



LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II with BAPTISM
February 11, 2024 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 the Rev. Alan Murchie after the service for the conclusion of his three-part forum reflecting "On the Trinity." Coffee and refreshments will be served, and all are encouraged to attend!

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

TICKETS ON SALE: Today after services for the Doug Williams concert on Thursday, February 22 at 7pm. Tickets also available in the parish office during office hours.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Chorale Prelude: How brightly shines* Johann Ludwig Krebs
the Morning Star

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 296 *We know that Christ is raised* Engelberg

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism

People **One God and Father of all.**

People **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People **Amen.**

THE LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 50:1-6 (*sung by the choir*)

Martin Luther

Deus deorum

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.

He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

SEQUENCE HYMN 137

O wondrous type! O vision fair

Wareham

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the

mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

THE BAPTISMAL HYMN 383

Fairest Lord Jesus

St. Elizabeth

PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Luke Matthew Redman

The Celebrant addresses the Congregation saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant says

Luke Matthew, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying,

*Luke Matthew, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.***

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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.

The people sit

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *There shall a star from Jacob come forth* Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a Star from Jacob come forth,
And a Sceptre from Israel rise up,
And dash in pieces princes and nations.
As bright the star of morning gleams,
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
Of light and consolation!
Thy Word, O LORD, radiance darting,
Truth imparting, gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!

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.**

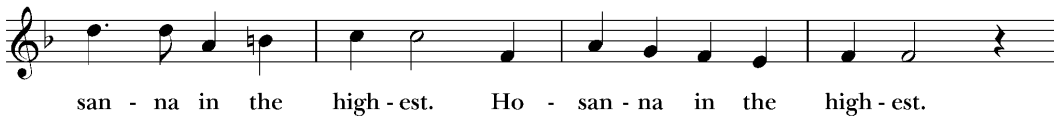
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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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

O nata lux

Thomas Tallis

O Light born of Light,
 Jesus, redeemer of the world,
 with loving-kindness deign to receive
 suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
 for the sake of the lost,
 grant us to be members
 of thy blessed body.

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 618

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Lasst uns erfreuen

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata in D minor, Opus 108 #1

Albert Renaud

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Joseph J. Rose

OFFICIANT & PREACHER – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER – The Rev. Alan C. Murchie

THE ST. JAMES'S CHOIR

CHALICE BEARERS – Matt Schott, John Wadsworth

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LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Jonathan Lewis

ALTAR GUILD – Chris Keesling, 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, Will, Tom, & Chris.

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

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Barbara Ulrich on the anniversary of her death. *May the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them. AMEN.*

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. John's, Essex; St. Paul's, Fairfield; St. Timothy's, Fairfield; Trinity/St. Michael's, Fairfield; St. James', Farmington. Haitian ministry in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Benjamin Lawrence and Danielle DiGiacomo.

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 **today**. 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.

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 or Bob Hooper at rector@stjameswh.org.

COFFEE HOUR FORUM: "ON THE TRINITY"

Join the Rev. Alan Murchie after the 9:30 a.m. service **today** for the conclusion of his forum reflecting "On the Trinity," Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in the writings of Paul. Coffee and refreshments will be served, and all are encouraged to attend.

LENTEN FORUM SERIES "THE WAY OF THE CROSS"

Join the Rev. Alan Murchie on **Sundays, February 25 and March 3** after the 9:30 service for reflection and discussion on Jesus' Way of the Cross. Coffee and refreshments will be served, and all are encouraged to attend.

HOSTS NEEDED

Hey there, St. James's! We have hosting slots in March and beyond that need filling. If you have not yet volunteered, please consider doing so. Teaming up with a friend or family member(s) doubles your fun. Hosting not your thing? Then sign up to contribute home-baked or store-bought goodies. Find a date that works for you and go to www.stjwh.org/coffee to sign up. Hosts will receive instructions ahead of their assigned shift. Many thanks to all those who have already volunteered, especially those who have signed up for more than one date. If you have questions, contact Loretta Waldman at lwaldmanster@gmail.com.



WINTER COAT DRIVE

Doug Compton is once again collecting winter coats throughout the winter season. Bring your gently used or new coats to the church during office hours or on Sundays and drop them off in the Parish Office or in the Cloister. Thank you!

MONDAY MUSIC & MORE

The 3Ms will meet on **Monday, February 12** with Alan and Priscilla for music, art, and activity. Contact Alan: acmurchie@gmail.com or Priscilla: education@stjameswh.org if you have questions.

WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S

The Women of St. James's invite you to a Lenten soup luncheon on **Tuesday, February 20**. The Rev. Joan Phelps will be the guest speaker. Her topic: "Travels with Joan." All are welcome.

IONA HEALING PRAYER

On **Wednesday, March 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.

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, February 24**. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at danielmdollar@gmail.com 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 rector@stjameswh.org or assistant@stjameswh.org.

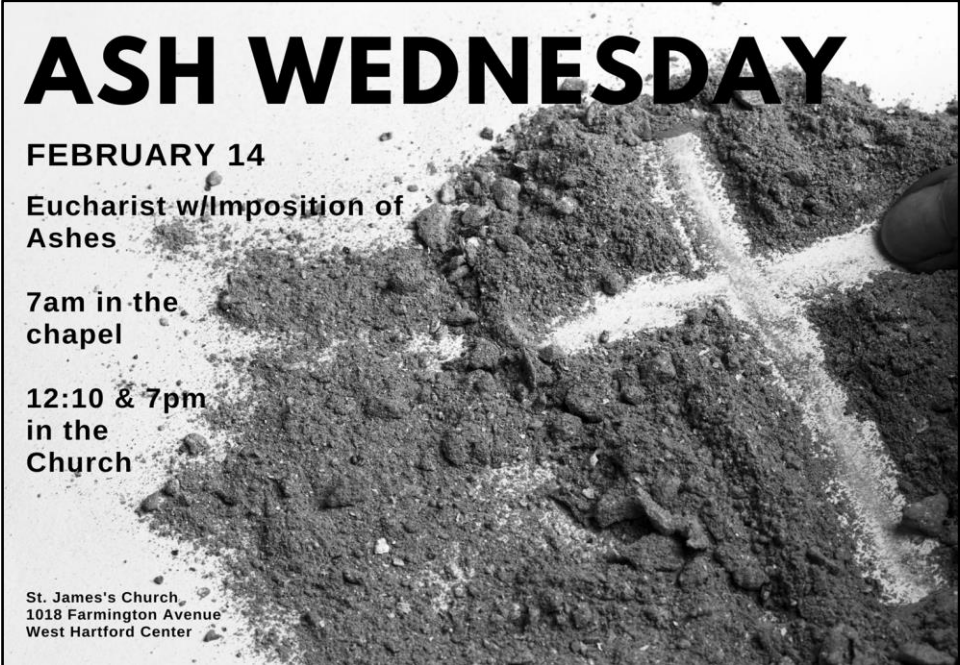


ST JAMES'S ...

*Shrove
Tuesday*

PANCAKE SUPPER
FEBRUARY 13 AT 5:30PM
IN THE DINING ROOM

PLENTY OF PANCAKES FOR
EVERYONE! INVITE SOMEONE TO
JOIN YOU.



ASH WEDNESDAY

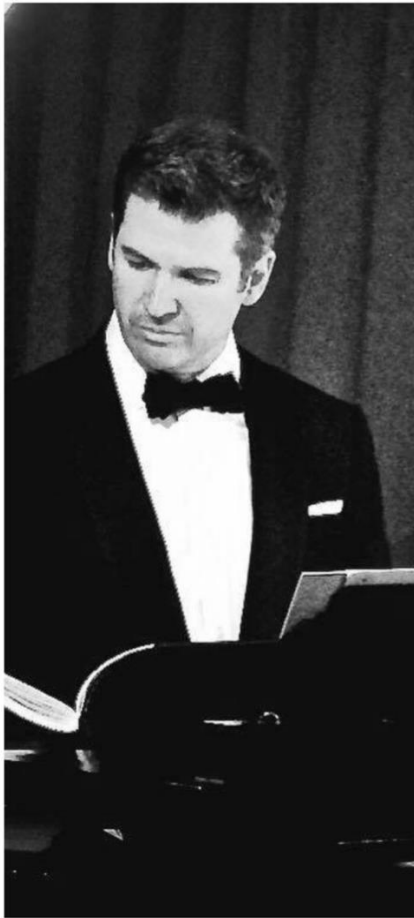
FEBRUARY 14

**Eucharist w/Imposition of
Ashes**

**7am in the
chapel**

**12:10 & 7pm
in the
Church**

St. James's Church,
1018 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford Center



DOUGLAS WILLIAMS, BARITONE

INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED VOCALIST

WITH ALAN MURCHIE, PIANO
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 7PM

\$25 General Admission
\$10 Students
Free Admission 12 and under

St. James's Episcopal Church
1018 Farmington Avenue
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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)

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

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



*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...*

CLERGY

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III *Rector*
 The Rev'd Joseph J. Rose..... *Associate Rector*
 The Rev'd Alan C. Murchie *Assoc. for Education & Music*
 The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke..... *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Doctor Molly F. James.....*Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Canon John L.C. Mitman *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Doctor Borden W. Painter Jr. *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Joan P. Phelps. *Priest Associate*

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