



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II with BAPTISM

January 18, 2026 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

COFFEE HOUR FOURM: Join us for a coffee hour forum today after the 9:30 service in the parish hall on the life and work of Dr. Mark Luther King, Jr. The forum precedes the Day of Service on Monday, January 19. More information can be found in the bulletin. All are encouraged to attend!

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

HAPPENING SOON!

LET THERE BE LIGHT: In a unique reimaging of the Genesis story, this musical event is a collaboration between the Adult Choir of St. James's and award-winning digital artist Ryan Glista, with each of the seven days of creation expressed in musical works accompanied by corresponding animated light projections on the ceiling of the sanctuary. Come see this original, immersive auditory/visual experience which celebrated the luminous creation in many forms, at a time of year when light is scarce. Free will donation. *This program is partially funded by a generous grant from the Hartford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.*

PRELUDE *Der Tag, der ist so Freudenreich, BWV 605* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 497 *How bright appears the Morning Star* Wie schön
leuchtet

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, S280

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

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and

my reward with my God.” And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 40:1-12 (*sung by the choir*)

Expectans, expectavi

I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);

Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

You are the Lord;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

SEQUENCE HYMN 435

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

THE GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and

as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Chris Leung

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.

THE 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 Donald, 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. 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 youth and children celebrating birthdays, especially 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 PEACE

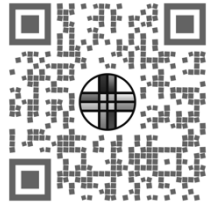
Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And 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

AT THE OFFERTORY *I Believe This is Jesus* 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, which 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. She has been called the "Dean of Black Women Composers."

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

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

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

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

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed

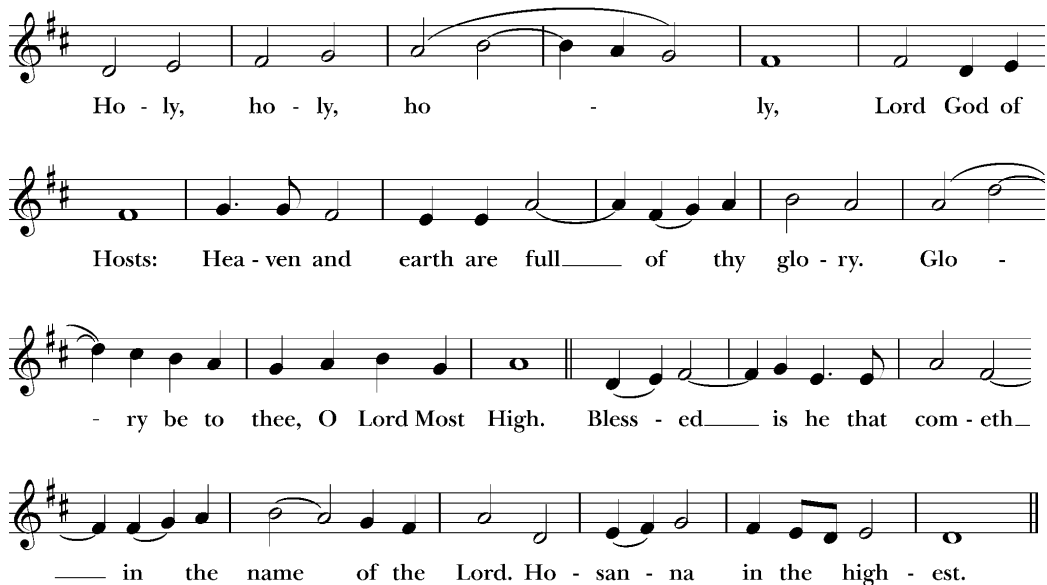
us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

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

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

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

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

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.

Title: Holy, holy, holy

Music: From Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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Celebrant continues:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the

remembrance of me.” After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

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

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers; and Mothers; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

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

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Kim Goodrich



Come to my ta - ble and eat with me there; par - take of the bread and the wine.

Think of me of - ten and do not des - pair; par - take of the bread and the wine.

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 *Heavenly Light* Alexander Kopylov (1854-1911)

Trained at the Moscow Conservatory in the Russian Orthodox tradition, Kopylov spent much of his career as a teacher and church musician, shaping a generation of Russian composers. His setting of Sveti Tikhii (translated here as “Heavenly Light”) is characteristic of late-19th-century Russian sacred music.

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN 437

Tell out, my soul

Birmingham

THE DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Music for a Festival

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Calvin Hampton was appointed organist of Calvary Episcopal Church in New York City at just 20 years old, a position he held for over two decades while also building an international reputation as a performer, composer, and advocate for new music, before his untimely death as an early victim of the AIDS epidemic. Deeply rooted in the Episcopal liturgical tradition yet stylistically adventurous, Hampton wrote music that fused rhythmic vitality, bold harmonic language, and a keen sense of drama.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

PREACHER – The Rev. Chris Leung

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – Michelle Horsley

CHALICE BEARERS – Audrey Lamy, John Wadsworth

LECTOR – Marilyn Tomlinson

INTERCESSOR – Rob King

ACOLYTES – George Keating, Harry Keating, Trey Keating

USHERS – Mike Shuey, Ted Newton, Rob Healy, Marc Keating

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Adam Fisher

ALTAR GUILD – Elizabeth Gallegos, Linda Fournier

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 or 860-521-9620.

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

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY Jeff, Joanie, 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 J., Charlie & Jean, Linda.

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. AMEN.*

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. Gabriel's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam; All Saint's, East Hartford. Parish volunteers & parish historians. For the Ecumenical Ministry Network.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark and Chad Trottier.

CHILDREN & YOUTH BIRTHDAYS Amelia Chenault.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers at the 9:30 service on **Sunday, January 25** and every second and fourth Sunday of the month. 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: 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. Please feel free to contact Priscilla at education@stjameswh.org with any questions.

ANNUAL MEETING

This year's Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 25** immediately following the 9:30 service in the church. Annual reports will be available on the day of the meeting. Please take one copy per family. Coffee and refreshments will be available during the meeting. All parishioners are asked to attend.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Bible study each Monday from 10:30 to 11:30am in the parish room. Our next meeting is **January 26**. Please contact Cheri Evans: cheriev98@gmail.com or Bob Roggeveen rhrogg@gmail.com for additional information.

WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S LUNCHEON

The WOSJ invite you to their next luncheon on **Tuesday, January 20** at 12:00 in the dining room. Animal Control Officer Supervisor of West Hartford, Kimberly Gulino, will be the guest speaker. Her topic: *Working with Animals and Safety*. Please bring a bag lunch with you. If you cannot come for lunch, just come for the program at 1:00!

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are still needed to prepare coffee, bake and/or buy snacks, set up before, and clean up afterward. A second person makes hosting twice as much fun, so invite someone to join you! Hosts will receive instructions ahead of their assigned shift. If you can't host, please consider contributing a homemade or store-bought baked

good, fruit, or other food item. Please indicate what you are bringing in the "My Comment" section of the sign-up so the host(s) can plan accordingly. Thanks in advance to everyone for your faithful support of our Sunday fellowship. Questions, contact Mary Goeldner at marykirkg@gmail.com. Sign up at www.stjwh.org/coffee.

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 Tomlinson (860-372-1193).

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 about an hour beginning at 8:00 am in the parish room for discussion of topics related to religion or ethics. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members. The discussion group meets next on **Saturday, January 24**. Bob Burnett chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at robert.burnett@comcast.net for further info. Coffee and other refreshments are provided at each meeting.

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. mach1goon@gmail.com, 978-505-1333.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS (please notice additions)

As we are expanding our feeding ministry to include new communities, St. James's is asking for donations for the following items for local food pantries: **tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bags or boxes of pasta, canned hearty stews, oil, masa harina (instant corn flour), rice, dried beans, cereal, shelf stable milk (like Parmalat) and sugar**. Donations can be left in the cloister Monday through Friday

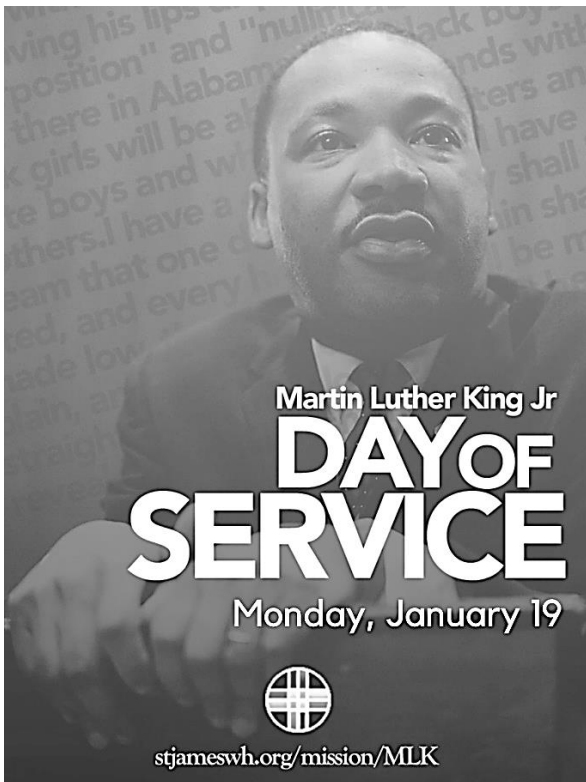
9a-4p. After hours: please place donations in the blue rubber bin. Monetary donations are accepted to help purchase items. Just note "Food Pantry" in memo.


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.



Martin Luther King Jr.
DAY OF SERVICE
 Monday, January 19

stjameswh.org/mission/MLK

MLK Jr. Day of Service St. James's & Journey Home

Monday Jan. 19, 2026
 from 10-1:00

This year for Martin Luther King Day of Service we will be joining Journey Home to move a number of formerly unhoused people into apartments of their own.

If you are able to help with this very important ministry please use this link to sign up:

<https://signup.com/go/PLYbwWS>

*If you have any questions
 please contact Bob Hooper*



2026 Vestry Nominations

Senior Warden	Greg Jacobs	Treasurer	Michael Sherrill
Junior Warden	Tyler Smith	Delegate	Greg Jacobs
Clerk	Chuck Kinney	Delegate	Tyler Smith

New Vestry Member Profiles

Mary Baier grew up mostly in the Carolinas and went to college at UNC-Chapel Hill. After college, she moved to New York to join the restaurant world after living in Paris for a year. In New York, Mary met her husband Jerome, and they were married in 2016. Mary and Jerome relocated to Philly when their first son, Lewis, was about two months old and then settled in West Hartford just in time for the birth of Thomas, their second son. Mary currently works in fresh seafood for a distribution company and still enjoys cooking for her family. She especially loves watching her boys play sports, reading to Thomas, working in the yard, any kind of creative project, and family trips. She is grateful for the chance to serve the St. James's congregation and help support its wonderful community of light and love.

Maureen Bowman grew up in Ozark, Alabama and graduated from the University of Georgia with a BBA in Risk Management & Insurance in 2005. Maureen, along with her husband, Jerrod, moved to the Greater Hartford area in 2009. They have two sons, Jack (11) and Walter (9). Maureen works at Travelers Insurance. She serves as a chalice bearer on Sunday mornings, often alongside her son Walter when he acolytes. Maureen, Jerrod and the boys have been deeply rooted in the life and ministry of St. James's since their arrival.

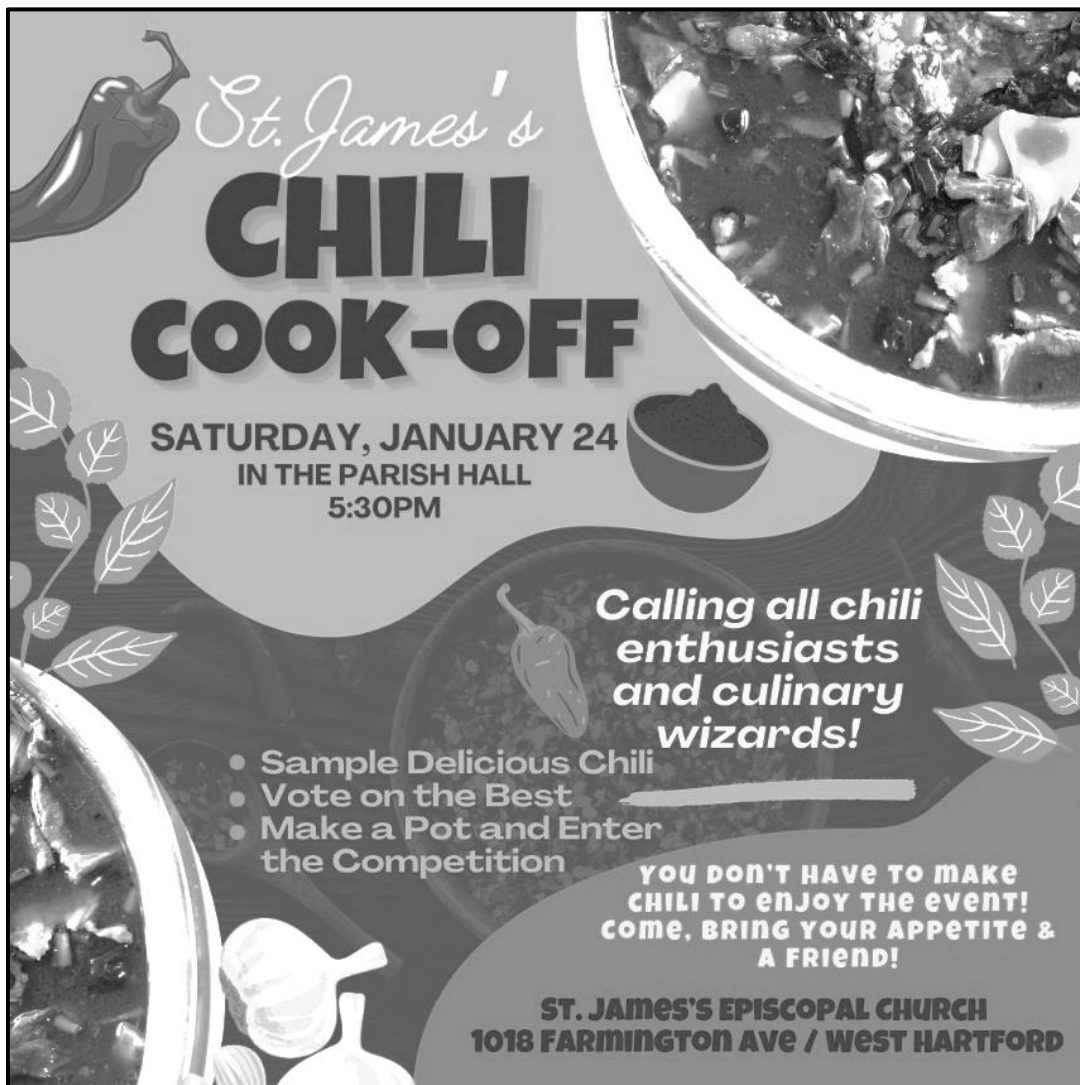
Jim Conway and his wife Peggy McManus joined St. James's in 2022. They are very happy at St. James's, finding it a vibrant, engaged, generous, and welcoming community. Jim has been involved in Foodshare food delivery and making sandwiches on Sundays and helped organize a recent "emergency" Christmas toy drive. He has a history of involvement in social ministry, including 20+ years in afterschool and Saturday programs at the Hartford Catholic Worker (HCW); he is also currently on HCW board. For 27+ years Jim has been a Psychology professor at Central Connecticut State, teaching a lot of students and researching interventions to support children with incarcerated parents. Jim and Peggy have two adult daughters, Erin in Boston and Bridget in New York.

Rob King recently retired after more than 30 years in print, broadcast and digital media. He first arrived in Connecticut as a Wesleyan University freshman in 1980, and after stops in Illinois, New Jersey and Kentucky, returned to the state in 2004, settling in West Hartford, where he and his wife Jen have three “children”: Eli, 21, Amani, 18, and Amanda, 17. Besides volunteer work, he spends his time playing golf, cartooning, reading and, of course, obeying.

STEWARDSHIP 2026 THANK YOU!

The following parishioners have pledged for 2026 as of January 14.

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St. James's
**CHILI
COOK-OFF**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24
IN THE PARISH HALL
5:30PM

**Calling all chili
enthusiasts
and culinary
wizards!**

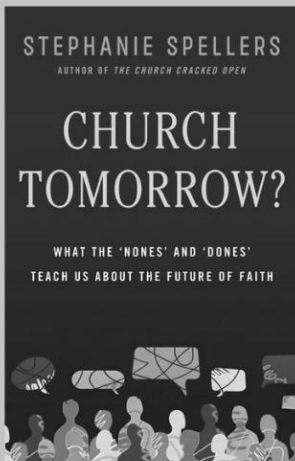
- Sample Delicious Chili
- Vote on the Best
- Make a Pot and Enter the Competition

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE
CHILI TO ENJOY THE EVENT!
COME, BRING YOUR APPETITE &
A FRIEND!**

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1018 FARMINGTON AVE / WEST HARTFORD

Becoming the Church of Tomorrow with the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers

In partnership with the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, St. John's will host an evening of conversation with the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers about her new book: *Church Tomorrow? What the 'Nones' and 'Dones' Teach Us About the Future of Faith.*



Monday, February 2
6 p.m.

at St. John's Church
679 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford

REGISTER AT
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SAVE THE DATE!

**ST. JAMES'S
ANNUAL...**

**Saturday, February 7
6-9pm**

**Potluck Pub Fare,
Bring your favorites to
share!**

Serving beer, wine, and soda

**St. James's Episcopal Church
West Hartford Center / In the Parish Hall**

PUB 
**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

February 8th at 7:00pm

the music ministry of St. James's presents

LET THERE BE
LIGHT

The Genesis story reimagined through choral and organ music
with large-scale digital art animations
transforming the sanctuary walls into a living canvas

Ryan Glista, Digital Artist
Michelle Horsley, Director of Music

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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)



Make a pledge
to St. James's

*We are 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...*

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