

Anchor Lines

St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama



December 8, 2021

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Christmas at St. James

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24

4:00, 7:00, & 10:00 PM

all services in the Church

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25

10 AM in the Church

The First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 26

No in-person services.

The Second Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, January 2

10 AM in the Church

Carols with Celtic Harps

The details...

Christmas Eve

All Christmas Eve services will be held in the Church. The Whitby and Canterbury Choirs will sing at 4:00 PM. The Youth and College Choir* will sing at 7:00 PM and the Adult Choir will sing at 10 PM. A nursery will be available at 4 and 7 PM. Please make a reservation for the nursery by calling 251-928-2912, emailing info@stjamesfairhope.org, or online at stjamesfairhope.org under the Worship Tab/Nursery.

*Any high school or college students interested in singing with the Youth and College Choir on Christmas Eve, please contact Mary Katherine, our choir director, at choirdirector@stjamesfairhope.org. We will have one rehearsal on December 22 at 5:00 PM.

Christmas Day

We have one worship service on Christmas Day at 10 AM in the Church. The nursery is not available.

Sunday, December 26

We will have recorded services from Christmas Eve on our website, stjamesfairhope.org, our *Facebook* page, and *YouTube* channel.

Sunday, January 2

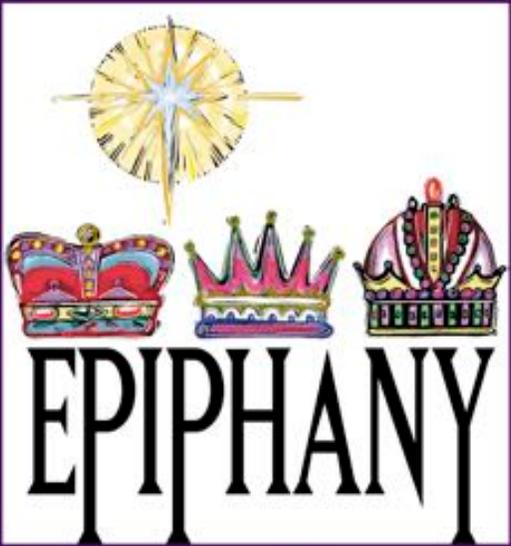
Enjoy Christmas carols with Celtic harps at our one worship service at 10 AM in the Church.

The parish office will be closed from Thursday, December 23 at 5:00 PM until Monday, January 3 at 8:30 AM. If you have a pastoral emergency while the office is closed, call 251-928-2912 and follow the prompts. The on-call priest will return your call.

Special Services-Dates & Times

The Community of Hope invites you to
The Service of the
Longest Night
Tuesday, December 21
6:00 pm, in the Chapel

The holiday season can strike a chord of melancholy, lament, and even grief in many. This time of year sharply reminds people of lost loved ones, personal setbacks, such as job loss, or other disappointments or regrets in life. All are welcome to share in this evening of prayer and healing for those who are hurting in any way.



EPIPHANY
FEAST OF LIGHTS
Sunday, January 9
5:00 pm

All are invited to enjoy the beautiful music of the choir, and the excitement of the children and youth as they tell “The Story” of the Epiphany at 5:00 PM on Sunday, January 9. A light supper will follow the service in Green Hall. Reservations are NOT necessary. Practice for children ages 3 and up will be after the 10 AM service on Jan. 9, during the parish meeting. Call Ellen Huckabay at 251-928-2912 for more details!

Wednesday Evening Programming

Meets on December 8 & December 15.

*Breaks for the holidays and resumes
Wednesday, January 12.*

Come for worship, fellowship, and formation on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 - 7:30 PM! Casual worship service in the church begins at 5:30 PM followed by dinner in Green Hall. Formation begins at 6:30 PM (we will eat during formation). A nursery will be available for children too young to attend formation and opens at 6:15 PM.

Reservations are not necessary and there is no cost for dinner.

Formation classes for adults are clergy-led. 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.

Next Taizé Sunday, February 20, 2022

7 PM in the Chapel



Compline March 20, 2022
7 PM in the Church

*No Compline or Taizé in January, due to a community event celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Happy Advent
FROM
St. James 
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Tune in at 11 AM on our Facebook page, YouTube Channel or website at stjamesfairhope.org to watch a previously recorded Christmas Eve Service.

**NO IN-PERSON SERVICES
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26.**



Christian Formation



Confirmation Classes Begin January 23

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop. (BCP 860)

If you are interested in being confirmed, received, or re-affirmed into the Episcopal Church, please email Ellen Huckabay at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org or call her at 251-928-2912. Also, if any confirmed adults are interested in being mentors to the confirmands, please contact Ellen.

Weekly Opportunities

Sundays Lectionary Class for Adults
Between the 9 & 11 AM Services in the Library
Rite 13 (7th & 8th graders) - 12:15 to 1:15 PM

Monday Nights 6:30 PM - Women's Bible Study in the Vestry Room

Tuesday Nights 5:45 PM - Men's Bible Study, Vestry Room

Wednesdays

- 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study in the Vestry Room
- 12:30 PM Centering Prayer in the Chapel
- 5:30 PM Evening Program for the whole family
Begins in the Church

Regular Sunday Worship Schedule

8 AM in the Chapel

9 AM & 11 AM in the Church

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

Children's Chapel at 9 & 11 AM

Nursery is available at 9 & 11 AM in Wilson Education Bldg.

The Lectionary Schedule

Date	The First Lesson	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
Sunday, December 12 The Third Sunday of Advent	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Canticle 9	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
Sunday, December 19 The Fourth Sunday of Advent	Micah 5:2-5a	Psalm 80	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1-55
Christmas Eve	Isaiah 62:6-12	Psalm 97	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:1-20
Christmas Day	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalm 98	Hebrews 1:1-12	John 1:1-14
Sunday, January 2 The Second Sunday of Christmas	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Psalm 84:1-9	Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a	Luke 2:41-52
Sunday, January 9 The Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12

Vestry Nominations

Annual Parish Meeting January 9 in Green Hall following a 10 AM worship service



Ben Codding



Tracy Corte



Peter Gaillard



Laura Jones



Matthew Myrick



Mary Statkewicz

Current Vestry

Pel Henry, *Sr. Warden*
Roger Guilian, *Jr. Warden*
Bruce Stone, *Clerk*
Katie Smith, *Treasurer*

Class of 2021

Kris Bradley
Elizabeth Orr
Ed Shell

Class of 2022

Elizabeth Erwin
Shannon Pesnell
Jeanie Smith

Class of 2023

Lauren Arington
Bebe Goetter
Earl Jackson
Chris Nelson

Ben Codding

Ben Codding has been attending St. James since 2016. He grew up in Decatur and moved to Huntsville after graduating from Auburn. He works as an account manager for a global logistics & supply chain management company.

He and his wife, Amanda, moved to the eastern shore in 2013. They have 2 daughters, Charlotte (8) and Caroline (3). Ben grew up in the Episcopal Church and has served in various capacities over the years. Ben states that if he's elected, he "looks forward to serving the parishioners of St. James as a member of its vestry."

Tracy Wilson Corte

Tracy Corte grew up in Fairhope, having moved here when she was 8 years old, which is when her family started to attend St. James Church. In her younger years

she participated as an acolyte and in many of the youth programs. She was baptized, confirmed, and later married at St. James. Tracy is a graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham and has a degree in nursing. After working in the medical field for many years; she now works part time as a buyer/merchandiser and helps with events at a local store. She and her husband, Del, have two grown children, one living and working in Birmingham and the other attending college at Auburn University. Tracy has always been actively involved and volunteered for many years at her children's school. Now as an empty nester, she wants to have a greater focus on her faith. She wants to learn, actively participate, and desires to be more involved in the St. James community.

Peter P. Gaillard, Jr.

Peter Gaillard is 52 years old and was born and raised in Mobile, Alabama. He grew up attending All Saints Episcopal Church in Mobile and married Lorie Tomlinson

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from Fairhope in 1999. They have three children Mac (19), Les (18), and Anne Patton (13). Peter and his family have been living in Fairhope and attending St. James Episcopal Church since 2004.

Peter is the owner of Gaillard Builders, a commercial construction company located in Mobile, Alabama. Peter believes in using his talents and resources by helping local people who are in need by installing new roofs, handicapped ramps, remodeling, or helping with hurricane clean up.

He is currently a board member of Alabama Wildlife Federation and Coastal Land Trust. Peter wants to be more involved with St. James and would also love to serve the church by being on the vestry.

Laura Stearns Jones

Laura Jones was born in Mobile, Alabama. When her mother remarried, they moved to Point Clear at the end of Laura's first grade year. They became members of St. James in Fairhope, Alabama, where Laura was baptized. She was also confirmed here in the seventh grade. Laura married Sam Jones 1980 at St. James and their children Bo and Kelly were baptized here in 1984 and 1987 respectively. They moved away for about 15 years where they attended St. Andrew's in Collierville, TN and St. John's in Charlotte, NC, and upon returning to Fairhope in 2005, they came back to St. James.

As a member of St. James, Laura currently attends the Monday Night Women's Bible study. She has also evolved into a volunteer on the wedding committee since the marriage of her daughter at St. James in 2011. This service really comes full circle when the couple returns for baptism of their children. She also serves on the altar guild, and recently committed to the welcome ministry, as a greeter. She attended the last Cursillo #165. Laura states that this was a life changing event for her, and she would like to serve on staff in the future. Over the years she has also taught Sunday school, been in bible studies, co-chaired VBS, served as an LEM/chalice bearer, hospitality, coffee hour, meal team, and assisted with EYC. Laura is a registered nurse by profession, which she feels is a ministry in and of itself. She has been allowed to care for people in their most vulnerable times in their lives. Laura states, "I have received more from my patients than I have ever given."

Laura enjoys our church community and wishes to continue to contribute through outreach and increasing our church member involvement as we return to church in person. She prays we return to our pre-covid status, as we were "on fire." Laura states that if elected, she would "like to be a part of this renewal movement in church activities."

Matthew Myrick

Matt Myrick grew up in Fairhope and then attended Birmingham-Southern College before earning his Master's in English and a law degree at the University of Alabama. After graduating law school in 2011, he married Danielle Mashburn, another Fairhope native, and moved home to practice law with The Kullman Firm. After three years, he became a stay-at-home parent when their second child was born, and he dedicates most of his time to their now three beautiful children: Ida Mae (8), Telly (6), and Virginia (11 months). Since leaving law practice, he works regularly as a musician, he's in charge of ordering and sales for a variety of product lines at his in-laws' retail business, Green Gates Market, and he has worked with the Cystic Fibrosis Center at Children's of Alabama as a parent-member of the quality improvement team. Danielle and Matt were received into the Episcopal Church in 2015 and joined St. James in 2019. Matt states:

I feel called by our Catechism's description of "the ministry of the laity," i.e., "to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world," because I believe in the power of community as a source of healing, strength, and love for those in need. I'm grateful for our St. James community and the Episcopal "Big Tent" ethic of acceptance, and I look forward to serving however I'm needed.

Mary Statkewicz

Mary Statkewicz grew up in Mobile and has worked at Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Tourism since 2005. She moved to the Eastern Shore in 1990 and was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Foley for 20 years, where she volunteered on the Breakfast Team, as a Children's Youth Minister, Chalice Bearer, and Treasurer. She joined St. James two years ago and serves as a Chalice Bearer and wants to be more involved in the church ministry here. Her children Bailey/Dustin Mosley and Ian/Caroline Dingwall attend St. James.

School News

Thanksgiving Program and Picnic



What a joyous fall we have had at St. James School!

Our Zebedee Do-Dah Fest was a HUGE success! This year our fundraising efforts helped raise \$47,136.37. I want to thank our sponsors, community businesses, families, and friends that donated items for the silent auction, and to everyone that came out in support of our school.

Special thanks to co-chairs of the event, Jennifer Lambert and Laura Port and their committee, April Giles, Haden Sirmon, Jennifer Heitman, and Selah Dryer. Their tireless efforts and hard work was evident. It was a fun-filled evening for everyone.

This year we celebrated Veterans Day with a special service. Lieutenant John Port of the United States Coast Guard was the master of ceremonies. Our students, staff, families, friends and veterans of our school families were in attendance. It was truly a touching service as each of the Veterans were recognized for their service to our country. I feel it is so very important for our students to learn first-hand the importance of this day and why we celebrate.

Canned goods were collected and delivered to Prodissee Pantry for Thanksgiving baskets. Thank you for your donations.

On Thursday, November 18, our students, staff, and families joined together for a Thanksgiving picnic on the parking meadow. The PK4 classes presented their Thanksgiving program. It was a great opportunity for everyone to come together and give thanks.

Please keep in mind that we are currently enrolling for the 2021 - 2022 school year and have space available in our elementary grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade. January 4 we will begin enrolling for the 2022-2023 school year.

As we move into December and the anticipation of the Advent season, we continue to be grateful for our school and parish family. We wish everyone the joy that the season brings.

Blessings,

Shelley E. Miller

Shelley Miller

For more photos and information, follow us on Instagram and like our Facebook page!



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@stjameschoolFH

School News

ZEBEDEE DO-DAH FEST



Special Events



Christmas Eve Youth & College Choir Singers

Calling all high school and college-age singers!
If you'd like to sing at the 7PM service on Christmas Eve, please email
Mary Katherine Kilgore at
choirdirectorestjamesfairhope.org

Only one rehearsal required!
December 22 at 5:00 PM
*will need to be at church by 6:00 PM on Christmas Eve

51st Annual Diocesan Convention

“Go Forward”

February 17 - 19, 2022

Destin-Ft Walton Beach Convention Center
hosted by St. Simon’s Church, Ft. Walton Beach, FL.

St. James needs parishioners willing to serve as delegates.

If you are interested in serving as a Diocesan Convention Delegate call the parish office at 251-928-2912 or email Meghan Fancher at parishadmin@stjamesfairhope.org by **December 15**. Need more information about what this entails? Call Father De at the parish office.

Community Event Celebrating *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Sunday, January 16, 6:00 PM
at St. James Episcopal Church



**There will be no Compline or Taizé on this evening.*



CURSILLO
THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

JAN 20-23, 2022

Cursillo #166

a 3 day, spirit-filled, fun, weekend getaway at Camp Beckwith

Want to learn more?
Talk to anyone who has been before.
Learn more at coastalpilgrims.com

Interested in going?
Talk to Father De or Amanda Smith.

LEARN MORE at www.coastalpilgrims.com

Next Breakfast - December 19
8:30 - 11 AM

Breakfast is served in Green Hall on the third Sunday of the month (unless otherwise advertised) from 8:30 AM until 11:00 AM. The cost is \$3.00 per person or \$10 per family. Reservations are not necessary. Pay when you get in line. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Parish Breakfast, contact the ministry leader, Selah Dryer, at selahmdryer@hotmail.com.

New Yoga Class - Coming Soon!

Chair Yoga

Meet on Thursdays in Green Hall

from 10 to 11 AM

Beginning January 13



From the Parish Office

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATION

Remember or honor a loved one with flowers on the altar at Christmas. Please **print** your dedication neatly on the form below. Flower dedications received by Monday, **December 13** will be included in the bulletins at all Christmas services. The cost is \$25.00 per dedication. Please use a separate form for each dedication. Additional forms are available in the Parish office and on our website at stjamesfairhope.org.

Completed order form and check payable to **St. James Flower Fund** may be mailed to the church, returned to the parish office, placed in the "Drop Box" or placed in the Sunday offering. *Please turn in your check and your form at the same time.*

*** PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION ***

Given by: _____

Email: _____ phone: _____

Circle **ONE**: In memory of In honor of In thanksgiving for
Name(s): _____

Please use a separate form for each additional dedication. Each Form is \$25.00
Mailing address: St. James Episcopal Church, 860 North Section Street, Fairhope, AL 36532.

A Pledge Update from the Finance Office...

	Pledges for 2022		Pledges for 2021	
	Number of Pledges	Dollar Amount	Number of Pledges	Dollar Amount
As of Dec. 7	145	\$690,116	171	\$718,576
Total for the Year	???	???	214	\$952,944

The good news is our average pledge amount is up over 13%. The not-so-good news is the number of pledges is down almost 18%. It's never too late to turn in an Estimate of Stewardship Card. You can find them in the Narthex of the Church, Chapel, Green Hall, the Parish office, and on our website. No amount is too small. If you have questions, call our Finance Director, Jim Ketchum, at 251-928-2912, or email him at finance@stjamesfairhope.org.

Click here to fill out your 2022 Estimate of Stewardship Card on our website.

 **MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO**
Click here to access your ministry schedule online.

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 December schedule has passed. The January schedule will be posted soon. If you have forgotten your password, or need help with Ministry Scheduler, call the office at 251-928-2912 and ask for Meghan or Jennifer.

2022 Altar Flower Calendars are Available in Green Hall



If you have a question about how to dedicate flowers on the altar for the Church or Chapel feel free to call the office at 251-928-2912 or email us at info@stjamesfairhope.org. We are happy to help!



Instant Church Directory™

Thank you to all those parishioners who have sent photos to Jennifer for the new online directory. The directory is almost ready, but we are missing many of your lovely faces! If you have not sent a photo, Jennifer will be in touch soon either by email or phone call to let you know that we need your photo. Please be on the look out.

Fellowship & Outreach

Women of St. James - Annual Christmas Party

The women of St. James celebrated being together again with a rollicking Christmas party Monday night. The group was festooned in amazing Christmas sweaters for the festivities. After the “Tacky Santa” gift exchange, which included much hilarity and occasional thievery, the contest for the best sweater was held. Sherry Webster, adorned in green and silver glittery Christmas decorations, won first prize. The ladies each took presents of flowers, candy,

and beautiful soaps made by Sara Majors, to deliver to our James’ family who are homebound this holiday.



**Please remember:
Christmas Gifts for the
Veterans are due back
December 13!**



Connie Cazorl mesmerized the children and told them the story of Saint Nicholas while they waited on his arrival.



For more photos, news, and updates, be sure to like our Facebook page and scan the QR code to go to and follow our Instagram page.

St. Nicholas Visits St. James

Thank you to Meg Willett and Haden Sirmon for organizing this year's visit from Saint Nicholas. The children had a wonderful time!





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:

10:00 AM Chair Yoga, Green Hall
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

Pel Henry, *Sr. Warden*

Roger Guilian, *Jr. Warden*

Bruce Stone, *Clerk*

Katie Smith, *Treasurer*

Class of 2021

Kris Bradley

Elizabeth Orr

Ed Shell

Class of 2022

Elizabeth Erwin

Shannon Pesnell

Jeanie Smith

Class of 2023

Lauren Arington

Bebe Goetter

Earl Jackson

Chris Nelson

The St. James Staff

Rector: The Reverend De Freeman

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For staff email addresses or other contact information go to the About Us tab on our website at stjamesfairhope.org or [click here for St. James Staff](#).

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday ~ CLOSED

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