

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II January 19, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

WELC TO ST. JAMES'S

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

COFFEE HOUR FORUM: Join us after the service for a Coffee Hour Forum in the Parish Hall led by the Rev. Rob Lofberg on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Coffee and refreshments served and all are welcome!

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

TICKETS ON SALE: Today after the service for the Whiffenpoof concert on **Thursday, February 6** at 7pm. \$25/Adults; \$15/Students. Tickets can also be purchased by scanning the QR code in the bulletin, in the parish office during office hours, or by going to <u>www.stjwh.org/whiffenpoof</u>.

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.

PRELUDE Concerto No. 3, I. Allegro non troppo Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921) John Kramer recently played this selection in an audition and we're excited to share it with this parish community that has supported his growth over many years.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 126 The people who in darkness walked Dundee

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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. **Amen**.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *People* Amen.

THE LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

PSALM 36:5-10 (sung by the choir) Dixit injustus

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, * and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; * you save both man and beast, O Lord.

How priceless is your love, O God! * your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

They feast upon the abundance of your house; * you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the well of life, * and in your light we see light.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, * and your favor to those who are true of heart.

Sequence Hymn 135	Songs of thankfulness and praise	Salzburg
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THE GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.*People* Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus

was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

PriestThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, O Christ.

The people sit THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert M. Lofberg

The people stand THE NICENE CREED

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,		
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

Leader Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess, grant us the grace to honor you with our substance. Grant us the courage and commitment to be faithful in our giving. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

May we, as the Body of Christ in our life together, do things only for the glory of God. We pray for Sean our presiding bishop, Jeff and Laura our bishops, our parish clergy; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

May we be people of word and action as we support relief for the world's poor and homeless; for the unemployed and the under-employed. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in all the nations of the world. Remembering especially Joe, the president of the United States.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for the end of violence everywhere; remembering especially victims of gun violence and those who love them. We pray for all whose lives have been devastated by natural disaster and political strife, and for the victims of the California wildfires. We pray for the people of Palestine, Israel and Ukraine, and the protection of innocent life everywhere. We pray for safety in our daily lives. Guide us to be reconcilers for peace and justice at home and in the world. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pray for all who have died, especially Jim Kelsey on the anniversary of his death. We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays, especially Magnolia Corrigan and Amelia Chenault.

We pray for our parish, our extended parish family, our needs, and those of others. We invite you to offer your own prayers silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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. **Amen.**

THE PEACECelebrantThe peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.We greet one another in the name of Christ.

Welcome & Announcements

If you would like to make an online offering to the Mission and Ministry of God's through the work of the people of St. James's, please use this QR code. *Thank you! Your generosity is greatly appreciated*.



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

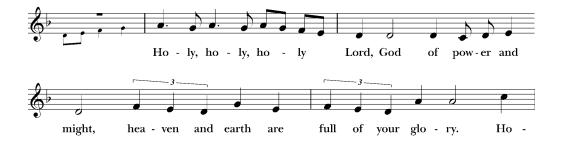
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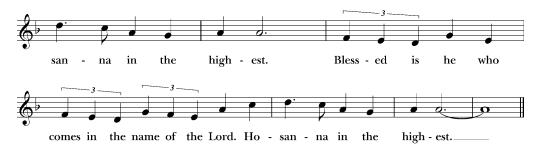
This Little Light of Mine

Spiritual

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:





 Title:
 The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

 Music:
 Robert Powell, (b. 1932)
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Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore 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 MUSIC We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace Spiritual arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)

Moore grew up in Virginia during the Jim Crow era as the granddaughter of slaves and went on to pursue music at Fisk University, Columbia University, and the Juilliard School, where she graduated cum laude in 1926. She later co-founded the Black Music Center at Virginia State College, where she was a professor for almost 50 years while maintaining a career as a composer. This arrangement of hers is a relatively simple one, considering her stylistic exploration into tone clusters, atonality, and additive rhythms. By contrast, We Shall Walk stands as a straight-forward expression of faith and endurance - a song of hope during her time that remains relevant today.

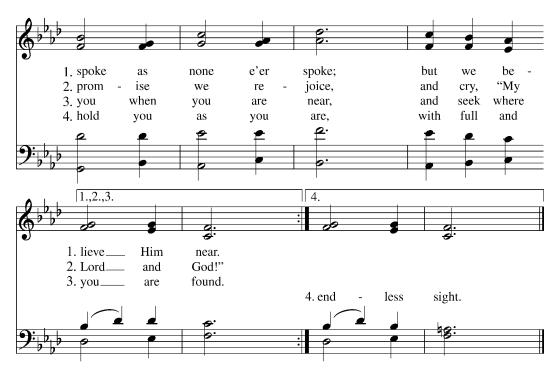
POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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





 Title:
 We walk by faith Text: Henry Alford (1810-1971)

 Music:
 Eugene W. Hancock (b. 1929)

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THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Everytime I Feel the Spirit Spiritual, arr. Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

Adolphus Hailstork began singing as a boy chorister in an Episcopal church, eventually studied composition with Nadia Boulanger in France, and then built an illustrious career as a professor and composer. He has written countless symphonic, instrumental, and choral works and is the second African-American composer to be featured in a U.S. presidential inauguration (in 2021).

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III PREACHER – The Rev. Robert M. Lofberg ORGANIST – Michelle Horsley THE ST. JAMES'S CHOIR, CHILDREN'S CHOIR, AND CHORISTERS VIOLINIST – John Kramer CHALICE BEARERS – Audrey Lamy, Ted Newton LECTOR – Marilyn Tomlinson / INTERCESSOR – Greg Jacobs ACOLYTES – George Keating, Harry Keating, Odin Bergsbaken USHERS – Daniel and Ellen Dollar, David and Virginia Kramer LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Adam Fisher ALTAR GUILD – Elizabeth Gallegos, Susan Gutierrez

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: <u>info@stjameswh.org</u> or 860-521-9620.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY Jeffrey, Greg, Michael, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, Chris, Rachael, Eileen, Nancy Jo.

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY Jeff, Christina, David, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa, Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Janet, Sue & Claudia, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest, Laticia, Suzanne, Karen.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Jim Kelsey on the anniversary of his death. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them.

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Church of the Province of the West Indies.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER All ecumenical and interfaith endeavors involving our congregations and people; for peace and peacemakers.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Magnolia Corrigan and Amelia Chenault.

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 **Sunday, January 26.** 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. If you would like to participate or have questions about becoming a healing prayer minister, please email Cheri Evans: <u>cheriev98@gmail.com</u>.

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. Please feel free to contact Priscilla at <u>education@stjameswh.org</u> with any questions.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE - TOMORROW

Each year on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we coordinate a number of volunteer opportunities for all ages. Please join us on **Monday, January 20**, as we work to honor Dr. King's legacy by building a more just and equitable society. We will engage our community in three projects with local organizations: Foodshare, Journey Home, and Hartford Catholic Worker. Go to <u>www.stjwh.org/MLKDay</u> for more information about each opportunity. Please sign up, join us, and bring a friend!

MONDAY MUSIC & MORE

3Ms will meet on **Monday, January 27** at 4pm with Priscilla Hooper and Michelle Horsley. For more information or to register your child, contact Priscilla Hooper, <u>education@stjameswh.org</u>. **No 3Ms on January 20**.

BIBLE STUDY

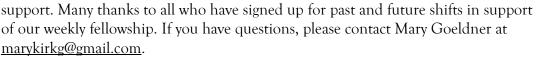
Please join us on **Monday, January 27** from 12:15-1pm in the Parish Room for an extended exploration of various portions of scripture led by the Rev. Robert Lofberg. Bring a bag lunch and come ready for a compelling conversation. **No Bible study on January 20.**

WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S

The Women of St. James's invite you to a pizza party luncheon and social on **Tuesday**, **January 21** at 12pm in the dining room. All are welcome!

NEW YEAR, NEW ORGANIZERS, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO HOST

Please join us for coffee hour on Sunday to welcome our new coffee hour hosts, Liz Normand and Mary Goeldner. Better yet, show them some love right now by signing up for one or more coffee hour shifts, <u>www.stjwh.org/coffee</u>, either as a host or to contribute baked goods and other goodies. It's not as hard as you might think and comes with instructions and lots of



ANNUAL MEETING 2025

The Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 26** immediately following the 9:30 service in the church. Coffee will be available. The annual reports will be available on the day of the meeting. Please take one per family. All parishioners are asked and encouraged to attend the meeting.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHALICE BEARER?

Serving as a chalice bearer, who provides the Cup of Salvation to parishioners during Communion, is a meaningful and different way to participate in and experience our Sunday morning Eucharist. And we need a few more people to fill out our ranks, so our rotation can be about once every six to seven weeks. If you would like more information or are interested, please contact Tom Rouse, <u>thomasarouse@yahoo.com</u> or (860) 351-5560 to learn more about the opportunity.

ST. JAMES'S "EMBRACE" MINISTRY

The Embrace Ministry invites people into God's love through acts big and small. Weekly phone calls, cards/letters, friendly visits to those unable to leave home, or help with light chores or transportation are all ways we may be of help. If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who may benefit from our ministry, please contact Susan Ritz (860-904-8588) or Marilyn Thomlinson (860-372-1193) for further information.

CHEF MINISTRY

CHEF Ministry for expanding/changing/evolving families! This is chance for the St. James's family to help "feed their sheep". Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteer chefs who cook on demand. If you know of any family that is welcoming a new



family member (not just a birth!) or having a life event where they might need a bit of support (taking care of a loved one, dealing with a loss, etc.) please let Martha Parish know so that CHEF Ministry can reach out and provide a meal or three. Please email or text so a member of our church family can help out and ease the burden. <u>mach1goon@gmail.com</u>, 978-505-1333.

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, January 25**. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at <u>danielmdollar@gmail.com</u> for further info.

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 <u>rector@stjameswh.org</u> or <u>assistant@stjameswh.org</u>.

STEWARDSHIP 2025 THANK YOU!

The following parishioners have pledged for 2025 as of January 16. Names in italics are New Pledgers!

Franklin & Angie Dempsey, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Mark Moyle, Robert Sedivy, Mari Merwin, Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin, Bill & Judith Thompson, Louise Strillacci, Dean & Kathy Bolt, Robert Hoyle & Heidi Sweeney, Eddie Jacovino & Elizabeth Porter, Rachael Desmond, Ron Coons, Judy Lawes, Thomas Rouse & Susan Powers, John & Ruth Mitman, Jocelyn Ehn, Paul & Diane Duva, Doug Compton, Jerrod & Maureen Bowman, Ben & Martha Parish, Bob & Renée McCue, David & Jeanne DiGiacomo, Marion Beausoleil, Gil Lowerre, Joan Kayser, Michael McMahon & Ann Wood, Dean & Ann Uphoff, Molly James, Kathryn & Halsted James, John & Brenda Barrows, Bob Bausmith & Jill Peter-Gee, Leon Fraser & Marilyn Tomlinson, Fran Cobb, Bob & Carolee Ziegenhagen, Bruce & Donna Tompkins, Doug & Ann Cooke, Andrew & Pam Ponichtera, Bob & Claire Burnett, Sandra DeCelles, Mark & Cheri Evans, Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney, Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, Kimberly Goodrich, Michael & Linda Fournier, Kenneth & Susan Gutierrez, William Hoar, Chris Keesling, Stephen & Diane Hunter, Bette Kelly, Carolyn McGaughey, Harry Meyer, Judy Nellen, Sue Nelson, Ted & Ronnie Newton, Brad & Liz Normand, Borden Painter, Joan Phelps, David & Christine Pearson, Stephen & Lois Schneeberger, Michael & Hilary Sherrill, Jean Smith, Tom & Sue Sweeney, Priscilla Thomas, John & Cheryl Wadsworth, Carol Hunt, Brendan Gooley & Valerie Ferdon, Bill & Nora Harris, Carol McDermott, Linda Vastano, Tyler & Courtney Smith, Mark & Cindy Welch, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael, Chuck Russo, Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Andrew Reynolds & Karin Zadzilko, Charles & Lia Collin, Ron Ward, John & Elizabeth Waterman, Matthew Pinckney & Liisa Kuhn, Greg & Judy Hock, Jerome & Mary Baier, Susan Lattanzio, Rob Lofberg & Nicole Nigh, Joan Ray, Sam Auyeung, Sarah Bedell, Connie Duva, Nicholas Busse & Barbara Rua, Rafael & Elizabeth Gallegos, Greg & Jen Jacobs, David & Virginia Kramer, Hillary Lewis, Joseph & Jennifer Long, Peter & Chris Peterson, Bob & Betsy Smith, Alex Smith & Christine Pina, Audrey Lamy, Patrick & Sheri Sparks, Richard M. Wenner, Christopher & Christina Wilson, Barbara Schiller, Ken & Eileen Jackson, Jonathan Lewis & Kate Jackson, Jim Conway & Peggy McManus, Kevin & Kim Kindelberger, Scott & Alysse Serencha, Susan Ritz, Loretta Waldman, David Dynowski, Mark & Michelle Stafford, David & Jennifer Lemanski, Harry Meyer, Tim Chambers & Molly Bennett, John & Frances Bergquist, Will & Trish Tomlinson, Jon Harden & Lynne Lumsden, John & Vera Racine, Nick & Lauren Forcello, Mary Ann Haar, Rob Healy & Jessica Henning, Tony & Kerri Raissian, David Marshall, Deirdre Penland, Chuck & Meredith Willson, Bob Fawber, Martha Hartle, Patrick Coll & Bonny Slim.

2025 Vestry Nominations

Senior Warden Junior Warden Clerk Greg Jacobs Tyler Smith Barbara Rua Treasurer Delegate Delegate

Michael Sherrill Greg Jacobs Tyler Smith

New Vestry Member Profiles

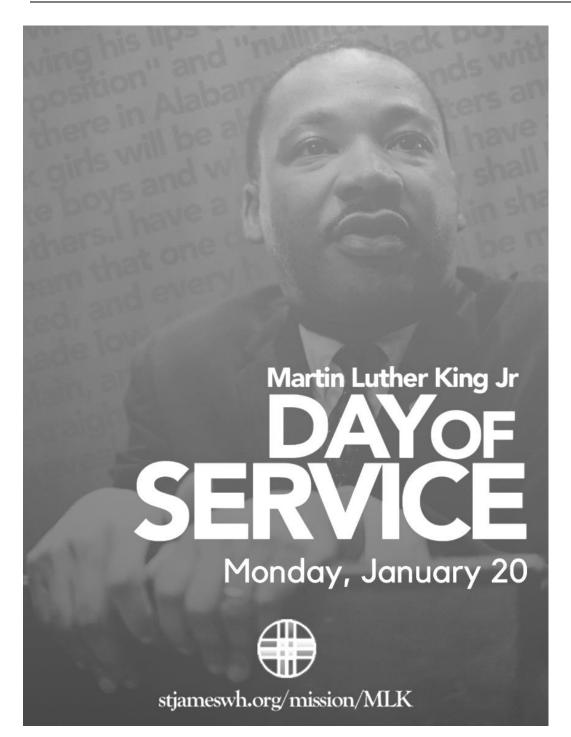
Susan Gutierrez was raised in the Episcopal church on Long Island, N.Y. She lived in Baltimore and then D.C. before moving to Connecticut where, along with her two sons, regularly attended St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Simsbury for about 8 years. At St. Alban's, Susan was on the vestry and helped in a variety of other ways. She has been part of the St. James's community for about 15 years. Her two sons, now 26 and 27, were confirmed at St. James's when they were in high school. Throughout her years at St. James's, Susan has helped with a variety of outreach missions, and over the past year has become one of the devoted crew on Altar Guild. She helps weekly with the food pantry at Grace Church in Hartford and recently started to help monthly at Loaves and Fishes in Hartford as well. In her free time Susan enjoys reading, playing the piano, and walking her dog, Nala. She and her husband, Ken, live in Canton where Nala allows them to share her home.

Greg Jacobs is dad to Camden (9) and Hadley (7), as well as husband to his amazing wife Jen. He grew up going to St. James's and is happy to have recently rejoined the choir after a 20+ year hiatus. He and Jen were married here in 2011, and he served on the vestry from 2019 to 2022. As a family they've enjoyed many parish events, and their kids have loved going to KFC and 3Ms! Greg is a graduate of the University of Maryland and the Yale School of Management. After spending several years as an accountant and at Travelers, he now works for Verisk Analytics as a product manager. When not driving kids around town to activities or at choir, he enjoys hiking, cycling, and skiing. Greg is honored by the opportunity to serve as Senior Warden and excited to engage with such an outstanding group of lay staff, clergy, vestry members, and parishioners!

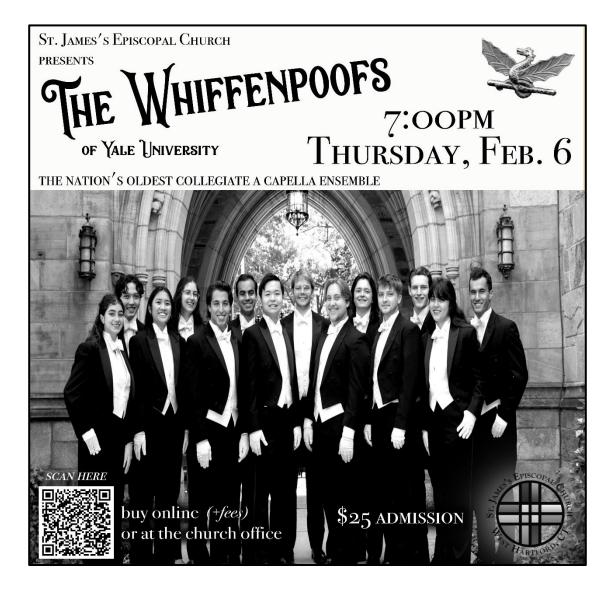
David Kramer and his wife Virginia joined St. James's in 2011, excited to be part of a vibrant and welcoming parish. Both lifelong Episcopalians, they were married at Trinity Episcopal Church in Hartford where their children Samantha and John were also baptized. At St. James's David serves as an usher, helps with coffee hour, makes sandwiches, and contributes to the music programs. David grew up in Mansfield, OH, and is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music. He is a music teacher in the Farmington Public Schools, conducts two youth orchestras at the Hartt School, and performs in the cello section of the Hartford Symphony. He and Virginia love to hike and bike the many beautiful trails of New England.

Jonathan Lewis has been a resident of West Hartford since 1994 and a member of St. James's since 1997. He is currently a corporate attorney at Henkel Corporation, where he supervises North American mergers and acquisitions and provides legal support for the industrial adhesives division. He graduated from Bates College and has JD/MBA from the University of Connecticut. He is married to the wonderful and loud Kate Jackson, and has two fantastic sons: Harrison, who recently graduated from Penn State, who he consults on all important Boston and UConn sports matters, and Charlie, a first year at UConn, who he regularly enlists for spirited political debate. At St. James's, Jonathan participates as an usher, a lay reader, and a member of the livestream team, and he is actively involved in Trivia Night, the Chili Cook-Off (2-time champion ...), the Fall Auction, and other events. He is happy to be joining the vestry again after serving two previous "tours."

Susan Ritz has been a parishioner at St. James for 25 years. She is a retired clinical psychologist whose career was dedicated to working with children who experienced severe psychological trauma. Dr. Ritz is involved in the Good News Garden and the Embrace Ministry at St. James's and is currently completing the second year of the Education for Ministry (EFM) program. She enjoys traveling and hiking with her husband Greg as well as cooking, gardening, and yoga.









SERVICE SCHEDULE

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)



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