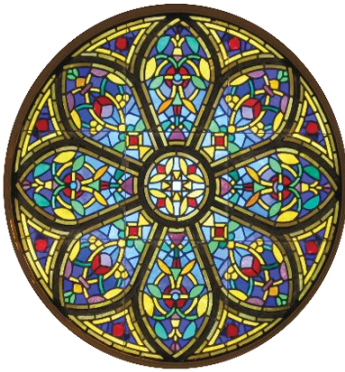




ST. JAMES
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CLAYTON, GA

The Last Sunday After Pentecost
Christ the King

November 23, 2025

8:00am and 10:30am

God loves YOU! No exceptions!

The Reverend Dr. Jim Shumard, Priest-in-Charge

*The mission of St. James Episcopal Church is:
To preach the Gospel, worship God, renew our hearts and minds,
and serve others.*

WELCOME VISITORS!

We're glad you've joined us for worship today! We would love to know more about you and follow up with you. Please fill out a *Voice from the Pew* and sign the guest register in the narthex. Please call or email the church office with any questions at **706-782-6179** or admin@stjamesclayton.org. You may also contact Fr. Jim directly at jshumie@aol.com or **912-844-7412**. Parts in bold are read by everyone.

ABOUT COMMUNION

This is the Lord's Table and not one denomination's table. All are welcome to the altar rail for Communion. Jesus gave Communion to Judas who betrayed him, Peter who denied Him and the rest of the apostles had no clue as to what it was about. If your tradition does not allow you to take Communion here, then feel free to come up for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest to indicate to the priest you would like a blessing.

You have the option to drink from the common cup; to dip the bread in the common cup; or take a tiny glass chalice from the tables in front of the first pews and hold it up so the Chalice Server can pour the wine into it. Taking the bread only is full communion if you do not want to take the wine. We also offer gluten free bread, so please tell the server of bread that you wish to have gluten free.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

OPENING HYMN 494

Diademata

Crown Him with Many Crowns

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY (*spoken together*)

BCP 355

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.

THE GLORIA HYMN S-280

Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30. The service music is in the front of the hymnal.

**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 Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Lector A reading from The Book of Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Lector The Word of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Canticle 16

Spoken responsively by whole verse.

The Song of Zechariah

Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Lector: A reading from The Letter to Colossians.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Lector The Word of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 495

In Babilone

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Celebrant A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jim Shumard

Silence

Please rise as you are able

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III

BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader We celebrate those having birthdays and anniversaries this week; especially, Sandy Simon, Susi Roessler, and Karen Carroll.

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader 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.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Ingrid, Cindy, Jan N., Melanie, Kira, Karen G., Leonard, Dustin, Kathy, Nick, Sandy, Budge, Susan, LT, Wayne, John S., Everett, Brook, Felicia, Nikki, Mark and Miriam.

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

You're invited to pray out loud or silently. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION

BCP 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 Priest, stands and says

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.

You're invited to come forward for special prayers including birthdays and anniversaries. Prayers for birthday (pg. 830) and anniversary (pg. 431) can be found in the Book of Common Prayer.

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord, ending with this hymn.

HERDING HYMN

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

THE WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Michael Helman

O Worship the King

THE PRESENTATION

1 Chronicles 29:14

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord.

People **And of Your own have we given You.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C

BCP 369

The people stand. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People (8:00am spoken; 10:30am sung)

**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 in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our mothers: Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray
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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM (8:00am spoken; 10:30am sung) Hymn S-154

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

THE PEOPLE RECEIVE COMMUNION

*You are invited to come forward to receive the bread and the wine. You may pick up a small cruet to receive the wine, drink from the common cup, dip the bread in the cup, **or** cross yourself if you do not want to receive the wine. You may also cross yourself for a blessing if you don't want the bread or wine. Gluten Free bread is available.*

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Price/Besig

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Let us pray

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE POST COMMUNION HYMN 477

Engelberg

All Praise to Thee

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING TODAY'S SERVICE:



8am Service; all are welcome to join some parishioners who eat at “Sunday Diner” after the service.

10:30 service. All are invited to Coffee and Conversation in the Parish Hall following today's service. Hosted by Karen and Dave Bellaire.



Thursday, November 27

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Hours: Monday—Thursday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving.

MAPPLETON MINISTRIES next Sunday, November 30, our loose plate offering will go to Appleton Episcopal Ministries. This offering, directed by Canon 24 of the Diocese of Atlanta, helps Appleton to support community ministry projects throughout the Middle GA Convocation. Please help them help children and families by writing a check to St. James with “Appleton” written in the memo of your check.

ORNING PRAYER Monday,—Friday **7:30am - 8am** via ZOOM ONLY.

Meeting ID: 218 094 8164 Passcode: 682287

PLEDGE CARDS for the 2026 budget of ministry were mailed to each household. If you did not receive one in the mail, there are extras in the narthex. Please return your card by November 30 to be blessed at the altar.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to host Fellowship Time after the 10:30 am Sunday Services; especially **November 30** and December 14, 21 and 28. Please sign up in the Parish Hall via the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Simply bring a plate of cookies and make a pot of coffee! There is always someone around if you have any questions.

BROWN BAG SUNDAY IS EVERY SUNDAY. Help “Sharing and Caring” with their most needed items: ***Sugar, Oil, Flour, Corn Meal, Eggs, Salt, Pepper and Margarine.***

THE ST. JAMES ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP CHART FOR **2026** is located downstairs in the Parish Hall. Sign up for a Sunday you would like to sponsor for \$45, and let the church office know how you would like your gift to appear in the bulletin.

PRAYER REQUESTS Please let Sam in the office know if you, or someone you know, would like to be added to our Prayers of the People each Sunday. Names will be kept on the list for three weeks and you are invited to resubmit names for another three weeks once removed. admin@stjamesclayton.org.

COME HELP GREEN THE CHURCH FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT You are cordially invited to join the Flower Guild putting up the greens around the church, inside and out. We will be hanging wreaths, replacing the greens at the entrances, placing greens on the altar as well as the arch, and preparing the Advent Wreath.

Join us for a fun and festive morning on **Saturday, November 29th at 10 AM** as we kick off the season, meet new people, and maybe even work off a little of that Thanksgiving turkey!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Tim Burns (timb10pop@yahoo.com) or Betsy Elsas (betsyelsas@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

MESSENGER OR BULLETIN CONTENT Please email Sam in the office by end of day **MONDAY** for any content to be included in the Messenger, scheduled to go out every other Thursday; or the service bulletin which is printed on Thursday mornings.

Save the Date

December 14: Celebration of life for Steve Bull, 2:00pm. Reception following, please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share for the reception. Sign up in the Narthex.

December 24: Candlelight service 5:30pm followed by a potluck dinner.

December 7 & January 4: Liturgy of the Word services

January 25: Annual Meeting, 9:15am in the Parish Hall

REGULAR PROGRAMS

10:30 NURSERY We have a nursery downstairs for anyone interested. Your children are also welcome to stay with you during the service.

STUDY OF THE GOSPELS class meets **Tuesdays, November 24, December 2, 16 and 23 at 10:00 am** in the Parish Hall and on Zoom, led by Fr. Jim.

HOLY CONVERSATIONS will meet **Mondays, November 24 and December 1, 15 and 22 at 5:00pm**. We will gather in the Parish Hall and via Zoom to talk about scripture, theology and churchy things; all points of view are welcome. Soft drinks, tea, etc. will be provided or you can bring your own refreshments.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY EVERY WEDNESDAY is at 11:00am in the Parish Hall in person and via the ZOOM link which is sent out by email on Monday evenings. Everyone is invited as we discuss the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. ***Meeting ID: 218 094 8164 Passcode: 682287***

RETIREEES WILL MEET AT NOON EVERY 3RD TUESDAY of each month. Next luncheon will be **Tuesday, December 16 at Ishy's** restaurant in Clayton. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

BOOK CLUB Everyone is invited to join us on **Thursday, December 18, 11:00am** in the Parish Hall. Contact Becky Callahan, tbcallahan@aol.com, with any questions.

BRIDGE will be played in the Parish Hall on **Thursday, December 18 at 1:00pm**. Contact Linda Holt boblindah@yahoo.com to sign up for Bridge.

CANASTA will be played in the Parish Hall on **Thursdays, December 4 and 11 at 1:00pm**. Contact Linda Sanders linsnd8@aol.com to sign up for Canasta.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

November 23-30, 2025

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Holy Communion
2:00 pm Chess
7:00 pm AA

Monday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
5:00 pm Holy Conversations
7:00 pm AA

Tuesday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10:00 am Study of the Gospels
5:30 pm Al-Anon
7:00 pm AA

Wednesday

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
11:00 am Lectionary Study
1:00 pm NE Georgia Locally Grown
7:00 pm AA

Thursday—Thanksgiving Day

Office Closed

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
7:00 pm AA

Friday

Office Closed

7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
7:00 pm AA

Saturday

8:30 am Women's AA
7:00 pm AA

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Holy Communion
2:00 pm Chess
7:00 pm AA

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MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Altar Flowers: Tim Burns

Bread: Francis Daniel

Altar Guild Set Up: Bonnie Klinect

8:00

10:30

VPOD or *Opener

Eucharistic Minister Ann Inman

Eucharistic Server Ginny Heckel

Lector Ginny Heckel

Intercessor Ginny Heckel

Usher(s) Traci Cagle

Altar Guild Janet Sweimler
Traci Cagle

**Video
Tellers**

Betsy Elsas

Matt Price

Lynda Ann Price

Lynda White

Lynda Ann Price

Karen and David
Bellaire

Linda Sanders

Marian Martin

Jim Clayton

Terry Klinect

Jim Clayton



Giving: You may drop your check in the plate as the ushers come down the aisle, or simply scan the QR code on your phone, and give online. Use the St. James WIFI connection to donate, no password is required.

FATHER JIM IS IN TOWN the second Sunday through the fourth Sunday of each month. He is available for in-person meetings every day during those periods. As he likes to say, he's available for early morning coffee, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and meeting for a drink or golf. He is also available by phone, text and email 24/7 all year round. You can call him at 912-844-7412 or email him at jshumie@aol.com.

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