

ST. JAMES
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CLAYTON, GA

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026
8:00am and 10:30am

God loves YOU! No exceptions!

The Reverend Dr. Jim Shumard, Priest-in-Charge
The Reverend Scott Kidd, Celebrant
Special Music by Rabun Gap Choir

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 at 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 you are invited 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 small 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.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. JAMES

To join our church, you can request a letter of transfer from your previous denomination. Please speak to Fr. Jim if you'd like to be baptized. Baptism is full initiation into the church and required for anyone who wants to fully participate in the whole life of the church. You may also discuss joining with the Priest-in-Charge over a meal or drink. Simply email the office to receive the membership form and be added to the Parish Directory, allowing you to stay informed on church communications.

We encourage participation in St. James ministries such as Pastoral Care, Outreach, Worship, Altar Guild, Eucharistic Minister, Choir, Flower Guild, Garden Guild, and more. Most members are actively involved, which helps maintain a vibrant and spiritually engaged community.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

OPENING HYMN 376 Hymn to Joy

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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)*

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING Amos 5:18-24

Lector A reading from the Book of Amos

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Lector The Word of God for the people of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE Psalm 70

Spoken responsively by whole verse.

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

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

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

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 deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

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.

THE SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Lector A reading from The First Letter to the Thessalonians.

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.

Lector The Word of God for the people of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 620 Land of Rest
Jerusalem, My Happy Home

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

Celebrant A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON The Reverend Scott Kidd

Silence

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

Please rise as you are able, spoken in unison.

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 Ryan and Patrick Vines.

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 Patty, Virginia, Susi, Pete, Becky, Chase, Dee, Lynn, Darrell, Judy, Mike, Dustin, Sandy, John, Everett, Fr. Jim and Maureen, and Our Little Roses godchildren, Karla and Cindy.

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.

THE WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM arr. Mark Hayes

Cantate Domino

THE PRESENTATION *1 Chronicles 29:14*

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord.

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

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B BCP 367

The people stand.

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 God 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.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

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:

THE SANCTUS (*spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30)*

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 people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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,

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 (*spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30)*

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 chalice 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.*

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Kyle Pederson

Prayer for Shalom

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 436 Truro

Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon or Priest

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

10:30am Service; please join us downstairs in the Parish Hall following the service for refreshments hosted by Jim Clayton.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Hours: **Monday—Wednesday, 9:00am - Noon**
Email: admin@stjamesclayton.org ● Phone: 706-782-6179

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

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available in the narthex.

VIRTUAL MORNING PRAYER Monday,—Friday *7:30am - 8am* via ZOOM ONLY. ***Meeting ID:*** *218 094 8164* ***Passcode:*** *682287*

WE KINDLY ASK THAT YOU TURN IN YOUR PLEDGE CARD so the Finance Committee can plan our 2027 budget of ministry.

JAZZ VESPERS There will be no Jazz Vespers this month. Next month, join us for a Blue Christmas on December 13 at 4:45pm.

TODAY IS BROWN BAG SUNDAY FOR NOVEMBER - "GIVE THANKS & GIVE FOOD" – We are collecting Holiday add-ons for those in need: stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, gravy, box potatoes, canned yams, cornbread mix. Please bring your items to the basket in the Parish Hall by November 8.

THE ST. JAMES ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP CHART FOR **2027** is located downstairs in the Parish Hall. Sign up in the Parish Hall if you would like to sponsor Sunday altar flowers for $45. Let the church office know how you would like your gift to appear in the bulletin.

HOLY CASSEROLE CONVERSATION **Mondays November 16 and 23.** Please come and enjoy the food, fellowship and conversation **at 5:30pm.** Sign up in the narthex to bring a casserole, bread, salad, or dessert.

GATHER & GOSPEL meets **Tuesdays at 10:00am** on Zoom and in person, led by Janine Bethel. A weekly time of fellowship, storytelling, and engaging conversation centered on the life of Jesus in the four Gospels. Together we'll explore Scripture in a relaxed and welcoming setting — asking questions, sharing insights, reflecting on what the stories mean for our lives, and even enjoying a few laughs along the way.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY EVERY WEDNESDAY led by Alan White or Tom Buckridge **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*

BOOK CLUB Everyone is invited to join us for our monthly meeting on **Thursday, November 19, at 11:00am.** Contact Becky Callahan, tbcallahan@aol.com, with any questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to host Coffee Time after the 10:30am Sunday Services, especially on **November 29**. Please sign up in the Parish Hall via the sign-up sheet above the coffee pot. Simply bring a plate of cookies and make a pot of coffee! There is always someone around if you have any questions.

RETIREES MEET AT NOON EVERY 3RD TUESDAY of each month. Next luncheon will be **November 17 at Ishy's** restaurant in Clayton. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

CARD GROUPS If you are interested in joining one of our card groups, contact Linda Sanders linsnd8@aol.com to sign up for Canasta, or Linda Holt-Metzgar, boblindah@yahoo.com to sign up for Bridge.

PRAYER REQUESTS Please let 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.

TO SUBMIT MATERIAL FOR THE WEEKLY MESSENGER please email the office by Tuesday evening to be included in the Thursday email. Items received after Tuesday will go in the following week.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

November 8 —November 15, 2026

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

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

Tuesday
7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10:00am Gather & Gospel
5:30 pm Al-Anon
7:00 pm AA

Wednesday
7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9:30 am Pastoral Care
11:00am Lectionary Study
5:30 pm EfM
7:00 pm AA

Thursday
7:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
1:00 pm Canasta
5:30 pm Children of Al-Anon
7:00 pm AA

Friday
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
10:30am Holy Communion
2:00 pm Chess Club
7:00 pm AA

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MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Altar Flowers: Jim Clayton
Bread: Dee McElroy
Altar Guild Set Up: Lynda Ann Price

	8:00	10:30
VPOD or *Opener	*Traci Cagle	Jim Clayton
Eucharistic Minister	Traci Cagle	Matt Price
Eucharistic Server	Ann Inman	Bonnie Klinect
First Reading/Psalm	Ann Inman	Jim Clayton
Second Reading/Prayers	Janine Bethel	Lynda Ann Price
Usher(s)	Steve Sweimler	Becky & Tom Callahan
Announcements	Ann Inman	`Jim Clayton
Altar Guild	Janet Sweimler	Marian Martin
	Traci Cagle	Linda Sanders
Video		Chris Adams
Tellers		Jim Clayton
		Chris Adams



THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Paulette Williams in honor of our Veterans.

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. You can use the St. James WIFI connection to donate, no password is required.

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