



# SAINT JAMES EPISCOPAL

## **Mission & Service Opportunities**

**2025-2026**

**T**here 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.

**T**he 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

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Program Year Kick-Off + Ministry Fair.....	August 17, 2025
All Ages Christian Education Begins.....	August 24, 2025
All Saints' Sunday ✠ .....	November 2, 2025
Christ the King.....	November 23, 2025
Thanksgiving Eve Service (Wed.) .....	November 26, 2025
Advent Wreath Workshop .....	November 30, 2025
Advent Lessons & Carols .....	December 7, 2025
Christmas Eve (Wed.) .....	December 24, 2025
Christmas Day (Thurs.) .....	December 25, 2025
Feast of the Epiphany, Burning of the Greens (Tues.).....	January 6, 2026
Baptism of Our Lord ✠ .....	January 11, 2026
Annual Meeting.....	January 11, 2026
Ash Wednesday .....	February 18, 2026
Palm Sunday .....	March 29, 2026
Holy Wednesday Tenebrae .....	April 1, 2026
Maundy Thursday .....	April 2, 2026
Good Friday .....	April 3, 2026
The Great Vigil of Easter (Sat.) ✠ .....	April 4, 2026
Easter Sunday .....	April 5, 2026
Christian Education Ends .....	May 19, 2026
Pentecost ✠ .....	May 24, 2026
Trinity Sunday .....	May 31, 2026

✠ Denotes baptismal dates

*This calendar is complete as of August 14, 2025.*



# SAINT JAMES EPISCOPAL

## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Ones,

All baptized members of the church are called into ministry. Largely speaking, ministry is service. And service is our way of responding to our loving God who has come to us as a servant in the person of Jesus Christ. In Jesus, we witness a perfect ministry: generous, self-giving, compassionate, just, merciful, and loving. His life was a ministry, his death was a ministry, and his resurrection is a ministry. When we serve, when we become ministers of God through our own baptism, we become like Jesus. We are transformed into his likeness.

The lay members of the church serve Christ and their neighbors “wherever they may be”: in their homes, at work, at school, on the field, in the grocery store, driving down a highway, etc. And of course, lay ministers are called to serve the church, the body of Christ.

Our parish family relies on everyone’s ministry and service. It takes every member of this family to carry out the ministry and mission of the church—we need one another in this endeavor. What are your gifts? How can you serve our parish family? There are so many places for you at St. James to respond to God with your whole life.

This booklet outlines the many ways you can minister here at St. James and beyond our walls. I invite you to take some time to read through our ministries and notice where the Spirit is drawing you this year. And then respond to the Holy Spirit’s invitation: contact the person listed or our parish office.

I hope you discover that ministry is ultimately life-giving. When we serve, when we give ourselves away, we discover purpose, abundance, and a deep joy.

*“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”*

Peace,

# **WORSHIP MINISTRIES**

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*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](mailto:admin@stjamesgreenville.org)).*

## **Acolytes**

Acolytes are youth (3<sup>rd</sup> grade 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 in second grade 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.

## **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.

## **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*

### **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.).

### **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 scheduling and music selection.

## **F A C I L I T I E S**

*For more information about how to become involved, please contact  
the Junior Warden, Ben Freeman ([bjfenterprise1@gmail.com](mailto:bjfenterprise1@gmail.com))  
or Randy Cook ([cook.rg@hotmail.com](mailto:cook.rg@hotmail.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.

### **Building Upkeep & Maintenance Squad (BUMS)**

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.

## **O U T R E A C H   M I N I S T R I E S**

### **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. Please contact Dan Coe ([nadeoc@me.com](mailto:nadeoc@me.com)).

### **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. Please contact Randy Cook ([cook.rg@hotmail.com](mailto:cook.rg@hotmail.com)).

## **Keep Enriching Youth in Schools (KEYS)**

This ministry of the St. James Men's Group seeks to support students in two Title One public schools in Greenville through funding of special projects and mentoring. Please contact Tom Wattley ([tomwattley@comcast.net](mailto:tomwattley@comcast.net)).

## **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. Please contact David Bernardy ([dcbernardy@gmail.com](mailto:dcbernardy@gmail.com)).

## **Refugee Ministry**

We coordinate service to area refugee families, including English language classes, providing food, transportation, and other essential items. Please contact John Kaup ([john.kaup@furman.edu](mailto:john.kaup@furman.edu)).

# **PASTORAL CARE AND HOSPITALITY 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](mailto:sarahsbritt@aol.com)).

## **Creation Care**

We learn about and address conservation, sustainability, wholesome nutrition, natural beauty, gardening, and local climate challenges at St. James and beyond. Contact Victoria Chance ([victoriachance@gmail.com](mailto:victoriachance@gmail.com))

## **Hospitality Commission**

We help plan, set up, serve, and clean up receptions and other fellowship events. Contact the parish office (864-244-6358, [admin@stjamesgreenville.org](mailto: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@gmail.com](mailto:pamsnape@gmail.com)).

## **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 additional leadership. Contact Christina Harrell (864-420-3137, [ctharrell96@gmail.com](mailto:ctharrell96@gmail.com)).

## **Meal Ministry**

We provide meals supporting parish members and families in times of need such as the arrival of a new child, illness, or grief. Contact Abigail Kinnunen ([mccready.bridges@gmail.com](mailto:mccready.bridges@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, cards, or meals. Contact Mtr. Kellan ([kellan@stjamesgreenville.org](mailto:kellan@stjamesgreenville.org))

## **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](mailto:njgammons44@gmail.com)).

## **My Neighbor's Voice Supper Series**

We will gather in parishioners' homes or the Church Foyer in small groups a few time this year as engage with My Neighbor's Voice. As we break bread together, we will hear, share, and listen to stories, experiences, and insights about who we are and how we can live and thrive together. Our story topics are different for each supper in this series, and everyone is encouraged to attend all suppers. Let us know if you would like to host a supper. Contact Victoria Chance (864-616-0154, [victoria@myneighborsvoice.org](mailto:victoria@myneighborsvoice.org)).

## **Welcoming Commission**

We send notes to welcome visitors, potential new members, and new members; and we host a newcomer reception. Contact Becky Walters ([beckywalters303@gmail.com](mailto:beckywalters303@gmail.com), 864-887-4761).

## **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](mailto:alkenlj@charter.net)).

## **Men's Bible Study**

Lee Plumblee ([lpumblee@eppesandplumblee.com](mailto:lpumblee@eppesandplumblee.com), 864-420-1189) leads a study on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 AM at Bridge City Coffee on the campus of First Presbyterian Church (200 West Washington St.).

## **ST. JAMES 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 Laura Brown ([lkb54@live.com](mailto:lkb54@live.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](mailto:boydcater42@gmail.com)).

### **Funeral Committee**

We help plan, set up, serve, and clean up for funerals that take place at St. James. It is a wonderful ministry of welcome, offering comfort to the grieving, and caring for the saints who have died. Please contact the parish office (864-244-6358, [admin@stjamesgreenville.org](mailto:admin@stjamesgreenville.org)).

### **Office Volunteers**

We serve in the office to support staff members and assist with bulletin preparation. Contact Nancy King ([naking4955@gmail.com](mailto:naking4955@gmail.com)).

### **Parish Life**

We provide preparation and presentation of church celebrations and events including Pentecost and St. James Feast Day. Contact Nancy King ([naking4955@gmail.com](mailto:naking4955@gmail.com)).

## **FORMATION MINISTRIES**

### **CHRISTIAN FORMATION: SUNDAYS, 9:15-10:15 AM**

#### **Adult Formation**

We offer opportunities to study and discuss topics relevant to being a Christian in today's world. Meets in the foyer. Contact the Rev. Kellan Day (864-244-6358, ext. 202 or [Kellan@stjamesgreenville.org](mailto:Kellan@stjamesgreenville.org)).

### **Children's (Sunday School)**

Sunday School is the heart of our children's ministry at St. James. We meet in room 121, downstairs during the program year. Contact the Children's Minister, Jan Rhodes (864-244-6358, ext. 203, [children@stjamesgreenville.org](mailto:children@stjamesgreenville.org)).

### **Youth Formation**

Youth in grades 6 through 12 are invited to meet together in the parish library on Sunday mornings. Contact the Youth Minister, Sam Nixon (864-254-8993 or [youth@stjamesgreenville.org](mailto:youth@stjamesgreenville.org)).

### **Book Study Group**

Our Book Group usually meets on Monday evenings. We will meet at the Cherrydale Atlanta Bread Company at 6:00 PM to study the book of Exodus. Contact Shannon Murphy (843-816-3067, [smurphyhhi@gmail.com](mailto:smurphyhhi@gmail.com)).

### **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 ([boydcater42@gmail.com](mailto:boydcater42@gmail.com), 864-414-5760).

### **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 our meeting time one (or two or three!) Sundays throughout the program year. Contact the Youth Minister, Sam Nixon (864-254-8993 or [youth@stjamesgreenville.org](mailto:youth@stjamesgreenville.org)).

### **Nursery**

We assist the nursery staff person on Sunday mornings in the nursery for infants and toddlers. Contact the Children's Minister, Jan Rhodes ([children@stjamesgreenville.org](mailto:children@stjamesgreenville.org), 864-244-6358, ext. 203).

### **St. James Episcopal Day School**

St. James Episcopal 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 Keli DeHart ([dayschool@stjamesgreenville.org](mailto:dayschool@stjamesgreenville.org)).

### **Theology Circle**

This is a collaborative discussion space for exploring and developing our personal theologies. Some meetings are on Wednesday and other gatherings are on Thursday. Please text Benjamin Young (864-787-2152) with any questions, to learn more about the schedule, or to RSVP.

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

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

### **Vacation Bible School**

Children age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade gather for a week of fun, food, friends, and fellowship in the summer. 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 Children's Minister, Jan Rhodes (864-244-6358, ext. 203, [children@stjamesgreenville.org](mailto:children@stjamesgreenville.org)).

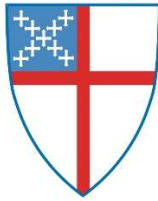
## **G I V I N G**

### **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 Christopher Brotherton (864-616-0502, [cgbrotherton@gmail.com](mailto:cgbrotherton@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. Contact Ken or Alice Littlejohn (864-420-4621, [alkenlj@charter.net](mailto:alkenlj@charter.net)) or Kellan Day (864-244-6358, ext. 202, [kellan@stjamesgreenville.org](mailto:kellan@stjamesgreenville.org)).



*St. James Episcopal Church is, above all,  
a welcoming, caring community.*

*We are dedicated to worship, outreach,  
fellowship and growth in the service of Christ.*

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