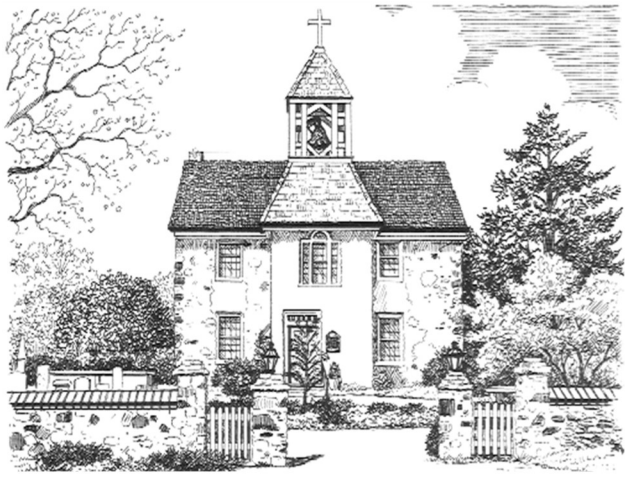
Saint James' Episcopal Church

Mill Creek Hundred

A Congregation of The Episcopal Church in Delaware



Established 1714

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

March 2, 2025

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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St. James' Episcopal Church is a committed and vital community, and we hope a friendly and welcoming one.

On Sundays, we gather to "continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers". As we worship together, please also remember and hold in your prayers all the saints who have gone before us as they rest from their labors in the surrounding graveyard. Their work and ministry have helped bring us to this place.

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THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Prelude "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" Lasst Uns Erfreuen, ca. 1623

Opening Hymn Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! **Hymn 460**

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis **Hymnal S 280**

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.

Collect of the Day

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

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



The First Reading ~ Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in

commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

The Gradual ~ Psalm 99 **BCP pg. 728**

Dominus regnavit

1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

The Second Reading ~ 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word;

but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

Sequence Hymn Be Thou My Vision **Hymn 488**

The Gospel ~ Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. [On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted,

"Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rev. Ben Rockwell

The Nicene Creed **BCP pg. 358**

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 worshipped 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

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Kevin, our Bishop; Ben, our Priest; and in the …
and all other ministers.
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

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

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements



Offertory Anthem "An Endless Alleluia" Jack Warren Burnam

Presentation of the Alms (*Old 100th Psalm tune*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B **BCP pg. 367**

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

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 on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus **Hymnal S 128**

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.

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 blessed 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,

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 the Bread

Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God **Hymnal S 164**

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, Bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Communion Anthem "Alleluia, alleluia! Give Thanks… **Hymn 178**

Post Communion Prayer **BCP pg. 366**

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Closing Hymn All Creatures of our God and King **Hymn 400**

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The flowers on the altar of the church for the week of March 2 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Liz Saunders by her family.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for all leaders of our Church, O God, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Kevin, our bishop; and Ben, our priest.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi.

In the Episcopal Church in Delaware Cycle of Prayer we pray Province III.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for our Worship Ministries: Acolytes, Altar Guild, St. James Choir, Counters, Flower Guild, Greeters, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Prayer Team, Pastoral Care Team, Ushers, and Worship Ministry Team.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for healing for those in our community, especially Tippy, Andy, Lynne and family, Christine, Paul and family, Geri, Roberta, Sharen and Don, Jodi, Dave, Al and family, Selena M., John Z., Kitty, Bill, Wes, Olliver C., Scottie Marie and family, Cara S., Paula P., Judy S., Lucy and family; Carolyn A., Linda, Donna, Dan S. and family, Joe M., Susan, Penelope and family, Diane and family, Nancy, John H., Barry, Ginny, and those we serve and care for through our outreach ministries.

And, for all who serve in the military at home and abroad, especially Chase, Ed, Moriah, Austin R., Hugh, Noella, and Zach S.

And we pray for all those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Jillian, Cathy, Karen, Justin, Debora, Laura, Elizabeth, Kaley, and Rowyn.

And we pray for those celebrating their anniversary this week, including Nancy and Dick Prettyman.

And we pray for all those who have gone before including Nancy Z and Liz Saunders, in whose memory the flowers on the altar are given this week.

PRAYER TEAM UPDATES

Sunday Prayers of the People. If you would like someone to be lifted in prayer at our Sunday service, please call the church office at 302-994-1584. The person's name will remain on the list for three weeks. If at that time you would like the person's name to remain on the list, please call the office again.

The parish prayer team continues to lift up prayer requests shared by parishioners through emails or calls to the church office, to individual members of the prayer team, or requests left in the prayer basket in the church foyer. We collect the prayer requests and other concerns of the parish, community, and world. All are welcome and encouraged to share their prayers.

For those who have an immediate prayer need, we invite you to email your prayer needs and request to Carolyn Mack at cdmack37@gmail.com or call 302-565-8675.



Everyone Flips for the Pancake Supper!

The men of St. James will be hosting the annual Pancake Super on Tuesday, March 4th at 6 PM. If you have any questions, speak to Dick Prettyman or Dave Perry, and we hope you'll join us this year!



Ash Wednesday
Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

The season of Lent begins on **Wednesday, March 5th.** In our tradition we mark this day with a service of Holy Eucharist and an imposition of ashes. This year we will have two services:

10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
7:00 PM - Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes with Choir

We invite you to the observance of a holy Lent, and we hope that you will join us as we begin this formative season of the Church year.

Wednesday Soup and Bread Lunches – Beginning March 12

On Wednesdays during Lent the Mill Creek ministerium joins together for a noonday service following by a meal of soup and bread. This year's service and lunches will be hosted by St. Philip's Lutheran Church on Limestone Road, and we hope you'll join us!

Lenten Book Study – Beginning March 12

Beginning March 12 at 6 PM, we'll join together to read through *Life in Christ - Practicing Christian Spirituality* by Julia Gatta. This book studies the spiritual wisdom of the past while exploring common Christian practices such as baptism and their underlying theology through an Episcopal lens.

Books are available through CHURCH PUBLISHING and BOOKSHOP.ORG

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant:	The Rev. Ben Rockwell
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:	Cindy Fauerbach
Eucharistic Minister:	Deb Nuss
Acolyte:	Dave Perry
Lector:	Susan St. John
Director of Music:	Keith St. John
Videographer	Bruce Vrana
Usher:	Dave Winward
	Susan Winward
Vestry Greeters:	Carol Bruno
Counters:	Susan Winward
	Jim Craig