

Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

We're glad that you chose to worship with us today!

- Masks are optional for all church activities, including worship. Distancing is still a safer practice.
- Communion is provided for those who would like to consume bread and/or wine as directed. You may participate in spiritual communion if you prefer to not receive either physical element. (*This is sacramentally appropriate any time receiving bread and/or wine is not a possibility for any reason. The bread and wine are the outward and visible signs of the inward and spiritual grace in the communion sacrament.*)

This Worship service will be live streamed on YouTube. If you have privacy concerns for yourself or your child(ren), please let Amma Diane or an usher know so we may accommodate you. Our current and previous videos may be viewed online live or any time after : go.mysjec.com/youtube



10AM Worship with Communion – November 13, 2022

23rd Sunday after Pentecost – Veterans & Military



Today's Worship leadership includes...

Ministers Members of the Congregation

Readers 1 — Karleen Cole

2 — Pat Hanson

3 — Glenn Davidowich

Mark Hunner

Eucharistic Minister The Rev'd Diane M Murray (Amma Diane)

Rector (Pastor) Tony Karl

Worship Coordinator

Pianist Barb Cook

We are an inclusive community of faith that welcomes and celebrates diversity in age, race, nation of origin, citizenship status, gender identity, sexual orientation, social status, political view, background, ability level, marital status, and anything else that makes us unique. Whatever your reason for coming, we are glad you are here!

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If you would like to know more about the life, mission, or ministries of St James Episcopal Church, please talk to any member of our Vestry (church council):

*Rector (Pastor): The Rev'd Diane M Murray Wardens: Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green
Vestrypersons: Nick Doszkewycz, Joan Estes, & Tony Karl
Clerk: Tony Karl Treasurer: Linda Molitor*

All the words you will need are in this bulletin: Text that the people say is prefaced with "People" or "All" and is in a **bold font**. All song lyrics are also in this bulletin.

Wi-Fi access: Look for our networks beginning with **CBCI-77B0** and enter password **build7443guitar**; we encourage you to share pictures and posts on social media.

Worship/Liturgy Sources: Our worship is based on the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP--the red hardcover book in the pew rack), the *Book of Occasional Services*, the *Enriching Our Worship series*—the primary liturgical resources authorized by General Convention of The Episcopal Church—supplemented by occasional other resources. You may find additional prayers in the BCP on pages 832-834 helpful for personal devotion before, during, and after worship (especially prayers 64-69 and 57-61). If you'd like a BCP for your own use at home, the church can provide one for you—please talk to Amma Diane.

Children: Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Activity bags are available in the back of the church. A changing station is available in the restroom in the atrium just outside the sanctuary.

Hearing Loop: Our Hearing Loop system enables people with hearing loss to better hear sounds through our sound system. If you can set your hearing aid to a T or M/T setting, audio from our sound system will be received directly by your device (70% of aids have this feature). If your aid does not have this option, or you do not wear a hearing aid, there are a few portable headsets available in the back of the church.

 **Please share your prayer requests with us:** All are invited to share their prayer requests so that the entire congregation may join in lifting up your needs and thanksgivings. Please add requests to the Prayers of the People clipboard (you can simply use first names on requests... God knows our needs). If you'd like a prayer lifted up for multiple weeks, please fill out a prayer request slip found at the back of the church.

We worship with our bodies: You'll notice that some of us may sit, stand, and kneel at various points in the service. Some of us may make the sign of the cross or bow now and then. Some may clap, raise their hands, or tap their feet. All of these movements are traditions from various parts of our Christian heritage—none are required, none are frowned upon. All are welcome to express whatever movements they might find meaningful in worship. Some instructions are printed throughout this bulletin—you may also observe what others do. None of these movements are a requirement: if you prefer not to use them, don't worry about it—God doesn't.

Restrooms/Layout/Accessibility: A handicapped-accessible restroom is located in the atrium just outside the sanctuary (next to the elevator.) Another restroom is located on the lower level. The atrium gives access to the lower level and upper level by stairs or elevator. The worship space and chapel are located on the upper level. The offices, fellowship hall, library, and classrooms are located on the lower level and marked by signs.

Welcome!

All who are able, please stand.

♪ This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. AMEN!

Celebrant 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.

People **AMEN!**

All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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 God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN!**

Please be seated.

A Time of Remembrance & Honoring Veterans & Military

adapted from prayers by The Rev Gord Waldie, Pastor Thomas J Flander Jr, Alden Solovy, & The Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant God of peace and love, on this weekend we once again take time to remember. We remember that in Jesus of Nazareth you have called us to be people of peace saying, "Blessed are the peacemakers", and reminding us that we are to love our neighbor and enemy as we love ourselves. But we also acknowledge that there are times we as a global community fail to live out those words; time when young men and women hear the call to don the uniforms of their country and serve under their flag.

Today we give thanks for all who have chosen to serve their country. We give thanks for their bravery, their commitment, and their love. But we know that when military forces meet, there are always some who don't come home. So first, we take time to remember those who did not return to the loved ones they left behind.

Let us share in remembrance and thanksgiving.

People **We remember the fallen, and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others. We thank God for brave men and women that have given their lives so that we may worship without fear.**

Celebrant I invite you to remember now silently or aloud, the names of any who died while in service to their country.

Names may be said aloud or remembered silently.

Celebrant Let us share in a moment of silence for those who died in service.

All join in silent reflection as we remember the fallen.

Celebrant God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their lives, let us be stirred to action in their memory. Strengthen us to promote peace and justice in our world and remind us to love even our enemies as ourselves. Empower us to work for your kingdom in this world and welcome us by your grace into your kingdom in the next.

People **AMEN!**

Celebrant At this time I invite all who have served or are currently serving their country in military service to come stand in front near the lectern.

All veterans and those currently serving are invited to move to the front of the church.

Celebrant Please share your name, branch, and years of service.

Amma Diane passes a microphone

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all veterans.

People **God of compassion, dignity, and strength, watch over the veterans of the United States in recognition of their loyal service to our nation. Bless them with wholeness and love, shelter them, heal their wounds, comfort their hearts, and grant them peace. God of justice and truth, bless our veterans, these men and women of courage and valor, with a deep and abiding understanding of our profound gratitude. Protect them and their families from loneliness and want. Grant them lives of joy and bounty. May their dedication and honor be remembered as a blessing from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!**

Celebrant Let us pray for all who are currently serving.

People Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!

The Celebrant individually blesses any veterans and any currently serving, then offers the following general blessing for those who are not present.

Celebrant To all veterans, all serving, and all who have died: I bless you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People AMEN!

Celebrant And finally, let us join in prayer for our enemies, that we may remember we are all created as God's children in a broken world that we as Christians are called to help to make whole.

People O God, Creator of all, whose Christ commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!

All may return to their seats.

All who are able, please stand.

♪ Almighty Father, Strong to Save

Almighty Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low; wherever, Lord, thy people go,
Protect them by thy guarding hand from every peril on the land.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent to spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by thy might save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by thy watchful care from every peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and power, our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go,
Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

Please be seated.

First Lesson

Reader 1 A reading of Malachi chapter 4, verses 1 through 2a.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Reader 1 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Unison Reading

Reader 1 Let us read in unison Psalm 98.

All Sing to the LORD a new song, With a right hand and a holy arm has God won the victory. The LORD has made known the victory; God's righteousness has been openly shown in the sight of the nations. The Lord remembers mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the LORD. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein. Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who will come to judge the earth. In righteousness shall God judge the world and the peoples with equity.

New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of 2nd Thessalonians chapter 3, verses 6 through 13.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness,

mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader 2 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able, please stand.

Gospel

Luke 21. 5-19

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Celebrant When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon *Amma Diane*

All who are able, please stand.

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us join in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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: The Way of Love

Reader 3 Creator God, by the mercies of your son, our Lord, Jesus, compel us to TURN our hearts to his Way of Love. That we might follow Jesus together as your faithful people, we pause, listen, and respond in prayer.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 Jesus, your life, death, resurrection, and ascension inspire the church to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship. Guide your people to LEARN your Word, that we might see God's story unfolding in our midst.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 Son of God, you responded to your Father in PRAYER and pleaded that we might all be one. Guide the leaders and faithful citizens of this nation to respond to God and to one another in compassion — in thought and deed, with or without words — that the people of the United States might live in unity and peace.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 Light of the World, you taught us to WORSHIP in spirit and in truth. Lead us to join with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, that the whole world might be united in the truth of your love.

All Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.

Reader 3 Lord, you came not to be served but to serve. Empower us to BLESS one another and our neighbors, that your spirit of generosity, compassion, and selfless action transform us and the people in our midst.

All Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.

Reader 3 Savior, you came into our midst that we might know life. Embolden us to GO among those who are weary, burdened, sick, or imprisoned, that we might live like you, crossing the boundaries that divide rich from poor, sick from well, and sinner from saint.

All Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.

Reader 3 Lamb of God, in your death you destroyed death and taught us the way to eternal life. Compel us to daily die to self and REST in your grace. May all who have died rest in peace and rise in glory.

All Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.

Reader 3 We lift up the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

All Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.

Reader 3 Lord Jesus Christ, who gave your life for the life of all, we commit our lives to following you. Continually guide us in your way and draw us in to live as your Beloved Community in this age and in the age to come; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All AMEN!

Reader 3 We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All 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!

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

People AMEN!

Please be seated. Those with birthdays or anniversaries, please come forward at this time. If you would like a prayer for healing, travel, or any other needs, please let Amma Diane know.

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays.

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their anniversaries.

All O God, you teach us through the example of Jesus that love is the fulfilment of the Law; help those couples celebrating anniversaries to persevere in love, to grow in mutual understanding, and to deepen their trust in each other; that in wisdom, patience and courage, their life together may be a source of happiness to all with whom they share it. AMEN!

Celebrant To all of you celebrating milestones: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you to guide and protect you and all those you love, today and always!

All AMEN!

All who are able, please stand.

Passing the Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

*We share God's love with others from a distance with verbal greetings, waving, peace sign, etc.
Please be seated.*

Announcements *All giving announcements: please use a mic for our friends online.*

Celebrating Our Mission, Service, & Ministries *Congregational sharing.*

Offering Our Gifts & Our Selves

Gifts and offerings may be mailed to the church, dropped off in the mail slot, or sent through your bank. There are online giving options on our web site mySJEC.com/donate. We are grateful for your continued financial support of our ministry and mission.

Celebrant Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

People Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.

All who are able, please stand.

♪ In the Midst of New Dimensions

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo- ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with - draw in pain,

Who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea - gles soar, We your

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Invitation to Communion

from the Iona Community, Scotland

Celebrant The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

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

Celebrant 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.

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

Celebrant 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.

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

Celebrant 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.

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

Celebrant 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:

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

Celebrant 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,

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

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; 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.

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

Celebrant 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.

All **AMEN!**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. AMEN!**

Breaking Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant 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.

The Celebrant will extend the invitation to communion to those present and those watching online and give instructions. Visitors are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

All who are able, please stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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!

Prayer for our Time of Transition

by Linda C Smith-Criddle

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for our time of transition.

All Assist us, Lord, in living hopefully into the future. In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside and to recognize our potential for creative response. Help us to develop a reasonable optimism, when confronted by "the new" and to guard us against our own defensiveness. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time. All this we ask in the name of your Child, our savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN!

Blessing

Celebrant May the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains, be upon you and all you love and pray for, this day and forever more.

People Alleluia! AMEN!

♪ God, What's the Shape of Mission

God, what's the shape of mission — the work that we embrace —
and what will be our vision for living in this place?

What words will help and guide us? What service will we do?

As you walk here beside us, how shall we live for you?

You molded your creation, you placed it in our care.

You shape our deepest longings for justice everywhere.

You sent your Son to save us — a gift from heaven above!

The mission that you give us is grounded in your love.

Sometimes, O Lord, we've struggled with our own busy plans.

We've tried to shape the gospel to fit our hearts and hands.

We've trusted our own culture to be the guiding way.

Yet you are still the potter and we are still the clay.

We see the work you're doing; it's not ours to control.

You're building and renewing! You make the wounded whole!

God, may your Spirit guide us to live in Jesus Christ,

till love shapes all our mission and gives your church new life.

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Sending

Celebrant Go forth sharing the Good News of God's love! Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Thank you for celebrating with us today! Please join us downstairs after worship for refreshments, snacks, and conversation.

Our special offering in the month of November is the Manitowoc Warming Shelter; please label gifts accordingly.



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC

An inviting safe community for all

**Masks are optional for all church activities.
Distancing is still a safer practice. Thanks!**

Recurring Schedule

Bible Study Sundays 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

Join this 12-week Bible study discussion of the book of Hebrews. Talk to Amma Diane if you have any questions.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
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Worship—Sundays at 10AM (in-person/online)

Attend in-person at 10AM, or participate LIVE at 10AM or view at any time after on YouTube (*video links are also shared on Facebook*): go.mysjec.com/youtube

11/13 Pentecost 23: Veterans & Military

11/20 Christ the King Sunday

11/27 First Sunday of Advent

12/6 Second Sunday of Advent

12/13 Third Sunday of Advent

12/20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

12/25 Christmas Day

1/1 New Year's Day—Christmas Hymn Sing

Fellowship—Sundays at 11:15AM (in-person)

Please join us downstairs after worship each week for refreshments, snacks, and conversation. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. We invite anybody who is interested to bring snacks/treats to share any week.

Mid-Week Worship—Wed at 4:30PM (Zoom)

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/Wednesday
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
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Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM (Zoom)

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/Friday
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
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St James Weekly for the week starting November 13, 2022

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Please contact Amma Diane with any pastoral care or other needs.

11/6 Update from Rector, Wardens, & Vestry regarding upcoming transition

Now that we have all been made aware of Amma Diane's plan to retire at the end of the year, we want to share with you that we are very blessed to be members of The Episcopal Church and blessed to be part of the congregation of St James in particular.

The Episcopal Church and The Diocese of Fond du Lac have guidelines and rules — a "plan" — for us to follow through this upcoming transition period.

Amma Diane is still our Rector until her last day, and as such, she will be working closely with the Wardens and Vestry, along with the Transition Ministries Officer of the Diocese, The Rev Meredyth Albright, and Bishop Matt Gunter, to help us make the transition from Amma Diane to our next Rector as smoothly as possible.

We will keep the congregation informed as we move through the plan and process. Our congregational life and all of its offerings will continue throughout this time.

We ask you to pray with us through this process. We ask that you stay committed to our life together. St James as a congregation is in a healthy place which will help this journey have a successful outcome. In the spirit of our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, let us keep our focus on Jesus and his Way of Love.

Sign up for Amma Diane's farewell party 12/18

St James Episcopal Church is the oldest continually operating congregation of any type in Manitowoc County. Our origins trace to missionary pastors starting in 1841. We organized formally as a congregation in 1848, the year Wisconsin gained statehood.

Since 1848, St James has been served by 41 pastors, including The Rev Diane M Murray (Amma Diane) who will be retiring as our Rector on 12/31/2022 after 13.5 years. Only two pastors in our 181-year history served our congregation for longer durations: William Harvey (27 years) and Franklin St Clair (23 years). We are grateful for the 13.5 years Amma Diane has served as our Rector, as well as the prior 1.5 years she ministered with us while she was a Deacon.

On Sunday, December 18, we will celebrate with a farewell party (Packers are off). Following 10AM Worship we'll all meet at the Harrigan Parkside Gathering Center 2 blocks away for a catered meal. We want everybody to have the opportunity to celebrate, so there will be no tickets/charge. **We will need a head count soon, so please add your names on the sign-up sheet as soon as possible.** Additional details will follow soon.

Honoring Veterans and Military 11/13

God calls us to be people of peace saying, "Blessed are the peacemakers", and reminding us that we are to love our neighbor and enemy as we love ourselves. There are times we as a global community fail to live out those words; times when young men and women hear the call to don the uniforms of their country and serve under their flag. Join us for **10AM worship on Sunday, November 11**, which will include a time of remembrance, recognizing, and honoring veterans and those currently serving. Invite any veterans or currently serving military you know to join us for this special day.

Thanksgiving at St James 11/24

We're re-introducing our tradition of Thanksgiving at St James. We gather for **Worship together at 10AM**. After worship we will gather for **fellowship and games in the fellowship hall** as some of the food is being prepared. **At Noon we will share in a pot-luck style Thanksgiving meal.** This celebration is open to the family and friends of St James. There is a sign-up sheet in church. Please talk to Eleanor Agnew or Amma Diane if you have questions.

NEW! Ecumenical Blue Christmas 12/3 at 9AM

Blue Christmas is a special Worship service that honors the different types of grief, loss, and pain we or others are experiencing in this season, and helps us look toward the hope of Jesus Christ. Join us at Peace UCC (3613 Waldo Blvd) at 9AM on Saturday 12/3 as we Worship together with our ELCA, Presbyterian, and UCC siblings.

You can also participate online **LIVE** at 9AM or view later at facebook.com/mcmunited



Next Painting Pathways event 12/8

Painting Pathways Clubhouse supports and empowers those with mental illness in Manitowoc County by building community and supporting recovery. PPC is one of our long-term ministry partners: several people from St James were instrumental in helping this non-profit form in Manitowoc; we've provided work opportunities; we supported the capital campaign for their new building; and we let them use our building during their construction.

In October we began a series of events to strengthen our relationships as individuals beyond our larger organizations. St James brought pot luck dishes to share. It was a wonderful evening—thanks to all who participated! **On Thursday, December 8 from 4-6PM we'll gather again at PPC (1226 Washington St) to enjoy a meal and fellowship, including games with their members.** Painting Pathways will provide the food, but a head count will help planning. There is a sign-up sheet in the church.

NEW! Christmas Poinsettia donations by 12/11

Help make our Sanctuary extra special during the Christmas season. You may donate toward our Christmas poinsettias in honor/memory of your loved ones and cherished moments. Donations may be put in the offering plate or mailed to the church—include a note including any "in honor of", "in memory of", or "in celebration of" intentions. Please make donations and intentions by December 11.



NEW! Help decorate the church on 12/10; bring nativity scenes to display

All are invited to gather at 9AM on Saturday 12/10 to help decorate our church for the Christmas season. This will be our December monthly fellowship group activity. Please feel free to bring snacks/food if you like.

In addition to the decorations on hand, we'd like to again set up a special display of your nativity scenes in the front of the Sanctuary (you can bring more than one). Bring yours on Saturday 12/10, or bring it the previous Sunday if you can't make it on 12/10. Items will be displayed on 12/18, 12/24, 12/25, and 1/1.

UPDATED! Help us spread holiday cheer!

Visit from St Nicholas on 12/11; Cookie/treat donations needed by 12/11; help us prepare deliveries on 12/11

Join us on Sunday 12/11 for a special fun day, and be sure to bring the kids/grandkids/friends along (Packers are off). 10AM Worship will include a special visit from St Nicholas who will share his story of his journey from bishop to a beloved Christmas hero.

Then, help us spread holiday cheer for the Advent and Christmas seasons! We'd like to once again prepare Christmas cookies/treats to distribute to all the households of our congregation. Our goal is to collect a total of about 65 dozen cookies, candies, and/or other holiday treats, as well as 65 cookie tins/holiday containers/bags to share. **Your donations of these items can be brought to church any time between now and December 11 and left on the counters in the church kitchen.** If you bring items early, please make sure they are labeled and wrapped to stay fresh until mid-December.

We need your help after 10AM Worship on Sunday, December 11 (the Packers are off) to help us sort and package the items. Volunteers can deliver to those who aren't at church on December 11, and those who are present can take their treats with them. We'll also have a letter from the Vestry and other materials on that date. If you have other questions, please contact Tony Karl.

NEW! Christmas Eve Worship 12/24 at 6:30PM; Christmas Day Worship 12/25 at 10AM; Christmas Hymn Sing Worship 1/1 at 10AM

Join us starting at 6:30PM on **Saturday 12/24** for a musical prelude celebrating Christ's birth. Anybody who'd like to sing or play a song is welcome to do so—talk to Worship Coordinator Tony Karlif you are interested or have questions. Worship begins at 7PM, with a Lessons & Carols format and festive music, ending with our Sanctuary softly glowing by candle light.

Gather for Amma Diane's last Sunday with St James, at 10AM on **Sunday 12/25**, as we celebrate Christmas one last time together..

Christmas Season lasts through Epiphany (1/6). 10AM Worship on **Sunday 12/25** will continue the celebration of Christ's birth with a Christmas hymn sing. Barb Cook will be on hand to tickle the ivories for this special celebration. Be ready to request your favorite Christmas songs from our blue *Hymnal 1982* book.

UPDATED! Please return adopt-a-family gifts 12/4

Thanks to all who signed out for our adopt-a-family project. On Sunday 12/4 we will gather all the donated gifts and gift cards for the families we have adopted and the other individuals that will receive the gift cards. They will be brought to the front of the church to receive a blessing from Amma Diane, and they will be delivered to the Salvation Army on Monday. The Holy Spirit has really touched hearts in our congregation as evidenced by the abundance of gifts given. It is such a blessing to see this happen! Thank you so much!

Please remember that the gifts need to be unwrapped, but donations of wrapping paper and ribbon are much appreciated also. If you have questions, please contact Karleen Cole at 920/629-0435 or colekarleen@gmail.com

Book Group 11/16 at 7PM (in-person/Zoom)

The St James Book Group is meeting in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 11/16 at 7PM. We're reading and discussing the book Cokie: A Life Well-Lived by Steven Roberts. Books are available for pick up at the main desk of the library (tell them you are a member of the St James Book Group) or from another source of your choosing. You do not have to have read the book to join in our discussions, so join us when you are able. Please feel free to invite others to participate. If you have questions or technical issues contact Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Joan Estes, or Amma Diane.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/bookgroup
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799

When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 873 5481 2492 #

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NEW! Shared by Junior Warden Mary Green

Blessed are the agnostics. Blessed are they who doubt. Blessed are those who have nothing to offer. Blessed are the preschoolers who cut in line at communion. Blessed are the poor in spirit. You are of heaven and Jesus blesses you. Blessed are those whom no one else notices. The kids who sit alone at middle-school lunch tables. The laundry guys at the hospital. The sex workers and the night-shift street sweepers. The closeted. The teens who have to figure out ways to hide the new cuts on their arms. Blessed are the meek. You are of heaven and Jesus blesses you. Blessed are they who have loved enough to know what loss feels like. Blessed are the mothers of the miscarried. Blessed are they who can't fall apart because they have to keep it together for everyone else. Blessed are those who "still aren't over it yet". Blessed are those who mourn. You are of heaven and Jesus blesses you. I imagine Jesus standing here blessing us because that is our Lord's nature. This Jesus cried at his friend's tomb, turned the other cheek, and forgave those who hung him on a cross. He was God's Beatitude — God's blessing to the weak in a world that admires only the strong.

~ by the Rev Nadia Bolz-Webber

UPDATED! Prayers for the Week

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Laurie, Geno, Bonnie, Bonnie & Charlie, Marcia & John, Chip & Janice, Steven, Mary, Vicki, Tom, Grace, Matthew, Shelley, Karleen, Mike, Tony C., Dave, Nancy T, Brian M, Sharon, Connie & Harley, Mary Ann, Gregg, Ken, Mary Beth B., Lisa B., Anne, Mayra, Karen K., Brad & Lizzie, Linda, Connie, Nancy J, Nancy & Clayton, Nick, Judine Duerwachter and family, Barb & John, Joan, Barb & Richard, Suzanne & Derek, Ruth, Fred, Richard, Marian, Amma Diane, James Bell, Jenny Majerus, Sean Dillman.

Guidance & Discernment: Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Susie, Brian & Lisa, Frankie, Deb & Jim, Joy's grandson

Serving in the Military: Jordan, Ian, Logan, Keaton, Marshall, Jacob, Jack

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. John the Evangelist, Wisconsin Rapids; St Thomas Mission District Mupfururirwa, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the dialogue taking place among them. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country, and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to violence, racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury, and deaths. We pray for those in the world who do not have enough to eat, may we help to keep food available to all.

We offer thanks for: Diane our Rector, Chris and Mary, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff, and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matt Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and The Ven. Osiward Mapika, Bishop-Elect who will be consecrated 2nd Bishop of the Diocese of Masvingo on November 27, 2022.

We Pray for the Departed: Tom & Audrey, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence & Liese, Deena, Shirley, Margaret & Leonard, Jack Westfall, Randall Augry; and all who have died as a result of gun violence.

UPDATED! Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 11/1 Steve Thuss; 11/2 Marian Doszkewycz; 11/3 Ron Hansen; 11/12 Bob Feller; 11/22 Chuck Wernecke; 11/23 Mike Laughrin; 11/27 Vaughn Franz

Anniversaries: None we know of in November

If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please contact Amma Diane Murray by phone (920-860-5152) or email (dianemarie.murray@gmail.com).

Manitowoc Warming Shelter



We're a group of local congregations, organizations, agencies, and other caring people joining together to provide overnight shelter and meals to adults during our cold winter months. We need your help!

The Manitowoc Warming Shelter is projected to open in November 2022 for the season.

We plan to initially be based at First Presbyterian Church (502 N 8th St in downtown Manitowoc.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like more info about ways you can help, please visit our web site:

manitowocwarmingshelter.org

WHAT WILL VOLUNTEERS DO?

Training provided for all volunteers. Options to help include:

- ◆ **Evening set-up: 7:00pm to 8:30pm**
- ◆ **Check-in guests: 7:30pm to 9:00pm**
- ◆ **Three shifts options for overnight shelter attendants: 8:00pm to Midnight, Midnight to 4am, and 4am to 8am**
- ◆ **Morning clean-up: 7:30am-8:30am**
- ◆ **Daily food service coordinated by Grow It Forward**

You can also contact Pastor Matt Sauer for more information about ways to support this program: matt@mcmited.com or 920-860-6880

WHY DO WE NEED A WARMING SHELTER?

- * Lakeshore CAP provided \$44,852 in hotel vouchers in Manitowoc County since June, 2021. *This funding has ended — but the people in need still exist*
- * The three program-based shelters spent another \$4,750 in after hour housing since June 2021.
- * Individuals are typically homeless for 34 days before their situation is resolved.
- * Lakeshore CAP spent \$587,290 in WERA (WI Emergency Assistance Program) assistance in Manitowoc County for 2021. *This funding has ended — but the people in need still exist.*

Our community is blessed with Hope House, The Haven, and InCourage, which provide temporary housing and support to people year-round through their wonderful programs. Manitowoc Warming Shelter is designed to provide life-saving overnight shelter for those who fall between the cracks.