

SAINT JAMES CHURCH

Love God. Love People. Build Community.

In everything

give thanks:

for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18



THANKSGIVING DAY

The Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

26 November 2020

Welcome!

to Saint James Church
where we're about

*Proclaiming the
Grace of God in
Jesus Christ*

If you are visiting us, please take a moment to fill out the **Friendship Card** in the back of this bulletin. This will help us get to know you and let you know about the programs and offerings of Saint James. Please leave it with an usher

Thanksgiving Day

26 November 2020

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THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

THE OPENING HYMN (Please stand)

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR (Hymnal 290)



1. Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest-home:
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest-home;

all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear:
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide;

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest-home.
grant, O har - vest Lord, that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
come, with all thine an - gels come, raise the glor - ious har - vest-home.

Text: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.
Music: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George Job Elvey (1816-1893)

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

ON THE COVER:

A Reformed Litany of the Saints.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your Spirit.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

“Most merciful Father, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely bestowed upon us: for life and health and safety, for strength to work and leisure to rest, for all that is beautiful in creation and in human life; but above all we thank you for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *“Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 8:1-10 *English Standard Version*

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word^[a] that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

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

The **Collect** is written to go along with both the season of the church year and the readings for the day. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the Scripture for the day.

The Scriptures teach that much of our spiritual renewal is by the washing of the Word of God, which cleanses our minds and purifies our hearts. This portion of the service is known as the **Liturgy of the Word**, and it consists of the readings, the sermon, the creed, and the prayers of the people.

- 1 You, O God, are to be praised in Zion, *
and unto you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 You who hear our prayer, *
unto you shall all flesh come.
- 3 My misdeeds prevail against me; *
O be merciful and blot out our sins.
- 4 Blessed is the man whom you choose and receive unto yourself; *
he shall dwell in your courts, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures
of your house, even of your holy temple.
- 5 You shall show us wonderful things in your righteousness, O God of our
salvation, *
for you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the isles that are
far away.
- 6 You in your strength set firm the mountains, *
and are girded about with power.
- 7 You still the raging of the seas, *
the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be in fear of your
wonders; *
you make the morning and evening to shout with joy.

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus is the Word that became flesh and dwells among us. The word **Gospel** comes from the Old English word, *gōd-spell*, which means “good news” or “glad tidings.” That word developed from the Latin word, *evangelium*, and Greek, *evangelion*, which also literally means “good news.” These are the source of the English words “evangelist” and “evangelism”

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-33

English Standard Version

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more

clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON *(Please be seated)*

The Rev'd Arthur Jenkins

*See page 16 for Arthur's Sermon Notes

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

We are sinful people. Our catechism teaches us that, “From the beginning, human beings have misused their freedom and made wrong choices” and that “Sin is the seeking of our own will instead of the will of God, thus distorting our relationship with God, with other people, and with all creation.” Here, in the **Confession**, we admit our wrongdoings and lay our sins at the feet of Jesus on the cross.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People, together

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 Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Please take a moment to extend God’s **Peace** to those around you. That peace, which the world cannot give, comes only through the mediation of Jesus Christ. This peace is not rooted in our circumstances but in the presence, promise, and power of God and Christ’s redeeming work. The peace is a particularly good time to welcome visitors and newcomers.

THE PEACE *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory *(Please be seated)*

DOXOLOGY *(Please stand)*

OLD HUNDREDTH



Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because the wonders of your Creation reflect your goodness and beauty; and your gifts of sun and rain, seed-time and harvest, manifest your constant love and care for all that you have made.

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:

Our altar is The Lord's Table and all baptized Christians (baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) are welcome to receive Holy Communion here.

In the Anglican tradition, Communion is received in two kinds: in the Bread and in the Wine. The Bread is offered first and is typically placed in one's open palm. After hearing the words "The Body of Christ, the bread of Heaven," the bread is ready to be consumed. A chalice bearer will then offer the Wine. As he or she presents the cup, please gently take hold of the base of the chalice, helping the chalice bearer to guide it toward your lips.

If you or your children are not baptized, you may receive a blessing at the altar rail from the Priest. Simply cross your hands over your chest as you kneel at the rail.

The **Sanctus** is the song of the seraphim contained in the great vision that the prophet Isaiah experienced while worshipping in the Temple in Jerusalem recorded in Isaiah chapter six.

When we gather together, we remember the presence of Jesus. By repeating the words and actions of Jesus' last meal with His disciples, we join the story and make it our own. We don't just watch the drama or listen to it unfold, we enter into the story as we, too, take the bread and wine and eat and drink and participate in the victory Christ has won for us.

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

(Hymnal S130)

Celebrant and People

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 PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *(Please kneel)*

The People kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant:

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 Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with Thanksgiving.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.

This **AMEN** is often called the "Great Amen" because it is the apex of our liturgy, the powerful ending to the Eucharist Prayer.

The **Lord's Prayer**, so called because Jesus gave this prayer to His disciples as an example of how to pray, has been a part of Eucharistic liturgies since the fourth century. The link between "our daily bread" and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is very ancient. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask for daily bread, meaning the things we need to get through each day. But as a part of that, the sacramental bread is Jesus Christ, truly present in this bread. When we eat of this bread, we most certainly re

As the Eucharistic celebration ends, we are charged to "go forth." The Holy Eucharist is therefore not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world but a charge to reach out beyond our own walls to the world around us for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ. receive our daily bread.

The Closing Hymn *(Please stand)*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion;
 2. Praise to the Lord, o-ver all things he glo-rious-ly reign-eth;
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy way and de-fend thee;
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal-va-tion:
 borne as on ea-gle-wings, safe-ly his saints he sus-tain-eth.
 sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall ev-er at-tend thee;
 All that hath life and breath come now with prais-es be-fore him!

join the great throng, psal-ter-y, or-gan, and song,
 Hast thou not seen how all thou need-est hath been
 pon-der a-new what the Al-might-y can do,
 Let the a-men sound from his peo-ple a-gain;

sound-ing in glad ad-o-ra-tion.
 grant-ed in what he or-dain-eth?
 who with his love doth be-friend thee.
 glad-ly for ev-er a-dore him.

Text: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863;

We have been blessed by being here. Now, at the end of the service, we are reminded that God takes loving delight in blessing us abundantly. We leave in peace, forgiven, fed, and sent out with a purpose in the name of Jesus Christ.

THE BLESSING

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or an alternate blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

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

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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During this week, please pray for these for whom Christ's healing power has been requested:

Jayne Carter, Kelly Crone, Ashley Demosthenes, Colin Doyle, Mary Beth Fensterle, Rebecca Flood, Mary Forbes, Sanders Gering, Jonathan Hanger, Petti Lighthart, Conor McManus, Jennifer DeCiantis, Vicki Woodford, Jenny White, Janice Cargile, Eliza Cate Volousky, Jami Ward, Tina Thompson, Amarylis Cranwell, Paula Oakes, Bryson Munn, Ginny Worthington, Kami Fletcher, Katie Moore, Ashley Gering, Mack Swafford, Jamie Lee Singleton

Remember in prayer those in military service, police, firefighters and first responders:

Brittany Cook, Sy'Asia Edwards, Brian Harris, Matthew Hickman, Stephen King, Dylan Logsdon, Theron Lord, Bradon Malasky, Jordan Pittman, John Porcher, Jason Richardson, Jon Stevens, Trey Thompson, Brian Volland, Will Woolsey,

Pray for those in authority. Romans 13:1, BCP Pg. 657

Please call, 795-1623 or email rmyers@saint-james.org with the names of those for whom you would like prayer

New Unique Women's Life Group

Listening to worship songs while I do my mundane household chores has turned into a powerful time of hearing the Lord's voice. Have you ever had a worship song really speak into your circumstances and bring peace or direction or encouragement? I have felt led to gather other women in a small group setting to share this experience. We will meet every other week and discuss what we hear the Lord saying to us through the lyrics of a worship song which will be sent in an email link. We will also connect it to Scripture. You can listen to it while you are doing your own mundane tasks, or riding in the car, or whatever works for you before we meet. Meeting place and time to be determined but we will follow social distancing and mask requirements. If you are interested in joining this small group or if you have questions, please reach out to me, Meredith Boyer by text/phone at 843-637-0901 or email at Meredith441@gmail.com

Today's Servers

Lay Readers: J. Millen

Welcome Team:

Acolytes:

Altar Guild: C. Shue, F. Egelston, M. Porter, P. Gehlken

PROTOCOLS FOR RESUMING INDOOR PUBLIC WORSHIP AT SAINT JAMES

We will love our neighbor as our selves by following these protocols to keep each other healthy and safe.

FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

- Enter by the one front door or the Colonnade door. The back door of the Ministry Center will be locked.
- Masks required inside all buildings.
- There will be hand sanitizer and temperature checks at the table in the Foyer.
- Please proceed directly to your seat.
- Find your distance from non-family members by leaving empty chairs (or spaces in the pews) between you.
- Practice safe distancing between family units and individuals for seating and receiving communion. (6 feet apart).
- No physical contact (handshakes, hugs, etc....)
- No passing of the offering plate.
- Please place your offering in the plate at the head of the aisle when receiving communion.
- Communion in one kind (bread only), received in the hand.
- Require social distancing when dismissing the congregation.
- Those leading worship (celebrant, lay readers, musicians, and singers) may remove their masks to exercise their specific roles if adequate distance from parishioners makes this safe.
- Sick parishioners must stay at home. (100.4 is considered a fever.)

We will continue our Live-Stream online worship offerings so that no one may feel pressured to return to worship before they feel comfortable.

(These Guidelines are approved by our Bishop and Standing Committee) updated 10/8/20

Friendship Card

Name:	Birthdate:	Phone:	Marital Status:	
Spouse's Name:	Birthdate:	Phone:	Guest Of:	
Address:		City:	State:	Zip:
Email:				
Children's Names & Ages				



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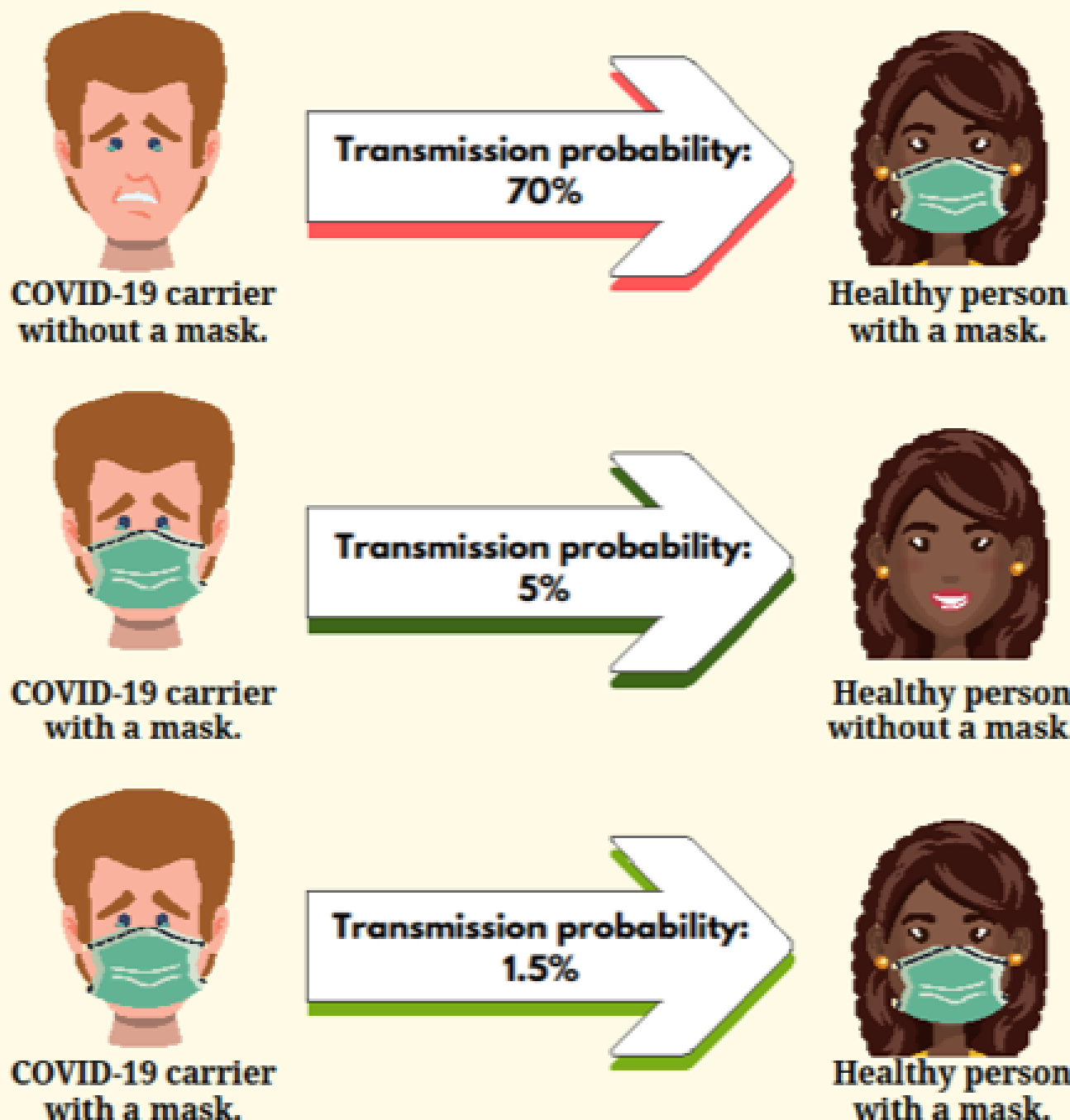
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At Large

Barbara Edlund | *Bishop Gadsden*

They don't know they're sick.

With an incubation period of up to 14 days, COVID-19 can be spread without knowing.





December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>* Red indicates events in Traditional Church (CH)</p> <p>* Green indicates events in the Ministry Center (MC)</p> <p>843-795-1623</p> <p>www.saint-james.org</p>	30	1	2 Noon- Advent Recital Chris Walchewsky, Organ	3	4	5
<p>6 8 am- Traditional Service(CH)</p> <p>9 am- Flip Flop Service (MC)</p> <p>10:30 am- Blended Service (MC)</p> <p>5 pm- Evening Prayer (CH)</p>	7	8	9 Noon- Advent Recital Ann Caldwell, Soprano	10	<p>Don't forget Thanksgiving Day Service at 10 am.</p>	
<p>13 8 am- Traditional Service (CH)</p> <p>9 am- Flip Flop Service (MC)</p> <p>10:30 am- Blended Service(MC)</p>	14	15	16 Noon- Advent Recital Robert Dickson, Baritone Anna-Parsons Nobles, Soprano	17	18	19 8am- Noon Men's Ministry Turkey Fry
<p>20 8 am- Lessons and Carols (CH)</p> <p>9 am- Flip Flop Service (MC)</p> <p>10:30 am- Lessons and Carols (CH)</p>	21	22	23 Noon- Advent Recital Joshua Nobles, Organ	24 4 pm- Christmas Eve Pageant (MC) 7 pm- Christmas Eve Service (CH)	25	26
<p>27 8 am- Traditional Service(CH)</p> <p>9 am- Flip Flop Service (MC)</p> <p>10:30 am- Blended Service(MC)</p>	28	29	30 Church Office Closed	31 Church Office Closed	1 Church Office Closed	2

THANKSGIVING DAY

November 26, 2020

Deuteronomy 8:1-10; Psalm 65:1-8; Matthew 6:25-33

ARE YOU FORGETFUL?

REMEMBER THE LORD

This is what the Lord did for Israel during the Exodus:

"And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word[a] that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years." Deuteronomy 8:3,4

TAKE CARE LEST YOU FORGET...

This is what they so easily forgot:

"Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end."

ARE YOU FORGETFUL?

Prayers of gratitude help us remember God's blessings and displace the complaints and the negativity.

OUR PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Psalms 118:1 – Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 – Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Chronicles 16:34 – Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Colossians 3:17 – And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Most merciful Father, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely bestowed upon us: for life and health and safety, for strength to work and leisure to rest, for all that is beautiful in creation and in human life; but above all we thank you for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Gathering Prayer for Thanksgiving Day, November 26th

Most merciful Father, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely bestowed upon us: for life and health and safety, for strength to work and leisure to rest, for all that is beautiful in creation and in human life; but above all we thank you for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Arthur

Philippians 4:4-7

