

The BELLS of St. JAMES

news, inspiration,
and opportunities
for ministry

Message from the Rector **Celebration of New Ministry: Photos**

Dear Ones,

Thank you so much for a beautiful Celebration of New Ministry on Wednesday night! I know many hands went into making the sanctuary, flowers, music, food, and hospitality to our bishop and other guests as fabulous as they all were, and I appreciate how much care everyone took with it all. I am so happy to be your rector, and look forward to the future of our ministry together- and to the good trouble we will get into in Jesus' name along the way!

In Christ,
Mo. Mariclaire +



Thursday

November 20, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS



Nov 22, Saturday

Guardians Night Out

6:30-9:00p

Nursery provided

[RSVP here](#)

Nov 23, Sunday

regular schedule ([link](#))

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ECW Bake Sale after
services

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Farewell to Riley
at Coffee Hour following
the 10:30AM service -
come celebrate his time
with us and send him to his
next role in good cheer!

Nov 26, Wednesday

Church closed.

Enjoy Thanksgiving!

Nov 30, Sunday

First Sunday in Advent!

[link to regular schedule](#)

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Advent
wreath-making event
between services: bring
your wreath forms from
home (if you have any!) as
well as evergreen clippings

Wednesday, Dec 3



A photographic overview of the Celebration of New Ministry. Top: Music by Choristers (also organ, handbell choir, Parish Choir, and Tower Bells). Middle: Bishop Wright preached on three dimensions of church, and our partnership with Mother Mariclaire. Below: The Partee Carlsen family cut the cake during the lavish reception that followed. Photo by Mary Percy.

NEXT WEEK: Look for more photos that Mary took during the reception, and others of the service from the Bishop's photographer Easton Davis .

Holy Eucharist with
prayers for healing
Lawrence Chapel

12:30p

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Wednesdays at St. James
resume with dinner,
worship, and programs for
all ages

5:30p

Special Music Events

Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday Dec 14, 6:30p

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Concert & Caroling,
Georgia Spiritual Ensemble
Dr. Oral Moses, director

Sunday Dec 21, 4:00p

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, Dec 24

Children with pageant 4p

Choir and brass 7p

Choir and brass caroling at
10:30p, service 11p

Livestream HQ - Links & Booklets for Worship at Home



10:30 Service On Line
Click on "live" to see a service
live or archived.

[Link
to livestream
on YouTube](#)

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THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



SECOND HALF, SEPT 7 – NOV 23, 2025

*Please return this booklet to the ushers after worship.
It will be reused throughout the season.*

**Worship Booklet
for the Season**
contains prayers, service
music, and responses that we
will use until Advent.
[Download
Worship Booklet](#)

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
YEAR C • NOVEMBER 16, 2025

VOLUNTARY *Bless Be Thee That Binds* J.G. Naegele, arr. Wilbur Held

ENTRANCE HYMN "Alleluia, sing to Jesus" Hymnal 460

TRADITIONAL COLLECT, PROPER 28 BCP 184
Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we
may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience
and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting
life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CONTEMPORARY COLLECT, PROPER 28 BCP 236
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. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON *Malachi 4:1-3a*
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.

THE PSALM 98 Music: George A. Macfarren
1 Sing to the LORD a | new | song, *
for | he has | done | marvels | for us | things.
2 With his right hand and his | holy | arm *
has he won | for him-self | the | victory.
3 The LORD has made | known his | victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the | sight | of the | nations.
4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of | Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the | victi- | ry | of our | God.
5 Shout with joy to the LORD | all you | lands; *
lift up your | voice, re- | joice, and | sing.
6 Sing to the | LORD | with the | harp, *
with the | harp | and the | voice of | song.
7 With trumpets and the | sound | of the | horn *
about with joy be | fore the | King, the | LORD.
8 Let the sea make a noise and | all | that is | in it, *
the lands and | those who | dwell there-in.

The Service Bulletin,
updated weekly, contains
lessons, hymn numbers, and
announcements: items that
change each Sunday.
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Bulletin](#)



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blue-shaded "Pulse of the Parish" at the end of
this newsletter? You can tell your email service
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Children & Youth News

Acolytes scheduled for Nov 23 : The crucifer is **Lucas**. Torch bearers are **Lauren** and **Elise**.



Guardians Night Out #2 is coming up
THIS Saturday, November 22, 6:30p-9:00p.

There's worship for everyone, then the adults
slip off to the Square while kids are
entertained by Natalie and Riley. Nursery
provided!

[RSVP here](#)

Pageant! It's that wonderful time of year again—time to get ready for Advent! Our Children's
Christmas Pageant is coming up on December 24th, 2024, at the 4 p.m. service. This fun and
joyful tradition shares the story of Jesus' birth and lets our amazing church kids shine!

Attached is a google form for the sign up and more information regarding practices. If you have
any questions, please reach out! Remember not all practices are required but encouraged.

[Google Form.](#)

Youth Winter Camp
When: Friday, Jan 2 - Sunday, Jan 4



Where: Camp Mikell, Toccoa
Who: All students (grades 6-12)
Cost: \$150 (scholarships available!)
Sign up by Dec 14 [here](#)

Riley writes: This retreat is for both middle and high school students, although we split everyone into specific age groups for activities and small group time. It's a fun weekend in January that lets kids experience camp in the cool months before the summer. It's also the event where we try to stump Bishop Wright in our "Ask the Bishop" segment before Saturday evening worship! Winter Camp is planned and hosted by our Diocesan Youth Commission, a leadership team of high school students in charge of diocesan youth events during the school year.

Contact Us

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Keep up with the Diocesan Youth Council at <http://eycdioatl.org/>

Veterans Blessed by St. James Knitters



Sharon Menear wrote to us the week of Veterans Day: Debbie, Annette and I dropped off the blankets made by the knitting group to the Tunnels to Towers new Veterans Village near Six Flags this morning. We were treated to a tour where we learned about the origins of the program and how they came to buy the old Wingate Hotel in Austell.

(Top photo: Blankets were blessed during Evening Prayer on Wednesday the 12th. Inset: a printed blessing from St. James.)

The villages are for veterans who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless. They have all that the service veterans would need to call it "home." They have healthcare, counseling, and assistance with job applications, learning to manage a budget and how to apply for veterans benefits. To be accepted residents do need to have a job. All residents receive a welcome package of linens and kitchenware, and, as of today, a prayer blanket knitted at St. James. The patio was donated and built by Home Depot who also painted a lovely mural to beautify a cement retaining wall.



They always need clothing, either new or gently used and cleaned, as well as laundry detergent, pantry staples and books for two libraries. Due to security concerns, they accept donations by appointment.



The Opening Voluntary entitled *Elegy* was composed by Harold Darke (1888-1976). He served as organist St. Michael's, Cornhill in London for fifty years and is best known for his setting of "In The Bleak Midwinter." Coincidentally, he shares the birthday of the current organist of St. James, Marietta.

Many of the hymns reference Christ as the sovereign King of all creation such as "Crown Him With Many Crowns" and the lesser known "Christ is King" sung at the closing of Holy Communion. This Sunday "ends" the liturgical year by proclaiming Christ the King and ushers in the season of Advent.

The offertory anthem by Jack Warren Burnam was just released in 2023 by the Association of Anglican Musicians as part of their choral series. He sets words from Revelation and Matthew to music that unfolds phrase by phrase rather than the more typical ABA form. A vivid example of text painting highlights the words "Listen! I am standing at the door knocking" with a repeated staccato motif in the organ drawing the listener's imagination to Christ's knocking at the door.

Each week, The Bells talks with Music Director Dr. Bryan Black about links between music for the 10:30 service and the liturgy. Email [The Bells](#) with your questions and comments.



Thanks for giving! Volunteers bagged and boxed goods for distribution to families. The Pantry had never been so full, Jane Stoddard says, and yet everything was gone by 7:30pm. The need is great!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God by **Tom Jagusch** in loving memory of his mother **Nancy Anne (Malone) Jagusch**.

Photo: flowers on the altar November 16.

Next Saturday: The Flower Guild would like your help to flower and green the church for the season of Advent. We'll work on **Saturday Nov 29, 9a - noon**. No experience necessary!

Artisans' Bazaar at Sterling Estates. This is in West Cobb, where we share communion every 3rd Sunday of the month, **Friday Dec 5, 10am-3pm**. "This is a big deal!" says Joan Hargrove, a member of St. James. Her own creations are on sale at the bazaar.

Have you found a pin made of green jade and small red beads? Email communications@stjamesmarietta.com to get it back to its distraught owner.

REMINDERS

Could Family Promise be YOUR ministry? Homeless shelters separate older boys and adult men from women and children; we, in partnership with a dozen other churches, have, in the past, helped to keep families together. If you are interested in helping to revive our Family Promise ministry, please complete the linked survey.

Jane Austen is Back! It's her 250th anniversary. Seats are filling fast for a talk by our own Austen expert **Laura Dabundo** at the Cobb County Public Library. It's time to reserve your seat now for the event on December 18, 1:00-2:30p. [Find out more and make your reservation here](#), or email Henny Holbrook at henny.holbrook@cobbcounty.gov

Food Pantry next door! Our next-door neighbors have a thriving program to stock empty pantries year-round. Several of our members help. Read more at the website of First Presbyterian Pantry on Church <https://fpcmarietta.org/pantry/>

Bible Study Tuesdays 12:30pm. Come to the Conference Room, 127.

Free books! Browse the Library's table in the Parish Hall from which you may choose as many books as you'd like to take home.

Prayer list. To receive the weekly prayer list, email Cari Edwards selvine@hotmail.com Leave prayer requests in the offering plate or at the desk by the parish office. You can phone in prayer requests 770-428-5841 Mondays through Thursdays, 9-12:30.



Parking passes for St. James. During scheduled church events, Cornerstone doesn't charge for vehicles in our Polk Street Lot. Other times, we do need a parking tag to hang in our autos.

Send your name, your vehicle's make, model, **COLOR** and license plate number to Lucia Bird luciabird@gmail.com or 770.402.0024.

If your vehicle has changed since you got your hang tag, you will need a replacement, so give Lucia the information on the old hang tag, too.

Your pledge helps the Vestry plan for the year. [Pledge here.](#)

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- Emergency phone or text: 678.369.1775
- To make an appointment with the rector; sign up for a 15m check-in, a 30m chat, or a coffee hour at <https://calendly.com/rector-stjamesmarietta>

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Pulse of the Parish

from Scott Smoot, Communications Director



Our Lawrence Chapel has been getting a lot of use, lately. **Children's Church** meets there on Sundays. It's where we hold regular midday **healing services** on the first Wednesday of every month. (You can bring a friend at 12:30 and be back at work before lunch hour is over!) The chapel played a starring role in the TV series ***Murdaugh***. (Above: The exterior, photo by Dr. Walter Ligon.)



In the Hulu series Murdaugh, Actors Patricia Arquette and Jason Clarke attend a funeral staged in our chapel on a cold rainy morning. Huge hot lights through the windows made it a sunny summer afternoon. The photo was taken of the monitor during filming early last spring.

Just this past week, **Building Superintendent Erik Linso** and **Music Director Bryan Black** refurbished all the lights. With candles, the chapel provided inspiration for musicians of the **Georgia Symphony Orchestra** who played a concert there last Friday. They want to come back!



Photo taken by Mother Mariclair during the GSO chamber concert.

Built by **Col. Robert de Treville Lawrence** to be a Sunday school classroom, it was repurposed many times in the 20th century before its restoration to present beauty. On **Saturday, Dec 6, from 10a-4p** and **Sunday, Dec 7, from 1p-4p** our chapel will be a tour destination for **Cobb Landmarks**.



Know any good news items about goings-on in the parish? *Share them with me at the [communications](#) desk.*

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Message from the Rector
Come to the Parish Meeting

Since arriving in May, I have been consistently impressed with the spirit of faithfulness, generosity, and service shown in this community of St. James. This parish is blessed with an abundance of people, ministries, and resources for making Christ known in Marietta. My family and I have appreciated the warm welcome we have received. I am making good progress on my goal of having one on one conversations with as many of you as possible in this first year, but still have many folks to meet with- so please make use of the Calendly to schedule a time to let me know a little about you and your St. James story.

When I first arrived, I reviewed the results of the Congregational Assessment Tool completed during your interim period. It indicated that your three priorities as a congregation were 1) to make necessary changes to attract families with children to our church, 2) to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church, and 3) to create more opportunities for people to form meaningful relationships (for example, small groups, nurtured friendships, shared meals, etc.).

I have used these three priorities as a framework for these first six months of ministry as your rector.

Editor's note: This is the opening of Mother Mariclaire's first annual report. To find out how we'll address these priorities, you'll need to read the full report.

[Use this link to download the annual report](#)

Thursday
November 13, 2025
UPCOMING EVENTS

November 16
This Sunday
Services 8a (I) & 10:30 (II)
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Nursery opens early
9:00a
+
Parish Meeting
between services
9:15a
Adult formation will not meet; children meet in the library; youth meet Riley upstairs
+
Sterling Estates
Holy Eucharist
3p

Remember to say a prayer for us!

This Sunday is our last collection day before we distribute meals for

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