



SAINT JAMES EPISCOPAL

Mission & Service Opportunities

2023

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There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Ephesians 4:4-6, 11-13

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MASTER LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Pentecost ✕	May 28, 2023
Christian Education Ends	May 28, 2023
Trinity Sunday	June 4, 2023
Faith Memorial Chapel.....	June 11, 2023
Program Year Kick-Off	August 20, 2023
Christian Education Begins	August 20, 2023
All Saints Day ✕	November 5, 2023
Thanksgiving Eve Service (Wed.).....	November 22, 2023
Christ the King	November 26, 2023
Advent Wreath Workshop	December 3, 2023
Advent Lessons & Carols.....	December 3, 2023
Christmas Eve (Sun.)	December 24, 2023
Christmas Day (Mon.)	December 25, 2023
Feast of Epiphany (Sat.).....	January 6, 2024
Baptism of Our Lord ✕.....	January 7, 2024
Annual Meeting.....	January 21, 2024
Ash Wednesday	February 13, 2024
Palm Sunday	March 24, 2024
Holy Wednesday Tenebrae	March 27, 2024
Maundy Thursday	March 28, 2024
Good Friday	March 29, 2024
The Great Vigil of Easter (Sat.) ✕	March 30, 2024
Easter Sunday	March 31, 2024

✕ Denotes baptismal dates

This calendar is complete as of May 23, 2023.



SAINT JAMES EPISCOPAL

FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR

Dear Ones,

Thirty years ago, I led a committee that organized a one-day workshop in the Diocese of Maine entitled “PB 855.” It was a terrible title because nobody knew what it meant! Despite that, the workshop turned out to be a success.

“PB 855” refers to the page in the Prayer Book where the ministry of lay persons is defined.

The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ’s work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

It’s surely a tall order. But it’s also a great joy.

All Christians have a vocation, a calling, rooted in their baptism. The Prayer Book lists lay persons first in its ordering of ministers because lay persons are called to the front line of ministry. Your vocation is expressed in all areas of life: family, work, school, and of course, church.

This booklet outlines the many ways you can live out your vocation through St. James. I invite you to take time to discern where your passions and gifts might intersect with the ministries outlined here. And then take the next step. Contact the lead person of a particular ministry or the clergy and engage in ministry.

Frederick Buechner once wrote “The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” Find your ministry. Discover your joy.

Peace,

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Training is provided for all these Worship Ministries. For more information about how to become involved, please contact the parish office (864-244-6358 or admin@stjamesgreenville.org).

Acolytes

Acolytes are youth (age nine and above) and adults who provide leadership in worship as crucifers (carry the processional cross), torch bearers (carry torches), thurifers (incense bearers) and servers (assist with the setting of the altar for Eucharist) during Sunday morning worship services and at special services. Everyone nine years old and above is invited to consider serving as acolytes.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is composed of men and women who are responsible for the preparation and care of the Altar, the linens and the vessels used at all worship services. The Altar Guild is divided into teams which take turns laundering the linens, polishing the silver, preparing the vessels for the Eucharist and dressing the Altar.

Audiovisual Team

The AV Team manages the video and sound equipment and livestream services on Sundays and special occasions.

Flower Guild

The Flower Guild is a group of individuals who adorn the church with flowers and plants for our regular Sunday services and for special services throughout the year.

Greeters

St. James Greeters welcome both members and newcomers on Sunday mornings and at special services. They help familiarize visitors with the facility and introduce newcomers to the clergy and other members to ensure a warm welcome.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Lay Eucharistic Ministers administer the chalice during Sunday morning services and at special services. They are trained by the clergy and licensed by the Diocese.

Lectors and Intercessors

Lectors read the lessons from Holy Scripture and lead the Prayers of the People on Sundays and for special services. Children and youth aged nine and above who are confident readers are encouraged to be part of our corps of lectors and intercessors.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

For information on any of the music programs of St. James, please contact Karen Eshelman, music@stjamesgreenville.org, 864-244-6358, ext. 210

Instrumentalists

Youth and Adults who play a musical instrument are invited to play a piece at the offertory or to accompany a choir anthem. Our music director, Karen Eshelman, will help with music selection.

The St. James Parish Choir

Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Sunday warm-up, 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

The St. James Parish Choir provides sung leadership for Sunday and other special worship services. Anyone age 16 and up who loves to sing in church is invited to join our devoted community of music-lovers. We rehearse on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings; singers may sign up for the year (Sept. to June) or by church season (Lent, Advent, etc.).

Rector's Aides

Rector's Aides either arrive early or stay late on Sunday and for special services to unlock or lock doors, turn on or off lights, and generally ready the church for the arrival of parishioners.

Ushers

Ushers greet and assist parishioners as they arrive for church, hand out worship bulletins, manage the alms basins (collection plates) and the presentation of the bread and wine at the offertory.

F A C I L I T I E S

For more information about how to become involved, please contact the Junior Warden, Luke Mitchell (864-421-5797, luke.mitchell@jacobs.com).

Adopt-a-Garden

We each help maintain a specific area of the gardens around the property.

Adopt-a-Highway

We meet four times a year to pick up litter along Piney Mountain Road.

Buildings & Grounds Commission

We work with the Rector and Parish Administrator to manage regular maintenance of the physical plant and to plan for future physical plant and property needs.

Columbarium / Memorial Garden

We help maintain the Columbarium and Memorial Garden, which is the sacred final resting place of the remains of departed parishioners.

Recycling

We help break down boxes and deliver items to nearby recycling centers.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

For more information about how to become involved in Outreach Ministries, please contact the John Kaup (864-607-2985, john.kaup@furman.edu).

Christmas Angel Tree

Every December we work with local ministries to connect families in need with the generous parishioners of St. James by setting up a tree in the foyer decorated with tags naming gift items or “Jingle Bills”. The gifts are delivered in time for Christmas. Please consider joining us as we share the love of the Christ child with those in need.

Education Equals Hope (E=H)

Education Equals Hope is a ministry which provides educational scholarships and support to children in desperate and difficult places. Groups and individuals from St. James support E=H financially to bring hope to children by providing an education and spiritual mentoring, empowering them to break the cycle of poverty, and impact the next generation. For more information, go to www.EducationEqualsHope.org.

Feed Thy Neighbor

Small teams from St. James volunteer one Saturday morning each month at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Greenville to prepare and serve breakfast to the hungry and homeless.

Keep Enriching Youth in Schools

This is a new ministry that seeks to support students in two Title One public schools in Greenville through funding of special projects and mentoring.

Outreach Commission

We coordinate the outreach and mission efforts of the parish, consulting with the Clergy and Vestry, in choosing which outreach programs St. James will support, allocating resources, and raising up servant leaders within the parish.

Rise Against Hunger

We coordinate a major meal packaging event one or more times per year during which many parishioners come together to package 20,000+ meals in 2 – 3 hours on a Sunday after the 10:30 service.

PASTORAL CARE AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

Coffee Hour Hosts

We provide refreshments after the 10:30 AM service. We make coffee and lemonade, provide whatever snacks we are inspired to bring, and then clean up. Contact Sarah Britt (864-320-9248, sarahsbritt@aol.com).

Hospitality Commission

We help plan, set up, serve, and clean up receptions and other fellowship events. Contact Dena Veazey (864-244-6358, admin@stjamesgreenville.org).

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

We are trained by the clergy and licensed by the Bishop to administer the sacrament to the homebound and to those in care facilities. Contact Pam Snape (864-360-5620, pamsnape@bellsouth.net).

Oyster Roast

This annual event is a great opportunity for fellowship among St. James members and the wider Greenville community. Volunteers assist with set-up and as ticket takers, chili servers, roasting pit hands, bucket runners and clean up. Help is also needed cooking chili and other behind-the-scenes efforts. We are seeking new leadership. Contact Christina Harrell (864-420-3137, ctharrell96@gmail.com).

Pastoral Care Commission

We serve our fellow parishioners who are in need of pastoral care by journeying with them in faith, providing for their spiritual needs, and seeking opportunities to provide for other needs such as companionship with phone calls or cards and transportation assistance when appropriate. Contact Pam Snape (pamsnape@bellsouth.net, 864-360-5620).

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We invite you to join us in the parish library on the third Monday to knit and crochet prayer shawls and hats for cancer and hospice patients. Contact Nancy Gammons (864-423-4425, njgammons44@gmail.com).

St. James Men's Group (SJMG)

We meet once a month for fellowship and mission projects. All men are welcome to participate. Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/mensgroupstjames/> Contact Ken Littlejohn (864-420-4621, alkenlj@charter.net).

Small Groups / Supper Clubs

Each year we divide interested individuals and couples into groups of 8-12 people who gather frequently (monthly or bi-monthly at the convenience of the members) to share a meal and fellowship and respond to the spiritual needs of the members. Contact Dena Veazey (864-244-6358, admin@stjamesgreenville.org).

Welcoming Commission

We send notes to welcome visitors, potential new members, and new members; and we host a newcomer reception. Contact Amanda Davis (amanda.sloan79@gmail.com, 404-449-5441).

WOMEN'S GROUPS

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

All women of St. James are included by virtue of our name. Our prayer says we are to pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally – and we are doing just that, whether it is teaching Sunday school, serving in Altar Guild, singing in the choir, serving on the vestry or in countless other areas. Contact Sherry Sponseller (864-370-7053, sherrysponseller3@gmail.com).

St. Mary Elizabeth's Chapter

We are a friendly group of women who meet on the second Tuesday of the month for a program, discussion, refreshments, and fellowship. Contact Boyd Cater (864-414-5760, boydcater42@gmail.com).

New Women's Group

Watch the weekly announcements for information about our next meeting as we continue to explore ideas for this new group. Contact Shannon Murphy (843-816-3067, smurphyhhi@gmail.com).

FORMATION MINISTRIES

Adult Christian Education

We offer opportunities to study and discuss topics relevant to being a Christian in today's world, including biblical study, Christian spirituality, topics in personal and social ethics, religious diversity in Greenville, study of musical texts, church history, and other relevant topics. Contact the Rev. John S. Nieman (864-244-6358, ext. 202 or interim@stjamesgreenville.org).

Children's Formation (Sunday School)

The heart of our children's ministry at St. James meets downstairs on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 AM during the program year. Contact the Rev. Lathrop H. Mosley, 864-244-6358, ext. 203 or assistant@stjamesgreenville.org).

Daughters of the King (DOK)

The members of the Order of the Daughters of the King, Ruth Chapter, meet monthly and are dedicated to prayer and scriptural study. Women desiring to join the Order do a twelve-week study to prepare to be admitted. Contact Boyd Cater (864-414-5760, boydcater42@gmail.com).

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

We are youth in grades 6 through 12. We come together to build relationships with God and each other through fellowship, spiritual development, and outreach. A wonderful way to help and catch a glimpse of what we're doing is to provide dinner and be an additional adult during that time one (or two or three!) Sundays throughout the program year. Contact the Rev. Lathrop H. Mosley (864-244-6358, ext. 203 or assistant@stjamesgreenville.org).

Nursery

We assist the nursery staff person on Sunday mornings in the nursery for infants and toddlers. Contact Dena Veazey (864-244-6358, admin@stjamesgreenville.org).

St. James Day School

St. James Day School is a highly-respected program of early childhood education for preschool students. Serving children ages 1, 2, 3 and 4 years old, we seek to meet a child's intellectual, social and spiritual needs in a loving and nurturing environment. Our children enjoy weekly chapel with beginning Bible stories, songs and prayers. Our teachers focus on core instruction alongside social skills to prepare the students for kindergarten, be it public or private. French, music and art instruction round out core curriculum. Contact Katie Allen (864-884-9095, school@stjamesgreenville.org).

Thursday Morning Bible Study

The Thursday Morning Bible study group meets at 10:45 on Thursday mornings during the program year. The scriptures to be read on the subsequent Sunday will be read and discussed. Contact Boyd Cater (864-414-5760, boydcater42@gmail.com).

Vacation Bible School

Each summer children aged 3 through 5th grade gather for a week of fun, food, friends, and fellowship. Youth and adults serve as crew leaders, as well as leaders for music, crafts, games, drama, and various other activities. Others prepare and serve a light meal before the program each evening. Contact the Rev. Lathrop H. Mosley, 864-244-6358, ext. 203, or assistant@stjamesgreenville.org).

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Children's Choir

A worship-related music activity class teaching basic music skills, for students in grades 2-5.

Youth Choir

For students in middle and high school students. Rehearsals are arranged around students' after-school activities. The Youth Choir would sing a variety of new and being seated as a choir in the music curriculum from the Royal School of Church Music.

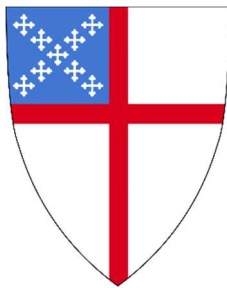
GIVING

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is a group of parishioners with financial knowledge and expertise who assist in the budgeting process and in the monitoring of the financial position of the parish. The Finance Committee makes recommendations to the Vestry regarding investments and expenditures and works collaboratively with the staff to insure the financial health of St. James in the short and long term. If you have financial experience you would like to share, we would love to have you! Contact Jennifer Sharp (607-279-8613, jennifermsharp@gmail.com)

Stewardship Commission

The St. James Stewardship Commission focuses on encouraging and modeling Christian stewardship in all areas of life. Among the functions of the Stewardship Commission is to organize and lead the annual pledge drive, host meetings of St. James parishioners to share perspectives on the mission of St. James, and to develop programming throughout the year on stewardship-related subjects. Contact the Rev. John S. Nieman (864-244-6358, ext. 202, interim@stjamesgreenville.org).



*“Be doers of the word,
and not merely hearers!”*

James 1:22