

# St. James

— **EPISCOPAL CHURCH** —

December 8, 2021



3 O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times did give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,  
unto your own and rescue them!  
From depths of hell your people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

## END of the YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS and PLEDGES

If you wish to mail your pledge or any other contributions by the end of the year, they must be **December** dated and **received** by **Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**. If you wish to hand deliver them to the church office, they must be in before noon on **Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**. **Any online pledges/contributions must be made before midnight, Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**.



## Christmas Memorial Flowers

You are invited each Christmas to make a monetary contribution to the glory of God and in memory or honor of loved ones.

The memorial you make offers a way to not only honor those whom we love, but also decorate our church for this festive season.

Envelops are available in the pew racks or you may email your list to [rita@stjamesla.org](mailto:rita@stjamesla.org) **no later than Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**.

Knitting/Crochet Group  
Saturday, December 11th  
10:00 AM - Noon in the Youth Building

The Episcopalian Slip-knots take up their knitting needles and crochet hooks to create scarves, hats, and other warm fuzzies to donate to the Homeless Coalition around the corner, to disburse to our neighbors in need in the wintertime. Bring a mask and your own supplies. Contact Sara Fuhrer at 985-237-9848 for more information.





**Keeping the Faith**, the St. James history book would be a wonderful Christmas gift! A project of the Memorial and Fine Arts Committee, the 100-page, hard cover book tells the story of St. James since its 1844 founding in downtown Alexandria. Color and black and white photos from different eras complement the narrative, along with personal anecdotes from past and present St. James members and short histories of such elements as the church's stained glass windows, Mt. Olivet, Camp Hardtner and others. A section in the back of the book also allows you to personalize your copy by adding your own photos and notes, memorializing events such as family weddings, baptisms and the like.

**A perfect gift to yourself and for holiday giving, the book is \$30.00 and is available in the Church office.** Shipping is available for an additional \$5.00 to cover the cost of the postage.

## Advent Calendar & Prayer Resources for Families and Adults

There are Home Advent Service booklets available on tables in the Narthex and at Murray Street entrance for anyone wishing to take one home.



For others, we encourage you to click on the links below to check out resources made available by the national church:

[Journeying the Way of Love Advent Calendar](#) - a calendar of scripture readings, prayers or activities for each day in Advent.

[#Advent Word](#) - provides 28 daily meditations and images via a global, online calendar - and invites your personal reflections via social media. Join an international community of prayer this Advent!



## Coffee Hour This Sunday!

Join us for coffee & fellowship this Sunday morning following the 10:30 AM service.

To volunteer for this ministry contact Melanie Torbett: [meltorbett@gmail.com](mailto:meltorbett@gmail.com)

## Save the Date! St. James Concert Series Resumes!

Rolston String Quartet  
Friday, January 21st @ 7:00 PM



## Worship

December 12th  
Third Sunday of Advent  
In-person Worship @ 10:30 AM  
Childcare is available!



[Click here for the readings.](#)

December 12th  
Evening Prayer  
Online @ 5:00 PM

[Click on this link to join Evening Prayer.](#)

Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077  
Passcode: 1620

[Click here for the order of service & readings.](#)

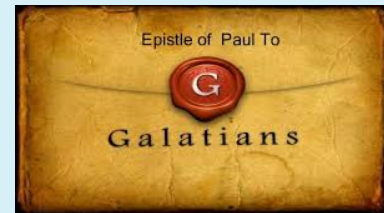


## Christian Formation

Adult Bible Study: Galatians  
Wednesday, December 8th @ 6:30 PM via Zoom

[Click on this link to join the Galatians Bible Study.](#)

Meeting ID: 826 3182 5770  
Passcode: 1620



Confirmation Class - with The Rev. Canon John Bedingfield

Wednesday Nights @ 6:30 PM in the Parlor

*While these classes are geared toward those who are not confirmed or received, church members and guests alike are invited to drop in as they wish!*



**JEYC/EYC MEETING**

TONIGHT at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Building

## Belong

NEW DIOCESAN  
YOUTH EVENT!  
1 DAY OF HIKING, COMMUNITY,  
& FAITH FORMATION

**JANUARY  
8TH  
2022**

For: Jr High & Sr High &  
parents/youthleader/guardians/drivers  
Where? Cenla! Cost? Free!

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

## Prayer

### Parish Prayer List

**Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:**

*Matthew Fontanille, Jaxsom McElwee, Bonnie McCartney, Andrew, Ivy Bordwine, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Dixie Leigh Platt, Ty Cedars, Stacy, Mattie Dean McNaughton, Kristie Fresh, Sawyer, John, Bernard Parker, James Sinclair, Johnnie Hart, Emily, Taylor Thompson, Todd Fuller, Jane Y. Harris, Chase Barnfield, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Edna Schoolcraft, Jimmy Hurt, Charlotte Thrift, Mesta Bain, Margaret Broussard, Allie Bunyog, Dean M. Tyree, Linda & John Bazer, Ron Kingston, Cecile Brunson, Felicia, Rita Clancey, Barry Mercer, Annie, Jackie Jeanne, Jaclyn Cutrone, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Bruce Gremillion, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Betty Anne Close, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Wayne and Barbara Moorehead, Pat Carter, Richard Norem, Kevin Hooter, Warren Paul, Cindy Smith, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajjhassem.*

**For those in the military:**

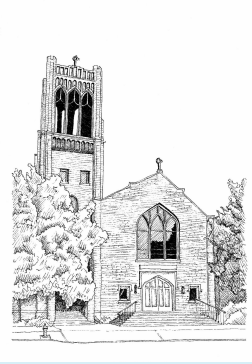
*Samuel Hayes, Steven Brevelle, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Gill Tatman-Tyree, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Steven P. Lemoine, Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.*

**For those celebrating birthdays in December (day):**

*Sue Ellen Jackson (1), Graham Matthews (1), Heather Walker (1), Elizabeth Deshotel (5), Karen*

Smith (5), Barbara Whitfield (6), Holly Dixon (7), Jems White (7), Tommy Thompson(8), Becky Elliott (9), Lindsey Lemoine (9), Ava Walker (9), Kai Brown (12),George Matthews (20), Sylvia Middleton (21), Caroline Searcy (21), Jim Hair (22), Tonya Shepherd (22), Tom Denley (26), Thomas Downs (26), Bertie Smith (26), Georgina Adams (27), Carla Beth Carlisle (27), John Bufkin (28), Marie Durham (28), Luke McLemore (28), Fed Adams (29).

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