

Anchor Lines

St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama



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Rev. De Freeman, *Rector*

Consecration Sunday October 24 Worship & Celebrate

Dear Friends, Parishioners and Loved Ones of St. James Episcopal Church,

“Rejoice always,” said St. Paul, “pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances.” No matter what happens in this life, we need to keep our eyes on God. With that thought in mind, it’s time to come back together, to worship and rejoice. We’ve set the date for Consecration Sunday as October 24. This is the day we give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed upon us, and for our shared joy, love, hope, and most especially for the gift of Jesus, his son.

Over the past few weeks we have been sharing personal stories about the blessings we’ve received,

spiritual growth and even the mission and ministries of our church. Consecration Sunday will be the pinnacle of these conversations, a time of spiritual growth designed to enrich our understanding of Christian stewardship and a time to renew our dedication to praise and thanksgiving. I ask you all to attend Sunday morning, October 24, so that together we can make our personal and financial commitments to God, as an act of worship in the church.

A Celebration Luncheon will immediately follow both the 9 and 11 o’clock services. It is intended to be an agape meal, in love and appreciation for God’s gifts. We hope to have everyone join us. Please RSVP by calling the church office at 928-2912 or email to

info@stjamesfairhope.org. Boxed lunches will be available upon request. Please know that fellow parishioners will also be calling about your RSVP, but they will not ask questions about pledging.

The effectiveness of our mission and ministries in the coming year depends on your initiative and dedication. Please do what you can to join us. I remain~

Your Joyful Servant in Christ,

Rev. De Freeman

RSVP for lunch by October 18.

Call 251-928-2912, email info@stjamesfairhope.org, or sign-up on one of the clipboards in Green Hall or in the Narthex of the Church or Chapel.

When calling or emailing, please provide the following information:

- Name for your party
- Number of people in your party
- After which service will you be dining (9 or 11 AM)?
- Will you be dining in or carrying out?

Thank you!

Christian Formation

New Program on Wednesday Evenings

Worship, Fellowship, and Formation

for the whole family

Beginning TONIGHT - October 13!

5:30 PM: Casual worship service in the church
 6:15 PM: Dinner served in Green Hall
 6:30 PM: Formation begins (we will eat during formation)
 7:30 PM: Adjourn

A nursery will be available for children too young to attend formation and opens at 6:15 PM.

Formation classes for adults will be a clergy-led forum. Children and youth will have various classes depending on the level of interest and number of volunteers. Curriculum includes Godly Play lessons, Communion Instruction, and more. Volunteers are needed to teach the children's lessons. A long-term commitment is NOT required. Contact Christian Formation Director, Ellen Huckabay, at 251-928-2912 or christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org if you would like to help or if you have questions.

Sign up is not necessary for the Wednesday evening program.



The Lectionary Schedule

Date	The First Lesson	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
Sunday, October 17 The 21st Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 53:4-12	Psalm 91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Sunday, October 24 The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 31:7-9	Psalm 126	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52
Sunday, October 31 The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Psalm 119:1-8	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34
Sunday, November 7 All Saints' Day	Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 or Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 24	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
Sunday, November 14 The 25th Sunday after Pentecost	Daniel 12:1-3	Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25	Mark 13:1-8

Christian Formation



Inaugural Women's Retreat at Beckwith!

This year's theme is *From Grief to Grace*. We have faced a lot in the past year and a half. We want to create a space to come together, acknowledge the pain and struggle of the past, and celebrate—with renewal and fellowship—moving forward into a grace-filled future. [Register here.](#)

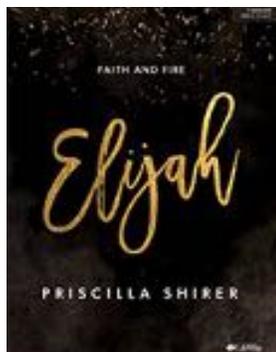
Faith and Fire

A Study of the Prophet Elijah

GOING ON NOW!

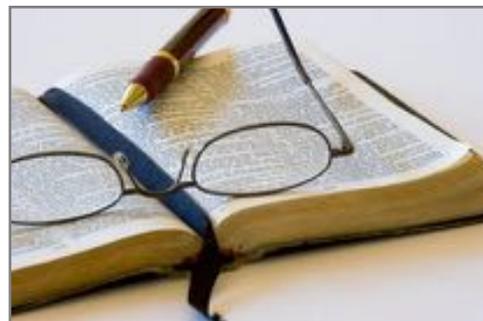
The St. James Monday Night Women's Bible Study meets at 6:30 PM in the Vestry Room and is currently studying Priscilla Shirer's new book, *Elijah, Faith and Fire*. She describes the Old Testament prophet as the following:

Elijah emerged as the voice of unapologetic truth during a time of national crisis and moral decline. His ministry was marked by tenacious faith and holy fire—the same kind you will need in order to remain steadfast in our current culture.



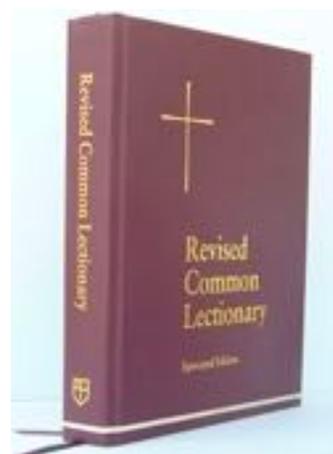
All women are invited to join at any time. For more information, call Michelle Orr at 251-990-6077 or 251-490-6077.

Men's Tuesday Night Bible Study Beginning October 19



All men are invited to gather in the Vestry room at St. James (between Green Hall and the School, across from the Library) at 5:45 PM on Tuesday evenings. Study begins at 6:00 PM and ends at 6:45 PM. Please bring a copy of whatever version of the Bible is comfortable to you. Father De will be leading the study, beginning with Paul's Letter to the Galatians. Stay for fellowship afterward, if you choose, and get to know some of your parishioners better.

Sunday Morning Lectionary Class



Jim Daniell leads a class on Sunday mornings in the St. James Library, between the 9 & 11 AM services. This class is for adults, and is on the Sunday morning readings

from the Revised Common Lectionary. If you attend class before going to the 11 AM service, you will have a preview of what you are about to hear, and if you come after attending the 9 AM service, you will have a discussion of what you just heard. It is a great way to supplement your Sunday morning lessons.

From the Finance Office

	September 2021	September 2021	YTD 2021	YTD 2021	YTD 2020
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income	\$133,072	\$115,000	\$914,191	\$945,000	\$901,245
Expense	\$116,197	\$125,839	\$990,189	\$1,070,763	949,010

Christmas is exactly 10 weeks from Saturday



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Dear St. James Family:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! I am writing from the campus of Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA. Already one of the three years of my seminary experience is done, with the second (Middler) year begun in earnest. Aside from starting seminary during a pandemic and living in Virginia while Travis and James stay in Fairhope, all has been normal! This past summer was quite busy, completing a 10-week chaplaincy internship at Baptist Hospital in Pensacola (along with fellow seminarian Kenneth White-Spunner!). I won't speak for Kenneth except to say that for both of us it was a life-changing and life-affirming experience. With God's grace I made it through a challenging summer providing pastoral care to all kinds of patients. These types of experiences will help inform my future ministry in ways I can't even comprehend now.

The first year of seminary is referred to as the Junior year; much of mine was spent at VTS. I completed classes on the Bible, church history, theology and ministry, pastoral care, canon law, and Biblical Hebrew. Most of my classes were held online via Zoom as were worship services. Despite the challenges of the pandemic and attending "zoominary", we came

together as a new class of students. I was voted Class Vice-President and organized the annual class retreat held in April 2021. In fact, the retreat was the first time our VTS Class of 2023 were physically together in one room, nine months after seminary started. We had not even met some of our professors in person! To say our formation into future clergy has been unique is an understatement. Nonetheless, I will say that the year was fantastic, even with the struggles. The support from St. James has made all the difference, and Travis and I cannot thank the St. James Vestry, De, and Forbes for seeing to it that we have all we need. Thank you also to those of you who have offered prayers, support, and donations!

The new school year is vastly different than the last, even with some restrictions still in place due to Covid. As of now classes are in-person (though with masks). We now eat meals in groups instead of taking meals to-go or eating in pairs. There is much more activity on the campus, and it's lovely to see. My upcoming classes include sermon mechanics, more church history, liturgical history and implementation, music, and cultural immersion. I started my Contextual Ministry, which is analogous to an internship, at a very old and historical church (Aquia Episcopal Church, Stafford VA). I will be participating in worship

services there as well as learning parish administration skillsets useful in the future.

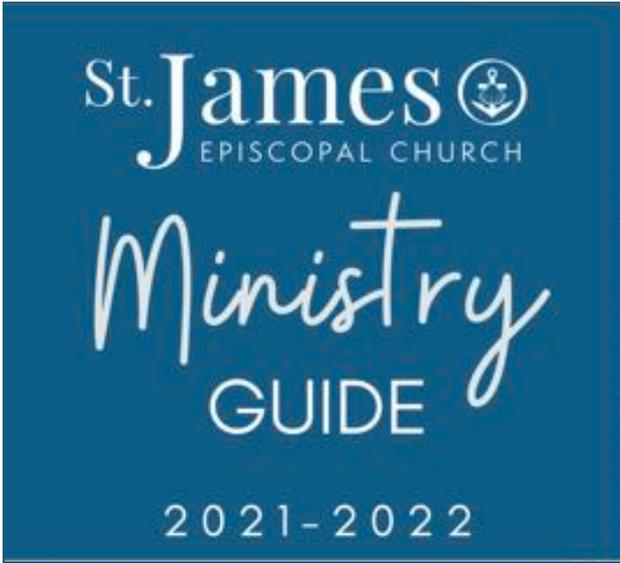
I am very thankful for your continued prayers. Travis will stay at least one more year in Fairhope. Our son James has enlisted in the U.S. Navy and will head to Basic Training around the end of the year. You are all in my continued prayers. See you at Christmas.

God's Peace,
Stephen Pecot

P.S. Enclosed is the VTS Master of Divinity Class of 2023 (which is VTS's bicentennial year!), taken April 2021. Immanuel Chapel is in the background, and we are standing in the Chapel Garden which is the site of the original VTS chapel that burned in 2010.



Ministry Fair a BIG Success!



If you didn't get a chance to attend the St. James Ministry Fair, you still have an opportunity to sign up for all the great ministries we have to offer... just [click this link to go to our new Virtual Rally Day page](#). You will find our Ministry Guide as well as videos from some of our ministry leaders. You can even sign up right from our website. If you have questions about a particular ministry, just call the office at 928-2912 and we will assist you.



Remember to put in your "can't serve dates" in Ministry Schedule Pro to avoid being scheduled when you are not available. The deadline for the November schedule is October 13 at 5:00 PM.



Remember... Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 AM on Sunday, November 7. Time to FALL BACK!



School News

What an exciting time for the students and staff at St. James Episcopal School. We have officially unveiled our new website, stjamesfairhope.school and celebrated Episcopal Schools Week as we continue to celebrate the festivities of fall. Episcopal Schools Week is celebrated throughout the country by 1,200 Episcopal schools. We started the week by inviting our school families to join us for our Monday chapel service. Our theme for the week was a passage from the book of Isaiah, chapter 58, "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily." Such an appropriate theme for this year as we have all been praying for healing, not only for our bodies but for our communities. The students have created art projects and learned about different symbols of our church and what St. James School means to them individually. During Chapel we



admissions@stjamesfairhope.org.

We have begun our official kick-off for our 2nd annual school fundraiser the ZEBEDEE DO-DAH Fest. This fun event will be held at the Fairhope Brewing Company on Sunday, November 7 at 5pm. This is our only fundraiser and I hope everyone will attend and help us spread the word throughout the community. This year our BIG raffle item is a STAR Capella 2+2 street legal golf cart. Raffle tickets are \$100.00 per ticket and a limited number will be sold. Thanks to all of our sponsors for helping make this a special event. We hope everyone will join us for this fun-filled evening to support St. James Episcopal School.



Best regards,

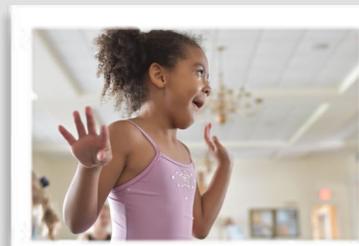
Shelley E. Miller

Shelley Miller



also celebrated the Feast of St. Francis with a blessing of our special stuffed animal friends.

As we continue to grow, we are excited to announce the addition of a 3rd Grade for the 2022-2023 school year. If you would like more information please email Admissions Director, Anne McEniry, at



After school dance, jazz, and tumbling classes are offered by Studio B Dance Academy.

School News

ZEBEDEE DO-DAH FEST
Boil & Brews

presented by 

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | SILENT AUCTION | WINE PULL

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7 2021

FAIRHOPE BREWING COMPANY
 814 NICHOLS AVENUE
 FAIRHOPE, AL 36532

5:00 TO 8:00 PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA EVENTBRITE. (FOLLOW THE QR CODE!) INCLUDES FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, TWO BEERS AND A SOUVENIR PINT GLASS WITH ST. JAMES LOGO.




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Purchase your raffle tickets for the golf cart at the school, outside Green Hall on Sunday mornings, email stjschoolsponsor@gmail.com or on our website at stjamesfairhope.school.

ZEBEDEE DO-DAH FEST
Golf Cart RAFFLE!

 **TICKETS \$100** 

STAR CAPELLA 2+2
 STREET-LEGAL GOLF CART
limited tickets will be sold!
DRAWING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 7:30PM

EMAIL STJSCHOOLSPPONSOR@GMAIL.COM TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS

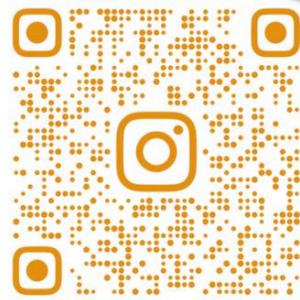
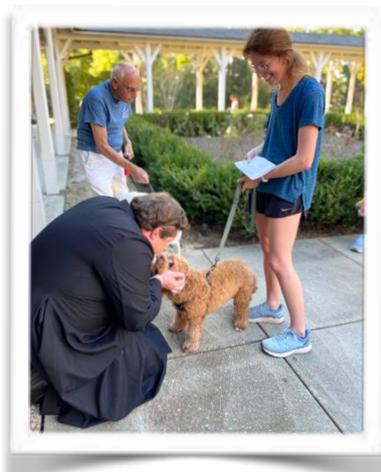
benefitting **St. James** EPISCOPAL SCHOOL 

St. Francis of Assisi Animal Blessing

Photos from this year's Animal Blessing service.
Thank you to all who joined us for this special service.



For more photos, news, and updates, be sure to like our [Facebook](#) page and scan the QR code below to go to and follow our Instagram page.



Events



St. James Episcopal Church and School
All Hallows' Eve
Trunk or Treat Festival
October 24
5:00 PM
Fun for the whole family!
Invite your friends and neighbors.
*******We are in need of volunteers*******
 Adults and youth are welcome to help with games, food, decorating and more. If you'd like to help, please contact Ellen Huckabay at 251-928-2912 or christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest
 \$1.00 per vote raises money for the school



Let's Get Running

Sundays at 4:30 PM

The St. James running group is starting up again. All ages and experience levels are welcome! Brush up on your 5K skills in advance of Prodissee Pantry's Turkey Trot on Oct. 23, or simply enjoy the fellowship and fitness. No RSVP required. Email Catherine Dorrough by **October 19 at noon** to be included with our St. James group.



This Sunday, October 17 we will run the race route—meet at Daphne City Hall.

Commission on Affirmative Aging
Presents
Adventurous Aging:
How to Stay Young at Heart

- Zumba
with Barbie Francez
- Chair Yoga
with Jan Craver
- Cardiovascular Health
with Gerry Phillips, MD
- Healthy Sleep
with Mike Ledet, MD
and More!

Questions? Contact the Rev. Sara Phillips at 251-709-7979

Nov 13, 2021
 10am - 2pm
 Lunch Included
 Check in will begin at 9:30 am
[Click here](#) today for Online Registration before slots are filled
 Event Fee: \$15
 4 CEU hours for clergy, nurses and healthcare workers
 Location:
 Trinity Episcopal Church
 1900 Dauphin St.
 Mobile, AL 36606

Music News

Concert Series - Last Minute Change! Organist Clara Gerdes - Friday, October 15 at 7:00 PM

Clara Gerdes, from Davidson, North Carolina, USA, is a 2021 graduate of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music where she studied with Martin Jean. She recently graduated from the Curtis Institute of Music where she studied with Alan Morrison. She received first prizes in the Albert Schweitzer, AGO-Quimby Mid-Atlantic Regional and UNCSCA School of the Arts organ competitions; was the recipient of the 2020 Baker Prize in Organ Performance and the 2021 Julia Sherman Award for Excellence in Organ Playing from Yale; and received the first annual AGO Pogorzelski-Yankee scholarship. She has performed around the United States, including at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in New York and Washington National Cathedral, the American Guild of Organists 2018 National Convention in Kansas City, and at Spoleto, Oregon Bach Festival, Philadelphia International Festival of the Arts and most recently the Uncommon Music Festival in Sitka, Alaska. Pre-Covid, Clara served as Assistant Organist at Saint Bartholomew's Church, Park Avenue in New York City and was previously Organ Scholar at Saint Mark's Church, Locust Street in Philadelphia. She now serves as Director of Music at Most Holy Redeemer and

Nativity Parish in Manhattan, New York, where her responsibilities include building up the parish's music program and overseeing the restoration of its 1891 Roosevelt organ.



All concerts are free and open to the public. Invite a friend! If you would like to make a donation to the St. James Concert Series, go to our website under the "Give to St. James/Online Giving," tab or note on the memo line of your check: "Concert Series." If you would like to be added to the St. James Concert Series mailing list, call the church office at 251-928-2912 or email info@stjamesfairhope.org and request to be added to the distribution list.

Organist Amanda Mole had to cancel due to a family medical emergency.

CHOIR INFO

Whitby Choir Kindergarten - 2nd grade



The Whitby Choir meets on Monday afternoons upstairs in the choir room from 3:30 to 4:15 PM to sing, play instruments, and have fun with our friends. The Whitby Choir will sing in worship periodically throughout the year.

Handbells Grades 9-12



Calling all youth in grades 9-12! We are looking for youth who are interested in ringing handbells. If this sounds like something you would like to do, contact Mary Katherine Kilgore.

Canterbury Choir Grades 3 - 6



The Canterbury Choir meets on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:15 PM. Come make new friends, sing, and have fun! The Canterbury Choir will sing during the 11:00 AM worship service on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

Coventry Choir Grades 7 - 12 - Guys and Gals!

The Coventry Choir meets from 10:15 to 10:45 AM in the choir room on the Sunday mornings the day they sing. Coventry Choir will meet and sing for the 11 AM worship service on the first and third Sundays of the month.

If you have questions, or need more information, contact Choir Director, Mary Katherine Kilgore, at 251-928-2912. ext.128 or choirdirector@stjamesfairhope.org.

Worship & Music

ALL SAINTS' & ALL SOULS' DAY MEMORIAL

Remember a loved one on All Saints' & All Souls' Day, **November 7.**

Names of the deceased will be read at all Sunday services and printed in the bulletin.

Deadline for publication is Monday, November 1.

Please complete this form and hand deliver or mail it to the parish office:
 St. James Episcopal Church, 860 North Section Street, Fairhope, AL 36532,
 or email your loved one's name/information to info@stjamesfairhope.org.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Your Name: _____ Your Phone #: _____

Please include the name of your family members or loved ones **who have died since November 1 of 2019.**

If you need additional space, please use another form. Thank you.

In memory of: _____ Date of death _____

In memory of: _____ Date of death _____

REQUIEM
 BY MAURICE DURUFLÉ (1902-1986)

Sunday, November 7
9:00 & 11:00 AM
worship services

Rockland Osgood, soloist Mary Katherine Kilgore, conductor
 Jose Sunderland, cello Helen VanAbbema Rogers, organ
 Zach Webb, timpani The St. James Choir

Regular Sunday Worship Schedule

8 AM, 9 AM & 11 AM

all services in the church

11 AM also available online
 at stjamesfairhope.org, Facebook, & YouTube

Nursery is available at 9 & 11 AM in Wilson Hall

Beginning November 7,
the 8 AM service will move
to the Chapel.



Taizé is the style of Christian worship practiced by the ecumenical Taizé community in France, characterized by the repetitive singing of simple harmonized tunes, often in various languages, interspersed with readings, prayer and periods of silence. We hope you will join us in the Chapel on **Sunday, October 17 at 7 PM** for this additional worship offering. Each month on the third Sunday, we offer Taizé in the Chapel or Compline in the Church. The service is casual and lasts approximately 30 minutes. Check it out!



We are a community anchored in Christ, seeking God, sharing His love and serving others.

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Weekly Recurring Schedule

SUNDAYS:

8:00, 9:00, & 11:00 AM
Holy Eucharist in the Church
11 AM also available online
10:15 AM Lectionary Class, Library
12:15-1:15 PM Rite 13

MONDAYS:

9:30 AM Gentle Yoga at Creative Outlet
3:30 PM Whitby Choir
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

TUESDAYS:

5:45 PM Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS:

7:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study, Vestry Room
12:30 PM Centering Prayer, Chapel
3:30 PM Canterbury Choir
5:30 PM Evening Program, Church
6:45 PM Adult Choir

THURSDAYS:

5:45 PM Yoga, Green Hall

FRIDAYS:

7:30 AM Yoga, Green Hall

3rd SUNDAY of the Month:

7:00 PM Compline in the church & online
or Taizé in the Chapel

The Vestry

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Monday - Thursday
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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