, Judy Macoit, Bill May, Pam Miller, Patti Miller, Annie Mosley, Judy Oxford, Susan Palmer, Shannon Parker, Brenda Pisarkiewicz, Henry Richeson, Joan Rice, Nancy Rowe, Gillian Smith, Ron Stevens, Tommy Thomasson, Cynthia Wallace, John Wallace, Lauren Whitehead, Ron Wilhelm, Robin Williams, Randal Wright, Ben Yancey, Jean Yancey, and those who care for them.

Let us also pray for the needs of others:

Michael Alexander, Robert Bauer, Colin Beall, Lowery Beall, Rosemary Broadway, Karl Brown, Sherri Browning, Lee Burford, Fred Chesbro, Leland Chesbro, Robert Chesbro, Sidney Cordova, Charlotte Coward, Mary Alice Cherry, Sonja Crawford, Dick Dansereau, Jane Davidson, Lizzy Dickens, Liam Doran, Bowen Dorr, Curren Foose Jr., Ty Freeman, Bill Graston, Michael Gredell, Hayden, Janet Hein, Morgan Henderson, Myra Herndon, Glenn Heveran, Richard Kidwell, Carol Knight, John Daniel Landrum, Kay Laubenthal, Peg Lawrence, Moreno Lundy, Heather Maberry, Daniel (Plug) McCants, Ed McNeill, Rebecca Merritt, William "Billy" Miller, John Charles Moore, Murray family, Steve Noe, Stan Norman, Brooke & Paul Odell, Ann Parker, Romie Perez, Anne Pilcher, Rebecca Poire, Whitney Rajkovic, Reagan Reynolds, Robbi Rooney, Anna Sawyer, Leslie Sawyer, Lana Schiefer, Porter Sue Simpson, Mimi Sisk, Kim Smith, Margaret Spence, Frances Stanton, Bennett Strenger, Tracy Taylor, Carol Scott Thayer, Kathy Thurber, Glenda Turner, Rosie Ulmer, Stacy Vail, Brandon Webb, William, Rick Wilkson, Helen Wilson, and those who care for them.

Military Prayer Requests:

Grayson Armbrecht, Brewer Ayres, Marlin Brutkiewicz, Casey Callister, Chase Carlton, James Cassebaum, Chris Conklin, Jake Cunningham, Jack Y. Dodson, Hayden Freeman, Hunter Freeman, Jace Freeman, Bobby Glover, John Heeren, Daniel Keyser, Josh Leaf, Charles Lewis, Caleb McCory, Mike Mikoff, Stephenie Mikoff, Walter Miller, Grant Phyfer, Robert Pinckard, Kyle Price, Stephen Prugh, 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.

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