



# ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Invitations & Information

November 20, 2016



*For the hurt of  
my poor people*

*I am hurt...*

—*Jeremiah 8:21*

## Dear friends,

I wrote my first poem in third grade, about the Bible. I had not yet encountered the rhythm of that now-familiar proclamation, “The Word of the Lord... thanks be to God!” Still, the Bible felt like a living, spoken word, pulsating with captivating images and provocative truths. To this day, Scripture will pop into my head, unbidden, and linger, like hiccups.

A verse from Jeremiah beset my brain this week—that line where God laments, “For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me”—an agonized heartbeat protest against human oppression. Truly, God rants whenever the fabric of community is rent by sin. Egregious as spray-painted swastikas, desecrating houses of worship, or racial taunts tossed across a college courtyard, or socially acceptable as exploiting societal loopholes for personal gain—sin touches small and great alike. And God grieves.

The public lament we enact in confession is a communal practice that helps me claim my brokenness, bound up as inevitably I am in systems of oppression. God sees how short we all have fallen of that charge to love God and neighbor, those whom we enthusiastically claim and those from whom we would rather seek distance. God redeems and reconnects us within the human family, through the sin-defeating power of love in Jesus Christ. With God, we grieve the sins of violence, racism, sexism, religious intolerance, and exceptionalism that touch all people, even as we work to dismantle them.

Thanks be to our tender Savior who hurts, who mourns, who nudges us to strive for justice, even amid dismay,

The Rev. Sarah Stewart  
*Rockwell Fellow*

## Today at St. James'

### Fellowship

- After the 9:10 a.m. service, coffee outside Coburn Hall
- After the 11:15 a.m. service, coffee in Sunderland Hall

### The Forum

10:30 a.m., Coburn Hall

Each of the Gospels was written in and for a particular community of believers. Much of the differences between them can be better understood by understanding the social location and situation being faced by its author and audience. The Rev. Brenda Husson will help us dig into the diversity of first century viewpoints on who Jesus was and what he accomplished by focusing on the different portraits we get in the Gospels.

### The Essential Bible

10:30 a.m., St. George Room

A weekly Bible study led by parishioners Sue Bennett and Deborah Roberts, exploring the most essential and foundational stories of our faith and how they intersect with our day-to-day lives. Up next: Moses' Death, Joshua, and Jericho.

» **START HERE** TO BEGIN YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST

## Welcome to St. James'

- **Pick up a “Start Here” brochure and return the welcome card to provide or update your address.**
- **Introduce yourself to any of the clergy.**
- **First Steps**

Meet next to the bell at the back corner of the church after the 9:10, 11:15 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. services for an informal conversation with a member of the clergy about what led you to St. James' and where you might be called to go in your spiritual life.

### Consecrated to God's purposes

St. James' celebrated Consecration Sunday last week. In that spirit, 190 households offered financial commitments for 2017! 33 of those were first-time commitments and 94 were increases over commitments made last year (those who increased did so at an average of 20%). This early—and excellent—response is a great help to us as we envision how we will pursue God's work, and we are so grateful. If you were unable to make your commitment, we hope you will prayerfully consider what percentage of your income God is calling you to give. Please join your fellow parishioners by making your 2017 Commitment online at [stjames.org/2017commitment](http://stjames.org/2017commitment) this week. If you have any questions, please contact Adele DeWitt. *Thank you* for your care of St. James' and for your participation in our Consecration Sunday experience!

## About today's celebration

Today is the final Sunday of the church year, known as the Feast of Christ the King. It is the celebration of the reign of Christ over all creation. The gospel reading presents Christ's kingship in its most dramatic moment, when he rules over the earth from his cross. At this moment when he seemed the most despised and rejected of people, he forgives the penitent thief crucified with him and promises that he would be with him in paradise. This is the central paradox of the Christian proclamation. Our eternal ruler revealed his power by putting power aside and dying to save the world he created.

The first reading from Jeremiah brings God's condemnation on the rulers of Judah who are evil shepherds. God will come in person to gather all the lost sheep who had been betrayed by those unworthy shepherds. God will be the shepherd of the people and will raise up a righteous king from the family of David to care for the people. For the first Christians, this reading was taken to refer to Jesus.

In the letter to the Colossians, the writer uses what is thought to have been an early Christian hymn to express his most exalted statement of the cosmic meaning of the Christ. Jesus Christ is the fullness of God, the source and origin of all that is, and the saving ruler of the universe who seals his rule with the blood of his cross.

In the Eucharist, we bring all the world into the risen presence of its Lord, that the world through him might be saved. Here we acclaim the ruler and sovereign of all things who is also our savior, our brother, and our lover.

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## Bible Memorization Challenge—Week of November 20

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;  
serve the LORD with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The LORD himself is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the LORD is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness  
endures from age to age.

—Psalm 100

## This Week { November 21 - 26 }

\* **Special this week** Learn more at [stjames.org/calendar](http://stjames.org/calendar)

### Monday, November 21

Morning Prayer	8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
Caregivers Playgroup (0-36 months)	10:30 - 12:00 p.m.
Centering Prayer	6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, November 22

*Clive Staples Lewis*

Morning Prayer	8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
Tuesday Morning Small Group	8:45 - 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday Lunch Program	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Playgroup (3-5 year olds)	3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

### Wednesday, November 23

*Clement of Rome*

Holy Eucharist	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
Bible Study	8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Playgroup (0-12 months)	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Centering Prayer	12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
* Thanksgiving Eve Day of Service	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
* Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist	5:00 p.m.

### Thursday, November 24

*Thanksgiving Day*

\* The Church and Parish House close for Thanksgiving  
AA will meet as scheduled

### Friday, November 25

*James Otis Sargent Huntington*

* The Church and Parish House close for Thanksgiving	
Dinner Program	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

## Next Sunday { November 27 }

### The First Sunday of Advent

*Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44, Psalm 122*

#### 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

*intimate, meditative*

Homily by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor.

#### 9:10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

*intergenerational, festive*

Sermon by the Rev. Brenda Husson. The Canterbury Choir offer the music of Charles Wood and Moses Hogan.

#### 11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

*reverent, timeless, traditional*

Sermon by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor. The Compostela Choir offers Charles Wood's *Communion Service in F* and anthems by Charles Wood and Moses Hogan.

#### 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

*contemplative, centering*

Homily by the Rev. Brenda Husson. Music for piano and oboe.

### The Forum

**10:30 a.m., Coburn Hall**

The New Testament includes writings by authors beyond St. Paul and the four Gospels: the Letter of James, the Epistles by Peter, the Letter to the Hebrews, and the Letters of John all represent distinct viewpoints and perspectives on what it means to be a follower of Jesus. The Rev. Sarah Stewart helps us wade into these four distinct streams of early Christian thought and practice.

### The Essential Bible

**10:30 a.m., St. George Room**

A weekly Bible study led by Sue Bennett, Deborah Roberts, and the Rev. Brenda Husson exploring the most essential and foundational stories of our faith and how they intersect with our day-to-day lives. Up next: Calling a King.

## News & Notes

### Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Service Opportunities

On Nov. 23, we will offer our thanks to God for all the blessings of our lives during a Day of Service (3:00-5:00 p.m.) and special Eucharist (5:00 p.m.). Contact Susana Ferrer to help us plan a meaningful and glorifying day—and plan to worship and serve!

### Winter Clothing Drive **by Tuesday, November 22**

Help our children and youth collect **NEW adult** socks, gloves, and hats for the guests of our meal programs and Overnight Shelter this holiday season. Find designated boxes at Reception and in Donegan Hall. Contact Vicki Hall to learn more.

### “Thy Kingdom Come” Faith & Politics **Mondays in Advent**

As we wrestle with questions of how to be faithful Christian citizens, what do Scripture and our tradition offer? Please join us for this important three-part, parish-wide conversation about faith and politics. Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12. 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

### Second Time Around Thanks

More than 80 volunteers and staff help for each of our thrift sales, their work beginning long before—and ending days after—the event. We are so grateful to those who help make these sales such a success! This week, we raised more than \$42,000 to support our Grants Program. *Thank you* to those who helped, donated, and shopped!

### Advent Quiet Evening

**Thu. Dec. 1, 7:00 p.m.**

Spend an evening at St. James’ in reflection and prayer at the start of this holy season, including meditations led by the Rev. Robbie Penoyer from the Church of the Heavenly Rest, and ending with a candlelit service of Compline sung by the choir.

### Preparing for Advent

It’s not too early to start getting ready for this season of...getting ready! Advent is a special season at St. James’—make your plans to celebrate the coming of the Light which darkness cannot overcome:

- **Share the Joy** with the children of incarcerated parents by donating or buying a gift before **Dec. 12** (visit [stjames.org/mission](http://stjames.org/mission) or contact Susanna Ferrer to learn more).
- Save the date to make your **Advent Wreath** on Dec. 1
- Get your Christmas shopping done at our **Christmas Boutique** on Dec. 4 (proceeds go to those in need in NYC!)
- Sign up for our **Monastery Retreat** at Holy Cross (Dec. 9-11) at [stjames.org/retreats](http://stjames.org/retreats).
- Save the date for the **Christmas Pageant** on Dec. 11 and contact Vicki Hall to get involved.
- Sing **carols on the steps** of the Church on Dec. 13

## Pastoral Notes & Prayer Requests

**Holding one another’s joys sorrows and concerns before God in prayer is a spiritual practice that characterizes our life together at St. James’. In our worship services we pray each other’s prayers together. Outside of our time together many parishioners make it part of their daily lives to pray the prayers of the parish community. You are invited to participate in your own way.**

### Thanks be to God

- **for the birth** on October 29 of Robert Saadik Desane, son of Joy Aparte & St. James’ maintenance staff member Saadik Desane.
- **for the marriage** last Saturday of Caroline Lowndes & Robert Nacron.
- **for the marriage** here yesterday of Polly Espy & Peter Millard.
- **for the generosity of parishioners** who made nearly two hundred 2017 pledges during last Sunday’s Consecration Sunday celebrations, and of all who share in the financial support of our ministries.
- **for the Second Time Around Sale on November 11**, for more than \$40,000 raised for good works among the needy of our city, and for the work of the staff and dozens of volunteers who make it possible.

### Your prayers are requested

- **for St. James’ this Christ the King Sunday**, for faith to live as citizens of the Kingdom.
- **for the Rev. Will Peyton** and his family, as they prepare to move to Charlottesville, and for the people of St. Paul’s Memorial Church who have called him to be their rector.
- **for our Thanksgiving mission projects** and all the parishioners who will participate this Wednesday.
- **for parishioners preparing for Baptisms** in December, including the Glazer and Hojlo families.
- **for members and friends of the parish** who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Donald, Henry, David, Susan, Terry & Mary Jane, Mary Cary, Mal, Elona, Carol, Lydia, Douglas, Cynthia, Sally, Pam, Caroline & Michael, Walterene, Mona, Sue, Bob, James Edward, Joan, Lois, Carmela, John, Brian, Alice, Sara, Michael, Jen & Ulrik, Norman, Janet, Eula Mae, Carol, Kathy, Jane, Lydia, Lilly, Jim, Richard, Laura, Sallie, Ann & Ben, Bob, Nick, Chris, Lauren, Georgia, Alain & Stafford, Amanda, Philippa, Jay & his family, Jonathan, Koula, Abby, the Sharp, Marin, & James families, Sara, Blanche, Victor, Elizabeth, George, Carolyn & David, Roy, Norma, Kari & Zoe, Warren, Casper, Valli, Seth, Wendel & family, Sally, Jeanette, Iris, Sophie, Sue, Asher, Mady, Victoria, Caroline, Celeste, Kate, Marielle, Jackie, Randi, Maria & her parents, Madison & Bryce, Lisa, Frank, Otto,

Lisa, Carmen, Manny, Milton, Alice Mary, Maurice, Joanne, William, Tia, Max, Andy & Sabra, Izabel, George, Veronica, Vicki, Fofu, Nati, Valerie, Noris, Stephanie, Mimi, Rick, Doug, Barbara, Richard, Peter & Dianne, Lewies family, Ben & Juergen, Chuck, Lynn, Kell, Josie, Jackie, Birgit & Kevin, Kunle, Peter, Paulette, Bill, John, Alexander, Joanne, Prune, Jeff & Carl, George, Lee McGee, Gingi, Emi, Nathan & Nicholas, the Kirkpatrick family, Montana, Calvin, Martha, David, Tom, Becky, Zoe, Martha, Ron, Meredith, Maggie & Steve, Craig, Lynn, Theo, Allison, Roseanne, Hayden, Brandon, Lee, Douglas, Elai, Vicky, Amy, Patricia, Ramon, Pelham, Paula, Roberto, Anthony, Nancy, Diane, Jennifer, Donald, Lenore & Rutger, Zoey, David, Josephin.

- **for Christ Church, Red Hook**, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- **for the Church in the Falkland Islands**, its people and ministries, and the Rt. Rev. Nigel William Stock, according to the Anglican cycle of prayer.
- **for justice and peace in this city and nation**; for those who serve the common good in law enforcement and the courts; for the victims of racism, injustice, and police brutality.
- **for all who have been elected to public office**, for wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties, that by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights and dignity of all may be protected, and our nation be a blessing to other nations of the earth.
- **for all who are persecuted for their faith**, including Christians in the Middle East; for all refugees and all who welcome and serve those in need.
- **for members and friends of the parish serving in the Armed Forces**, in the Diplomatic Corps, and with the U.N.: Tracy, Christian, Mads, Gabriel, Michael, Mark.

### We commend to God’s never-failing care

- **victims of war and violence throughout the world**, including American soldiers Tyler Iubelt and John Perry, killed in Afghanistan, and Ronald Murray, who died in Kuwait; all victims of terrorism; and migrants and refugees who have died fleeing danger.
- **all whom we love but see no more**, including Katharine Beaver (Justine Keithline’s grandmother).

*To have your prayer requests printed in this space, or to provide an update regarding someone for whom you have already requested prayer, please e-mail the clergy at [pastoralcare@stjames.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stjames.org), visit [stjames.org/prayer](http://stjames.org/prayer).*



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## Worship

### SUNDAYS

8:00 a.m. · Chapel Eucharist  
9:10 a.m. · Holy Eucharist  
11:15 a.m. · Choral Eucharist  
6:00 p.m. · Candlelight Communion

### WEEKDAYS

M, T, Th, F 8:00 a.m. · Morning Prayer  
Wed. 8:00 a.m. · Holy Eucharist  
Thu. 4:45 p.m. · Worship for Families

### CENTERING PRAYER

Mon. 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. 12:00 p.m.  
Fri. 12:00 p.m.

*Open for prayer and meditation*  
*Sunday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.*  
*Tue. - Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

## Visit Us

### PARISH HOUSE HOURS

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our city and the world.*



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