



ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Invitations & Information

June 10, 2018



God is love, all the way down to God's core... God's only power is love.

Dear friends,

"There is power in love." So reads the signboard just to the left of our Church's front doors. Lately I've watched many people on Madison Avenue stop to give the sign a look, and I've enjoyed reading these words as I head into the Church each morning—they give me the chance to recall Bishop Curry's stirring sermon at the Royal Wedding. "There is power in love," was his oratorical refrain.

Robert Wright, another bishop of The Episcopal Church, calls love the most durable element in the universe. C.S. Lewis calls it the deeper magic. The brilliant Swiss theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar said that love alone is credible. Julian of Norwich, after receiving mystical visions, tells us plainly that she was taught that love was our Lord's meaning. St. John sums it up in his first letter: Beloved, let us love one another...for God is love.

It is not that God decides to love from time to time, to do some nice and caring things because he's feeling particularly cheery. No. God is love, all the way down to God's core; there is no extra bit left over that is some arbitrary and alien power. God's only power is love.

Jesus of Nazareth placed all of his trust in this powerful love; his whole life was transparent to it. When dark forces and evil mobilized to mock him and nail him to a tree, it seemed that his way of down-to-earth, yet otherworldly, love was only a fairy-tale. The dark forces shrieked in apparent victory as Jesus was laid in the tomb. But the same force that moves the stars in the sky, the creative energy that sustains all that is, the deeper magic, moved in the tomb and the world was recreated as Christ trampled down evil underfoot, rising victorious from the grave and showing himself alive in the garden. Former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams suggests that we think of the resurrection—which we celebrate every Sunday—as a second Big Bang, a creative action announcing that love alone is credible. Our sign out front gets it right: there is power in love, and the world needs to know it.

In Christ,
The Rev. Zack Thompson, Associate Rector

Today at St. James'

Summer Sundays for Children & Youth

While parents worship, kids continue their Christian formation—playing, praying, and praising God.

- **Ages 0-3:** Nursery & Toddler care available at 10:30 service
- **Ages 4+:** Meet in the Primary classroom during the 10:30 a.m. service to engage the Gospel lesson of the day and join the service upstairs for Holy Communion. Dress is summer casual. Friends are always welcome!

Next week 'Celebrating God's Creation' begins! Look inside for more information...

Welcome, Buddy Stallings! **10:30 a.m.**

The Rev. Buddy Stallings is our guest preacher at today's 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. Buddy retired as Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church in midtown and is a long-time friend of St. James'. We are pleased to welcome Buddy back into the pulpit here, as he is a wonderful and engaging preacher.

Spiritual Autobiographies: Apostle Paul **11:30 a.m.**

Grab a cup of coffee and join us for a clergy-led series all about the stories we tell about God's presence and power in our lives. Explore the autobiography of the Apostle Paul, and how his story might inspire our own reflection. Visit stjames.org/sharingfaith to learn more.

Every Sunday

Fellowship

- After the 10:30 a.m. service, coffee in Sunderland Hall
- After the 6:00 p.m. service, lemonade on the steps

Nursery Care available downstairs

Nursery care is available from 10:00 a.m. - noon for ages 0-3 years.

Formation for all ages!

At St. James', we believe that if you come here, you will grow. Check the schedule at left for opportunities.

Healing Prayer

Is there something you would like prayer for—a joy or a concern, for yourself or someone else? Join our Healing Prayer ministers in the Chapel following worship at 9:10, 11:15 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

New? START HERE TO BEGIN YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST

- **Pick up a "Start Here" brochure and return the welcome card.**
- **"Meet me at the bell" (after 9:10, 11:15 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.)**
Meet next to the bell at the back corner of the church for an informal conversation with a priest about what led you here and where you might be called to go in your spiritual life.



Follow us on Instagram
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Traveling this summer? Use **#StJamesSummerSundays** to share with us a picture of where you've been to church! Don't use social media? E-mail Chris Veillon.

This Week

*** Special this week**

Learn more at stjames.org/calendar

Monday, June 11 *St. Barnabas*

Morning Prayer	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
Caregivers Playgroup	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Lectio Divina	6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 12 *Emmegahbowh*

Morning Prayer	8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
Tuesday Lunch Program	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
3-5 year old Playgroup	3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
Evening Prayer	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
* Centering Prayer	6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 13

Holy Eucharist	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
0-12 month Playgroup	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
* Centering Prayer	12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 14 *Basil the Great*

Men's Group	7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer	8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
Caregiver Support Group	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Centering Prayer	12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
12-24 month Playgroup	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Friday, June 15 *Evelyn Underhill*

Church and Parish House closed	
* 20s & 30s host Friday Dinner Program	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Next Sunday: June 17

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4,11-14; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17; Mark 4:26-34

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon by the Rev. Eva Suarez.

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon by the Rev. Eva Suarez. The St. James' Canterbury Choir and the Salisbury Youth Choir from Salisbury Presbyterian Church, Midlothian, Va.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Homily by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor. Music for piano and flute.

Welcome, visiting choirs!

We are thrilled to welcome the Salisbury Youth Choir from Salisbury Presbyterian Church in Midlothian, Va., to sing at our 10:30 a.m. service on June 17, with the leadership of Mark Patterson, Director, and Laura Miles, Accompanist. The choirs will sing anthems by Jay Rouse, Mark Miller, Terry York and Dan Goeller. Please give our guests a warm welcome!

Exploring God's Creation in Central Park

9:30 a.m. - noon

Our version of Vacation Bible School, our children spend four Sunday mornings in Central Park exploring and celebrating God's creation (June 17 and 24, July 1 and 8). Children meet to leave from the Primary Classroom at 9:30 a.m. and return by 12:00 noon. All ages welcome, and friends too! Contact Vicki Hall to learn more.

Spiritual Autobiographies: Augustine of Hippo

11:30 a.m.

Grab a cup of coffee and join us for a clergy-led series all about the stories we tell about God's presence and power in our lives. Explore the autobiography of Augustine of Hippo and how his story might inspire our own reflection. Visit stjames.org/sharingfaith to learn more.



stjames.org/summer

There's lots going on at St. James' this summer! Visit stjames.org/summer to learn more about summer reading; forums; parish-wide celebrations; opportunities to volunteer; and more!

News & Notes

HVAC Update

In our Annual Meeting in May, the Vestry announced plans to repair and update St. James' HVAC system. This project will be undertaken in several phases—and work has already begun to upgrade our air conditioning, which is currently not working at full strength. Please be aware that temperatures in the Sanctuary may be warmer than usual for some weeks; we will keep the windows open for ventilation. Thank you for your patience!

Lunch Program Volunteers needed Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Volunteers serve our hungry neighbors and are needed to prepare the meal, greet and serve the guests, and wash dishes. Please contact Sam Young to get involved.

A Romp through the Song of Songs Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m.

The Song of Songs provides some of the most beautiful images of love in the Bible, but it's also a little surprising, too! Explore this celebration of human love, and what it teaches us about God's love for us. Led by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor, through June 27.

Getting involved with the Osborne Association

St. James' partnership with the children of incarcerated parents creates opportunities for mutual transformation all year long. Contact Elaine Connelly (connellyem@hotmail.com) to learn more:

- **College laptop drive**
Help teens involved with Osborne Association get equipped for college in the fall by donating unused laptops!
- **Picnic in Prospect Park Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**
Enjoy an afternoon of summer fun; please RSVP by June 15.

Tell Your Own Story: Workshops June 18 & July 16. 6:30 p.m.

Telling your own story can be a powerful and transformative spiritual practice. As part of our Sharing Our Stories series, St. James' will offer two writing workshops to help you. No experience necessary!

Men's BBQ at the Rectory July 17, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Don't miss the second-annual men's summer BBQ at the Rectory. Enjoy an evening of fellowship together. Men of all ages are welcome! Contact the Rev. Zack Thompson to learn more.

Traveling this summer? Toiletries Needed!

Please donate **new, unopened** travel-size toiletries, including shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes, for our meals program guests. Donations can be left at reception.

Register now for our 2018 Parish Weekend Away

We're going back to camp! Will you come, too? St. James' second Parish Weekend Away will be held over Columbus Day weekend (Oct. 5 - 7). Learn more and register at stjames.org/weekendaway.

Prayer List

Thanks be to God

- for Wednesday's Parish Supper and for the opportunity for fellowship and spiritually rich conversation.
- for the birth of Weston Althea Wharton, daughter of Campbell and Meredith Wharton.
- for Fiona Stewart-Darling and Jenny Petersen.
- for the generosity of parishioners who have made pledges for 2018, including dozens of new and increased financial commitments.

Your prayers are requested

- for St. James' in this season after Pentecost, that the Holy Spirit would move powerfully in our lives and through our ministries.
- for members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Donald, Henry, David, Susan, Terry & Mary Jane, Mal, Elona, Carol, Lydia, Cynthia, Pam, Caroline & Michael, Walterene, James Edward, Joan, Lois, Brian, Sara, Michael, Jen & Ulrik, Norman, Janet, Eula Mae, Carol, Kathy, Jane, Lilly, Laura, Ann & Ben, Bob, Chris, Amanda, Blanche, Victor, Carolyn & David, Valli, Charles, Seth, Jeanette, Alice, Iris, Sophie, Asher, Marielle, Maria & her parents, Frank, Lisa, Carmen, Milton, Alice Mary, Maurice, Andy & Sabra, Izabel, Rick, Doug, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Peter, Bill, John, Prune, the Kirkpatrick family, Martha, Tom, Douglas, Vicky, Ramon, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Lenore, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Hermie, Meshida & her children, Kevin, Greg, Paul, Betsy, Jeannette, Rodney, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Grace, Mary, JoAnne, Sue Ellen, Dorothy, Elnora, Harriett, Alex, Marc, Travers, Susan, Madge & Bill, Christopher, Jodi, Margot, James, Peggy, Katharine, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Theresa, Ruth, Filip, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, Samuel, Steve, Al, Jose, Laura, Pam, Deborah, Josefina, Jorge, Vincent, Barb, Nick, Craig, Peter and Jana, Megan, Grace, Wayne, Bonnie, Matthew, Malcom, Jane, Shawn, Nicole, Isabel, Babis, Kiley, Margaret, Norman, Nancy, Silvia, Gabriella, Thomas, Chloe, Tom, Paul, Blake, Barbara, Chetram, MaryAnn, Bill, Carl Jandernoa family, Don, Alida and Martin, Georgia, Dale, Wendy, Brunilda, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, John, Ben, Bryce, Christine, Elena, James, Elena, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angelo, Isabel, Kathryn, Bruce, Erin, Brad, Hilary, Jake, Alec, Laura, Nicholas & Nancy, Donnice, Teresa, Ben & Juergen, Liam, Ann, Aaron, Molitor, Bonnie, Richard, Tom & Ellen, Dustin, Elizabeth, Emily, Toru, Anne Marie, Jackie, Sharnice, Tom, Eric, Rob, Kathy, Judy, and Steve.
- for Grace Church, Nyack, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for la Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico, its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. Francisco Moreno, Presiding Bishop & Bishop of Northern Mexico, according to the Anglican cycle of prayer.
- for our work as stewards of God's creation, that we may use the earth's resources rightly in the service of others, and be mindful of our connection to all living things.
- for the United States of America, for wisdom and grace for our leaders in the exercise of their duties, that the rights and dignity of all may be protected, and our nation be a blessing to other nations of the earth.
- for justice and peace in this city and nation; for those who serve the common good in law enforcement and the courts; and for the victims of racism, injustice, and intolerance.
- 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, Michael, Mark.

We commend to God's never-failing care

- victims of war and violence throughout the world, including all victims of terrorism; all migrants and refugees who have died fleeing danger; and all those killed in the military service of our nation.
- all whom we love but see no more, especially Michael Spencer deLancey Neill and Houghton Faveaux Sawyer.

To have your prayer requests printed in this space,
or to provide an update, please e-mail the clergy at
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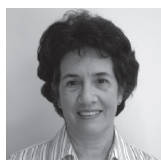
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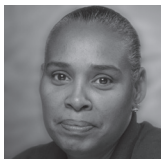
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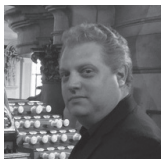
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St. James' Church is a community that actively shares the love of Jesus Christ with each other, our city and the world.

Worship

SUMMER SUNDAYS

8:00 a.m. · Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
10:30 a.m. · Holy Eucharist (Church)
6:00 p.m. · Candlelight Communion

WEEKDAYS

M, T, Th 8:00 a.m. · Morning Prayer
Wed. 8:00 a.m. · Holy Eucharist
Mon., Tue. 6:00 p.m. · Evening Prayer

CENTERING PRAYER

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

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

Visit Us

PARISH HOUSE HOURS

Mon. - Thu. · 9:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesdays · 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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