

# Anchor Lines



St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama

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## ANNUAL Parish Meeting

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

Following the 10:30 service  
We will meet in the Church

PLEASE NOTE:  
NO 8:30 SERVICE  
ON THIS SUNDAY AND  
NO FORMATION

St. James   
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### *Current Vestry*

Senior Warden: Jeanie Smith

Clerk: Bruce Stone

Junior Warden : Lauren Arington

Treasurer: Katie Smith

#### Class of 2022

Elizabeth Erwin  
Shannon Pesnell  
Mary Statekewicz  
Tracy Corte

#### Class of 2023

Lauren Arington  
Bebe Goetter  
Earl Jackson  
Chris Nelson

#### Class of 2024

Ben Coddling  
Peter Gaillard  
Laura Jones  
Matthew Myrick

## Vestry Nominations



**Dee Gambill**

Dee and Jim began attending St James in 1987. Their son Angus was baptized in 1991 at the downtown Fairhope location of St. James before the church moved to where it is now. In their 35 years as members, Dee and Jim both served in several positions. Dee's first volunteer position was as Sunday school administrator which included recruiting teachers, securing curriculum, etc. She also led and recruited other leaders for children's church when Angus was young. With staff, she helped organize the first "Fall Festival" and annual Easter Egg hunts. Dee later served on the vestry where she reported on monthly financial statements as part of her role. During her term on the vestry, she served as Senior Warden.

Dee's work life was mostly finance related – banking, investments, and estate planning. It was a job she loved as many clients and coworkers became and remain good friends.

Community service was a large part of Dee's and Jim's life. They met in Leadership Mobile and were both active in their community. Dee served in leadership roles at the The Preschool for Sensory Impaired, The Downtown Mobile Alliance, Downtown Mobile Rotary Club, Distinguished Young Women, Daphne Public Library, and the Exploreum Science Center, where she is still a member of the Executive Committee.



**Jim Daniell**

Jim and his wife Maura have been members at St. James for approximately 25 years. Their daughters, Emily and Maggie, were active members during their formative years. They are now out in the world with families of their own and have blessed Jim and Maura with four beautiful grandchildren. Jim has practiced medicine as an anesthesiologist since 1985 and is currently mostly retired.

During his time at St. James, Jim completed Education for Ministry, served on three Vestries with one term as Senior Warden, and has been the facilitator/leader for the Lectionary class for about the last ten years. He has served as an usher, chalice bearer/lector at the Wednesday morning service, and has been involved with the men's Bible study, and various other ministries as need arose. Now that he is mostly retired, his hope is to use his time and prior experience in service to a church which which has blessed his family in so many ways.



*Annual Parish Meeting  
& Vestry Elections*

## Vestry Nominations



### Margaret Cadden

Margaret and Paul Cadden have attended St. James since 2020. During this time, Margaret has helped with Family Promise, Vacation Bible School, and the meals ministry, and served as a Confirmation mentor and a chalice bearer. She is also a member of the Women's Monday Night Bible Study and Thursday night yoga class. Margaret and Paul also enjoy the company of their small plates supper club.

Margaret has taught various grade levels at St. Paul's Episcopal School for the last 33 years, and currently teaches 7<sup>th</sup> grade pre-algebra.

She and Paul have experienced the warmth and love of Christ that St. James so freely gives to its members and hopes to continue to show that same love to others.

### Tracy 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 be more involved in the St. James community.

*Sunday, January 22*

*Following the 10:30 service, in the Church*

\*No 8:30 service or formation on this Sunday\*

## News & Events

# *You're Invited!*

Join us in celebrating the ordination to the Priesthood of Amanda Doshier!

All are welcome. See details below.



*By the grace of God, and with the affirmation of the people*

THE RIGHT REVEREND JAMES RUSSELL KENDRICK  
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

WILL ORDAIN

*Amanda Harbert Doshier*

TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS  
IN CHRIST'S ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, THE TWENTY-NINTH OF JANUARY  
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD,  
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE  
AT HALF PAST FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

860 N. SECTION ST.  
FAIRHOPE, AL 36532  
251-928-2912

*Your prayers and presence are requested  
Reception to follow  
Clergy: red stole*

# Children and Youth

## ★ Epiphany ★ FEAST OF LIGHTS

Thank you to all participants, parents, and volunteers! We are grateful for your participation in this special annual event. Special thanks to our cooking team for providing a delicious dinner of White Chicken Chili!



*Music News**Edisher Savitski*

PIANO

**Sunday, February 5, 2023**  
**4:00 PM**  
**in Green Hall**

Dr. Edisher Savitski has performed at prestigious venues worldwide and is the first-prize winner of two international piano competitions. Savitski earned his Master of Music degree from Indiana University and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Michigan State University and is currently an associate professor at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Born in Tbilisi, Georgia, Dr. Savitski studied at the Tbilisi State Conservatory.



*Men's Sung*  
**Compline**  
**JANUARY 15** in the Church at 7:00 PM  
*Come pray with us*

## What is Compline?

You may have heard the service of Compline announced and be wondering what it is. Very simply put, Compline is the last prayer liturgy (or office) of the day. It is a part of the liturgy of Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Eastern and Greek Orthodox churches as well as some others. In many monasteries it signaled the beginning of the "Great Silence" wherein monks and guests would remain silent until after the first service of the next day.

In the Anglican faith it was once merged with Vespers to form the service of Evening Prayer. It has since been separated back out to be its own service. You can find it in our Book of Common Prayer starting on page 127. Compline is a contemplative service that emphasizes spiritual peace.

Here, at St. James, we have a men's Compline choir that offers Compline on the third Sunday of most months. Compline starts at 7pm and lasts about a half hour. It is a relaxed, come as you are service. We ask only that you listen. Most people stand for the creed when it is chanted, but that isn't mandatory. There are no bulletins, no hymnals, no prayer books, it is a time for you to disconnect from the cares of life and be with God. Children are welcome, and you are free to bring a pillow and blanket for them.

**Now that you know what Compline is, we would love to see you on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm!**

*Confirmation 2023*

# Confirmation

## INFORMATION

**JANUARY 22**

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN  
FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS  
FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE

**MARCH 26**

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

St. James   
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

[CHRISTIANFORMATION@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG](mailto:CHRISTIANFORMATION@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG)

### *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 reaffirmed into the Episcopal Church, please email Ellen Huckabay at [christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org) or call her at 251-928-2912.

*Parish Life*



**\$3.00 per person  
or  
\$10.00 per family  
Pay when you eat.**

**PARISH  
BREAKFAST  
January 15**  
Between the services  
*Reservations are not necessary.*

The Mary & Martha of Bethany Chapter of  
*The Order of the Daughters of the King*  
in partnership with the "Clothesline Ministry"  
of St. John's Episcopal Church in Mobile

*Coat Drive*  
through January 23

Collecting new and gently used coats to help those experiencing homelessness.  
Look for the collection box in Green Hall.



The collection box for coats is located in Green Hall. Donations will be accepted through January 23.

BLOOD DONATION SAVES LIVES

Scan to make your appointment!



**LIFESOUTH**  
Community Blood Centers

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Thursday, January 26  
10:30 AM - 5:30 PM

st. James  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Look for the Bloodmobile at St. James Episcopal Church and School  
860 N. Section St. Fairhope, AL 36532

Scan the QR code above or click [here](#) to schedule your appointment.

*Yoga Classes*

YOGA WITH JANE

**Monday**  
9:30 AM Gentle Yoga in Green Hall  
1:30 PM Chair Yoga in Green Hall

**Friday**  
7:30 AM Yoga Flow upstairs in the choir room



YOGA WITH STACY

**Thursday**  
5:45 PM Flow Yoga in Green Hall  
or via Zoom

For Zoom link, contact Stacy at [stacy.reckeweg@gmail.com](mailto:stacy.reckeweg@gmail.com)

Looking for a healthy practice for the new year? We have 4 yoga classes to choose from - at no cost! Jane Tucker and Stacy Reckeweg are certified yoga instructors with classes for every skill level!

## Formation

### Weekday Formation

**Men’s Bible Study** - Genesis for Normal People - meets in the Vestry Room on Tuesday evenings from 5:45 - 7:30.

**Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study** - This group meets at at 9:30 AM in the Vestry Room and is currently studying Priscilla Shirer’s *Discerning the Voice of God*.

**Women’s Monday Night Bible Study** - will resume with a new study during Lent.

**Centering Prayer** meets at 12:30 on Wednesdays in the Chapel. Centering Prayer is a method of meditation used by Christians placing a strong emphasis on interior silence. Anyone is welcome to come regularly or drop in at that time. Questions? Contact Shannon Spinks at [shannon@gatewaysourcing.com](mailto:shannon@gatewaysourcing.com).

### Sunday Formation

Look for these signs on the door to each classroom!



CLASS	LOCATION	LEADER(S)
Reading Round 'Table	Library	Jim Daniell
Sunday Book Study for Adults	Chapel	Holly McKinney, Scott Gonzalez
Godly Play Pre-K-3rd grade	Classroom #2 (last room on left in the school downstairs)	Rotates
What's in the Bible? Grades 4-6	Classroom #8 Upstairs in the school	George Huckabay
Rite 13 7th & 8th grades	Classroom #5 Upstairs in the school	Ellen Huckabay & Karen Myrick
Senior High 9th - 12th grades	Classroom #7 Upstairs in the school	Meg Willett & Bettie Norton

## From the Finance Office

I hope this note finds you well and that you have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas season and a safe, happy New Year. It is my prayer for you that amongst all the hustle and bustle, you have had time to reflect upon the many gifts God has given you.

I am reaching out today because the pledges for 2023 are well below last year's (see green box below) and we have not yet received a reply from many of you about a contribution or commitment. Please prayerfully and faithfully consider renewing or increasing your contribution to our church. You may pick up a giving card at the church office, or fill out an [Estimate of Giving Card online](#). I hope to hear from many of you by the end of the month.

With thanks and in Christ's love,  
 Jim Ketchum  
 St. James Director of Finance



	November	November	YTD	YTD	YTD
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>Church Income</b>	\$78,500	\$109,053	\$1,163,234	\$1,202,621	\$1,157,683
<b>Church Expense</b>	\$97,431	\$113,777	\$1,225,282	\$1,306,944	\$1,182,353
<b>School Income</b>	\$47,247	\$88,672	\$730,873	\$622,113	\$539,179
<b>School Expense</b>	\$80,683	\$74,774	\$694,862	\$698,890	\$452,235
<p><i>Please remember you can set up your recurring gifts online by clicking this link.</i>  <i>Gifts may be made by ACH or credit card.</i></p>					

## Lectionary Schedule

Date	The First Lesson	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
January 15	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 40:1-12	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
January 22	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1, 5-13	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
January 29	Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
February 5	Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)	Psalm 112:1-9, (10)	1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)	Matthew 5:13-20
February 12	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37

*School News*



Happy New Year!

The students and staff at St. James School had a delightful December celebrating all the joys of the season. This year we had our first Holiday Kickoff with the lighting of our school Christmas tree, caroling led by our school choir, cookies and a special surprise visit from our own Santa (Mr. Ed Shell). We had a special Feast of St. Nicholas Day Chapel with St. Nicholas as our guest of honor. The children had the opportunity to enjoy the story of the Polar Express along with wearing their comfy pajamas for Pajama Day. Santa Claus, aka Mr. Cecil, made a surprise visit and presented each student with a silver bell. We ended 2022 with my favorite program of the school year. All of our students presented “The Story of Christmas: A Nativity Tale for Children” in the church. It was such a beautiful way to begin the Christmas Holiday. We were delighted to have all our families present.

Our school is off to a great start for 2023. Re-enrollment for current school families PK3 through 3rd grade will begin January 9th and open enrollment for the public will begin February 1st.

We are currently seeking substitute teachers and summer camp counselors for our 6 week summer camp sessions. You must be 16 to work in our summer camp program. Please call, come by the school office for an application or submit a resume to [schooldirector@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:schooldirector@stjamesfairhope.org).

As we move into the New Year we continue to be grateful for our school and parish family.

Respectfully,

*Shelley E. Miller*

School Director



St. James  
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

**SUMMER CAMP**  
COUNSELORS WANTED!  
June 12 - July 21  
Monday - Friday  
7:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Looking for a fun summer job?  
St. James Episcopal School is looking for enthusiastic, energetic, and responsible summer camp counselors, ages 16 and older.

Stop by our office to pick up an application, or submit your resume to [schooldirector@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:schooldirector@stjamesfairhope.org)

850 N. Section St. Fairhope, AL 36532 | 251.928.2912  
[www.stjamesfairhope.school](http://www.stjamesfairhope.school)

**Parish Office  
Hours**

**Monday - Thursday**  
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
**Friday ~ CLOSED**

**OUR CLERGY**



Rev. De Freeman, *Rector*



Rev. Forbes Sirmon, *Associate Priest*



Rev. Amanda Doshier, *Deacon*

**OUR VESTRY**

Jeanie Smith, *Senior Warden*  
Lauren Arington, *Junior Warden*  
Bruce Stone, *Clerk*  
Katie Smith, *Treasurer*

**Class of 2022**

Elizabeth Erwin  
Shannon Pesnell  
Tracy Corte  
Mary Statkewicz

**Class of 2023**

Bebe Goetter  
Earl Jackson  
Chris Nelson

**Class of 2024**

Ben Coddling  
Peter Gaillard  
Laura Jones  
Matthew Myrick

**Weekly Recurring Schedule**

**SUNDAYS:**

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church  
9:40 - 10:20 AM Christian Formation & Fellowship  
\*see our Christian Formation section for all of the different  
classes offered on Sunday this year  
10:30 AM\* Holy Eucharist in the Church \*also online  
*Children's Chapel at 10:30 AM*  
*Nursery available at both services*

**MONDAYS**

9:30 - 10:30 AM Gentle Yoga, Green Hall  
1:30 - 2:30 PM Chair Yoga, Green Hall  
4:00 - 5:00 PM Canterbury Choir rehearsal

**TUESDAYS**

5:45 - 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study, Vestry Room

**WEDNESDAYS:**

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel  
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study, Vestry Room  
12:30 PM Centering Prayer  
7:00 - 8:30 PM Adult Choir rehearsal

**THURSDAYS:**

5:45 PM Yoga, Green Hall  
7:00 PM Chess, Green Hall

**FRIDAYS:**

7:30 AM Yoga Flow, upstairs in the choir room

**3rd SUNDAY of the Month:**

9:30 - 10:30 AM Breakfast  
7:00 PM Compline in the Church & online  
or Taizé in the Chapel

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or click here for St. James Staff.*