



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II with  
LESSONS & CAROLS

December 3, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

# WELCOME



## TO ST. JAMES'S

**Nursery care** is available during the service on the first floor of the parish building. Ask an usher for directions, but know that your children are welcome in church during the service.

**KFC: Kids for Christ!** Young Children age 3 through elementary school are welcome to gather in the narthex (main foyer) for Sunday School. They return during the Peace.

**Parking** is available in our parking lot and across Walden at Santander Bank.

**Hearing devices** are available at both entrances to the church.

St. James's is a vibrant, inclusive, fun-loving, child-friendly community of faith. No matter where you are in your journey, we welcome you to join us on ours.

In this service of Holy Eucharist we give thanks to God and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed. Educational programs afford parishioners of all ages the opportunity to engage their own beliefs and practices as well as those of others.

Empowered by God we go forth into the wider world to serve others in our lives, schools, and workplaces.

### HAPPENING TODAY

**LEARN:** Join us after the service in the parish hall for an Advent Coffee Hour Forum led by the Rev. Alan Murchie. He will present part I on "Mary in Art & Music." All are encouraged to attend.

**SERVE:** Help make sandwiches after the service today for Loaves and Fishes. Just come to the kitchen and join us!

**CHRISTMAS TREE SALE:** Today from noon to 6pm. Sale runs through Sunday, December 10 or until trees are sold.

**GET YOUR TICKETS:** Tickets on sale today for the Christmas Concert to be held Sunday, December 17. General admission is \$10. Tickets also available in the parish office.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY      *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*      Johann Pachelbel

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 56 (*vv 1-5*) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Veni, Emmanuel

### A BIDDING PRAYER

*The people sit*

INVITATORY CAROL      *Now Is the Time (Advent Carol)*      South African  
arr. Alan Murchie

Now is the time to wake out of darkness; Christ is coming, he soon will appear.  
Rouse yourself sleepers, hear him he's calling friends to rally and make his way clear.  
*Christ is coming, sing Alleluia! Coming to save us, Alleluia!*

He comes in triumph into our quarrels and the pride in which we all are bound.  
Turn to repentance: stir up compassion, making love and forgiveness abound.  
*Refrain*

Call to the nations warning that judgment now descends upon violence and war.  
Cry against hatred, greed and oppression, giving freedom's new hope to the poor.  
*Refrain*

Come then, Lord Jesus, shatter the darkness!  
This world suffers from terror and death,  
May we, the faithful, ever be waiting, watching, eagerly holding our breath. *Refrain*

### FIRST READING

*Genesis 3:1-15*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and

made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

CAROL

*The Truth From Above*

English Carol  
arr. Alan Murchie

This is the truth sent from above, The truth of God, the God of love;  
Therefore don't turn me from your door, But hearken all, both rich and poor.

The first thing, which I do relate, That God at first did man create  
The next thing, which to you I tell, Woman was made with him to dwell.

Then after this, 'twas God's own choice To place them both in Paradise,  
There to remain from evil free Except they ate of such a tree.

But they did eat, which was a sin, And thus their ruin did begin;  
Ruined themselves, both you and me, And all of their posterity.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes, Till God the Lord did interpose  
For so a promise soon did run That He'd redeem us with a Son.

SECOND READING

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear

of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

HYMN 81

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

Es ist ein Ros

THIRD READING

*Baruch 4:36-5:9*

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

CAROL

*Never Weather-Beaten Sail*

Thomas Campion

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore.  
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,  
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:  
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise.  
Cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:  
Glory there the sun outshines whose beams the blessed only see:  
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!

FOURTH READING

*Luke 1:5-25*

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their

time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.” Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, “This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.”

CAROL

*There Is No Rose*

Philip Stopford

There is no rose of such virtue As is the rose that bare Jesu; *Alleluia*.  
For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space; *Res miranda*.  
By that rose we may well see That He is God in persons three, *Pari forma*.  
The angels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis Deo: *Gaudeamus*.  
Now leave we all this worldly mirth And follow we this joyful birth; *Transeamus*.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader* Today, we pray for our parish, our extended parish family, our needs, and those of others.

We pray for all who have died.

And for all who are celebrating birthdays, especially Wrenly Ernest-Jones, Lewis Baier, Laurel Raissian, and Ethan Sheldon.

In peace, let us pray to God, saying *God hear us and help us!*

God of the prophets, give your church courage to speak truth, and to tell of your love.

***God of the prophets, hear us and help us!***

God of the angels, give your church voice to sing your presence into the world. Give the world a freedom song, and help us to speak peace throughout the earth.

***God of the angels, hear us and help us!***

God of Mary and Elizabeth, give your church grace to be pregnant with hope and to bring forth new life for a barren world.

***God of our mothers, hear us and help us!***

God of Joseph and Zechariah, give your church dreams and visions, and the courage to follow them.

***God of our fathers, hear us and help us!***

God of the shepherds, give your church humility, and to all who sit in darkness, alone and afraid, a light from heaven proclaiming peace.

***God of the shepherds, hear us and help us!***

God of the magi, give your church gifts, and the will to leave home to find you among the poor.

***God of the magi, hear us and help us!***

God of the Holy Innocents, give your church power to stand against violence and to protect the powerless.

***God of the victim, hear us and help us!***

God our Sovereign, you are always coming into the world. Come to us now, soon, and forever, and let us receive you as the Child of holiness and the Wind of change, through whom, this day, we pray. ***Amen.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*People, Look East*

arr. Malcolm Archer

People look East. The time is near Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People look East, today: Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, That in course the flower may flourish.  
People look East, today: Love the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together.  
People look East, today: Love the Star is on the way.

Angels announce to man and beast Him who cometh from the East.  
Set every peak and valley humming With the Word, the Lord is coming.  
People look East, today: Love the Lord is on the way.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... 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:





Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full\_\_\_ of thy glo - ry. Glo -



- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed\_\_\_ is he that com - eth\_



\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

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 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 God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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

**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.**

## THE FRACTION

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

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

## THE INVITATION

*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.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree*

Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit and always green;  
The trees of nature fruitless be, Compared with Christ the Apple Tree.

His beauty doth all things excel, By faith I know but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see, In Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly I have bought;  
I missed of all but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the Apple Tree.

I'm weary with my former toil - Here I will sit and rest awhile,  
Under the shadow I will be, Of Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 65

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Bereden väg för Herran

## THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of  
the Spirit!

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Toccatà in E Minor*

Johann Pachelbel

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Joseph J. Rose

OFFICIANT – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

THE ST. JAMES'S CHOIR

ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER – The Rev. Alan C. Murchie

CHALICE BEARERS – Priscilla Thomas, Marilyn Tomlinson

READERS – Elizabeth Gallegos, Rob King, Carolee Ziegenhagan, The Rev. Joseph J. Rose

INTERCESSOR – Bob Smith

ACOLYTES – Ryder Morton, Delilah Tweedie, George Keating, Harry Keating

USHERS – Mark Evans, Diane Duva, Loretta Waldman, Rachael Desmond

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Jerrod Bowman

ALTAR GUILD – Kim Hart-Kindelberger, Susan Gutierrez

ON THE COVER – The Root of Jesse, anonymous

## PRAYER LIST

The entire Prayer List is read during the course of the week. If you would like someone to be added, contact the office: [info@stjameswh.org](mailto:info@stjameswh.org) or 860-521-9620.

**THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY (A):** Jeffrey, Greg, Michael, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, & Chris.

**THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY (B):** Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Carol, Christina **(C):** Jean, Jeff, Karen, David, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa **(D):** Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan **(E):** Larry, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney **(F):** Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon, Kristine & Noel **(G):** Janet, Annelise, Sue & Claudia, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest.

**THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER** Pray for the Church of North India (United).

**IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER** Christ Church, Ansonia; St. Paul's, Bantam, Christ Church, Bethany. Postulants and candidates for Holy Orders; the Commission on Ministry and its members.

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY** Andrew Clark.

**THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Wrenly Ernest-Jones, Lewis Baier, Laurel Raissian, and Ethan Sheldon.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the 9:30 service. Healing prayers will be offered on **Sunday, December 10**. If you would like healing ministers to pray with you and for you during a time of challenge or discernment, come to one of the two stations at the back of the church after receiving the Eucharist. All are welcome. If you would like to participate or have questions about becoming a healing prayer minister, please email Cheri Evans: [cheriev98@gmail.com](mailto:cheriev98@gmail.com).

### NURSERY CARE

Nursery Care will be available **today** during the 9:30 service. We will continue with KFC (Kids of Christ) during the 9:30 service as well. Questions? Contact Priscilla at [education@stjameswh.org](mailto:education@stjameswh.org) or Bob Hooper at [rector@stjameswh.org](mailto:rector@stjameswh.org).

### CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

This year's Christmas Tree Sale is underway! Sale runs today and next Sunday from noon until 6pm; Monday through Friday from 4-7pm; and Saturday from 9am-6pm. Credit card, cash or check accepted. Tree sizes vary. Don't wait! Trees go quickly.

### POINSETTIA PLANT SALE

Doug Compton will have poinsettias this year for purchase on **Sunday, December 10** after both services. There will be 4", 6", and 8" pots. They sell out quickly so plan ahead. Proceeds benefit the St. James's Feeding Ministry.

### BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS DIAPER DRIVE

During Advent, St. James's will host a Baby Shower for Jesus diaper collection for families in need in the Hartford area. Public Assistance in Connecticut does not cover the purchase of the "basic human need" of diapers and baby wipes for poor and low-income families. To celebrate the birth of Jesus, you are invited to leave diapers (sizes 3-6) and baby wipes in the St. James's Cloister to be distributed by the Hartford Catholic Worker to families in need. We will be accepting items through Christmas Eve. If you have any questions, reach out to the Rev. Joe Rose at [assistant@stjameswh.org](mailto:assistant@stjameswh.org).

## RESOLVE TO HOST COFFEE HOUR IN 2024

Great job, St. James's! With your help, every coffee hour hosting slot in 2023 has been filled. Thank you to everyone who signed up to either host or contribute home-baked or store-bought goodies. If you have not yet volunteered, please consider doing so in 2024. Better yet, invite a friend or family member(s) to join you and make it a team effort. There are lots of openings to choose from and two ways to participate, so pick the date and role that work for you and go to [www.stjwh.org/coffee](http://www.stjwh.org/coffee) to sign up. Hosts will receive instructions ahead of their assigned shift. Any questions, contact Loretta Waldman at [lwaldmanster@gmail.com](mailto:lwaldmanster@gmail.com).



## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Christmas flower envelopes are available and can be found in the chapel pews, on the cloister table, in the church narthex and front of church. Please use these to make your name requests and flower donation. All names will be printed in the Christmas bulletins. **Deadline: Monday, December 18.**

## MONDAY MUSIC & MORE

The 3Ms will meet next on **Monday, December 4** with Alan and Priscilla for music, art, and activity. Contact Alan: [acmurchie@gmail.com](mailto:acmurchie@gmail.com) or Priscilla: [education@stjameswh.org](mailto:education@stjameswh.org) if you have questions.

## IONA HEALING PRAYER

On **Wednesday, December 6** at 7:00 p.m., join us for the monthly Healing Prayer service in the Parish Room. The service for those who are sick or in need of healing will be based on the contemplative and poetic “Iona Healing” liturgy from the Iona community in Scotland. We will offer prayers for healing of body, mind, spirit, relationships, grief, and all parts of creation. All are welcome! If you are unable to attend, send the names of people you would like mentioned in prayer to the Rev. Joe Rose at [assistant@stjameswh.org](mailto:assistant@stjameswh.org).

## WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S

The Women of St. James's invite you to a Holiday Buffet Luncheon on **Tuesday, December 12** at 12:00 in the dining room. The Rev. Joseph J. Rose will present “Finding God in Christmas Traditions.” All are welcome!

### **MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**

A group of men from Saint James's and a few from other churches meet twice monthly on the second and fourth Saturdays for an hour and a bit more beginning at **8:00 am in the parish room** for discussion of religious subjects. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members about a book selected by the group. **The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 9.** Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at [danielmdollar@gmail.com](mailto:danielmdollar@gmail.com) for further info.

### **ANNUAL GREENING OF THE CHURCH**

Mary Ann Haar is looking for volunteers to help with the greening of the church on **Saturday, December 23 at 9am**. Light duties include hanging greens and wreaths and arranging plants. Please lend a hand if you are able.

### **HARTFORD CATHOLIC WORKER FOOD PANTRY**

St. James's is currently asking for bi-weekly donations for the following items for the Hartford Catholic Worker: **tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bags or boxes of pasta, and canned hearty stews**. Donations can be left in the cloister Monday through Friday 9a-4p. If you are dropping off after hours, please place donations in the rubber bin in front of the cloister door! Monetary donations are also accepted to help purchase these items. Just note "HCW Food Pantry" in memo.

### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

AA meetings convene in the dining room Mondays and Thursdays at 10am, Monday through Friday at 7am, and Saturdays at 7pm.

### **CLERGY VISITATION**

If you or a loved one would like a member of the clergy to visit you at home or in the hospital, please contact the clergy at [rector@stjameswh.org](mailto:rector@stjameswh.org) or [assistant@stjameswh.org](mailto:assistant@stjameswh.org).



## STEWARDSHIP 2024 THANK YOU!

*The following parishioners have pledged for 2024 as of November 29.*

*Names in italics are New Pledgers!*

Joe & Heidi Rose, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Doug Compton, Chuck Russo, Ben & Martha Parish,  
Hunter & Deb Morton, Jerrod & Maureen Bowman, Bill & Nora Harris, Bill & Judy Thompson,  
Ron Coons, Tom & Sue Sweeney, Judy Lawes, Mark Moyle, Jonathan Lewis & Kate Jackson,  
Rachael Desmond, Kimberly Goodrich, Molly James, Connie Duva, Mark & Cindy Welch,  
Joan Phelps, Alan Murchie, Dean & Ann Uphoff, Bob & Nancy Jo Hoffman,  
*David & Elizabeth Katsoris-Meehan*, Borden Painter, Franklin & Angie Dempsey, Jocelyn Ehn,  
Kenneth & Susan Gutierrez, David & Jeanne DiGiacomo, Bob & Renée McCue,  
Joseph & Jennifer Long, Dave & Chris Pearson, Priscilla Thomas, Sue Nelson, Judy Nellen,  
Doug & Ann Cooke, Bernie Wilbur, Linda Vastano, John & Elizabeth Waterman,  
David Dynowski, Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Bob Bausmith & Jill Peters-Gee, Mari Merwin,  
Joan Kayser, Bob & Heidi Sweeney-Hoyle, Richard M. Wenner, *Jerome & Mary Baier*,  
Geraldine Smalley, Mark & Cheri Evans, John & Cheryl Wadsworth, Harry Meyer,  
Mary Ann Haar, Ken & Eileen Jackson, Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin, Louise Strillacci,  
Greg & Jen Jacobs, Carol Hunt, Bob & Betsy Smith, Robert Sedivy & Betsy Curtler,  
Bob & Claire Burnett, Bob & Carolee Ziegenhagen, Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney,  
Tom Rouse & Susan Powers, David & Jennifer Lemanski, Ron Ward,  
Stephen & Lois Schneeberger, Carolyn McGaughey, Deirdre Cobb Penland, Dean & Kathy Bolt,  
Stephen & Diane Hunter, Fran Cobb, Sandra DeCelles, *Anya Fisher*, Lyla Fisher,  
Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, David & Virginia Kramer, Chris Keesling, *Gil Lowerre*,  
Ted & Ronni Newton, John & Vera Racine, Matt & Liz Schott, Bill & Judith Stahl,  
Christopher & Christina Wilson, Eleanor Brazell, John & Ruth Mitman, Bob Fawber,  
Michael & Linda Fournier, Bette Kelly, Tyler & Courtney Smith, John & Francie Bergquist,  
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CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

5:00 PM Christmas Pageant & Eucharist

9:30 PM Music Prelude

10:00 PM Choral Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Carols

*"For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given" (Is 9:6).*

Please join us as we celebrate  
the Nativity of  
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### SUNDAY EUCHARIST

8 a.m. in the chapel

9:30 a.m. in the church

### WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel

*(Breakfast served in the parish room following the service)*

### HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

7:00 p.m. First Wednesday of each month in the parish room



*Make a pledge  
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