



St. James Parish

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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost November 9, 2025, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

Prelude (*please listen in silence, preparing for worship*)

◆Hymn *Before thy throne, O God* Hymnal 574

The Word of God

◆Opening Acclamation BCP pg. 355

◆Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355

◆*Gloria* Hymnal (front section) S 278

◆Collect of the Day (*Contemporary, in unison*) see insert

First Reading Haggai 1:15b–2:9

Psalms 145:1–5, 18–22 (*responsively, the People in bold*) see insert

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17

◆HYMN *The God of Abraham praise* (vv. 1–2) Hymnal 401

◆The Holy Gospel Luke 20:27–38

◆HYMN *The God of Abraham praise* (vv. 3–4) Hymnal 401

The Sermon Deacon Doug Engwall

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People

Lord, in Christ You have made us “children of the resurrection,” set aside for the purposes of Your kingdom. Help us to live as one people, those who have died with Christ and now are raised with Him, in a resurrection we invite all people to join. We respond, Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church that She may be a voice that endeavors to unify Your people, calling Your children together under one Savior, one God, one life, one light. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For leaders around the world, especially in South Sudan, Mozambique, Russia and Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, to become ministers of Your Gospel light and truth. For our Congress and President that they may work to end a shutdown that denies many people the assistance they need. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Sara, Don, Barrett, Mary S., Jennifer, Emilia, Cindy, Matt G., Tiffany O., John M., Brian, Avery, Cruz, Karen, Jane B., Jane, Robert Pizzanella, Geoffrey Newton, Jayla, Heather, Mark, Gary,

Laurent, Tom, and all others for whom pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, especially William Briggs, and for all who mourn, we pray now silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord, You call us to Yourself out of Your great love for us, and You call us to each other, because You made us to live as community. By the power of Christ's resurrection, forgive us our stubbornness and pride, and bring us to a place of renewed fellowship under the Prince of Peace. We pray, in His name.
Amen.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP pg. 360

The Peace

BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Verleih uns Frieden

Felix Mendelssohn

Translation: *Graciously grant us peace,
Lord God, in our time;
There is surely no other
Who could fight thus for us
Than you alone, God our Lord.*

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3)

Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer B

BCP pg. 367

**Sanctus*

Hymnal (front section) S 125

*The Lord's Prayer

BCP pg. 364

*The Breaking of the Bread

BCP pg. 364

Gluten-free hosts are available.

Communion Hymns: 341, 414, 295

◆Postcommunion Prayer

BCP pg. 366

◆A Stewardship Prayer (*in unison*)

Eternal God, we pray that we will make stewardship a way of Life. We acknowledge you as the source of all we have and all we are. Help us to place you, our loving Creator, first in our lives by becoming more prayerful, more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things. Help us to hear your call to be good stewards, caretakers, and managers of all your gifts by sharing them for your purposes. May we serve you and pray with a joyful spirit of mind and heart. Amen.

Announcements

Stewardship Sharing

Dave Woodford

◆HYMN

Ye holy angels bright

Hymnal 625

The Dismissal

BCP pg. 366

Postlude (*please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude or depart in silence*)

- ◆ You are invited to stand, as able. * You are invited to kneel, as able.
BCP refers to *The Book of Common Prayer*, found in the pew book rack.



Serving this week

Crucifer		Chloe Roberts
Acolytes		Jacob and Anna LaPointe
Altar Guild		Janet LaPierre-Green & Elizabeth McBride
Chalicists	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Mitchell
	10:15 a.m.	Michael DeNegris
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Jay Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Elizabeth McBride
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Janet LaPierre-Green
	10:15 a.m.	Michele Briganti & Olivia Paré
Welcomer		Linda Mason
Coffee Hour Host		Chris & Deb Butler
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Nancy Thompson

Today's altar flowers are given in thanksgiving
and to the glory of God.

~ Mimi & Jay Hostetter

A Stewardship Reflection for the week of November 9th

I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you ...

Romans 9:17

What is our purpose? Why are we here? There is that age-old debate between science and faith that says science shows us how, perhaps, but it really cannot tell us why we are here; what's it all for? Paul says, in his letter to the Church in Rome, that God "raised you up for this very purpose ..." What purpose? Paul makes a compelling case that we are here to receive God's mercy, to be vessels of God's mercy: that is our purpose. We are here to be vessels of God's grace, to acknowledge and grow in the riches of God's love and to worship the one who is "the cornerstone" (Romans 9:33) of our lives and faith, Jesus Christ.

God gives us His mercy and grace freely, knowing we could never give Him anything of equal value in return, nothing that would reciprocate the world that God has granted us in Jesus. Our purpose is to live lives that give glory to God, pointing toward the one truth: God loved us so much as to die for us. "What," Jesus once asked, "Can you [we] give in return for your [our] life?" We give Jesus our obedience, we give our hope, love, talents, and our lives to God because He gave all for us.

You may remember a movie called *Chariots of Fire* (remember that music?) that won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 1981. The film told the story of two British runners in the lead up to the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris. Eric Liddell was easily the fastest sprinter in the world at the time. He was also a committed Christian and believed that the Lord's Sabbath, Sunday, was for praising God alone. He was set to run in the 100 meter dash and the 200 meters. The heats for the 100-meter dash, however, fell on a Sunday. He refused to run on a Sunday, and his countryman ended up running instead and finished first. Liddell ran later, winning gold in the 400 which he had not really trained for. He was criticized by many of his countryman, called a traitor by some for putting his beliefs ahead of country, and pilloried by the media in Britain for not competing in his signature race (the 100). He did not get angry or fight back, but was resolute, believing his primary purpose was giving glory to God. Some would say running was giving glory to God and he actually believed that, too. Yet, serving God with his whole life came first, sharing his talents, but also giving his obedience to God as well.

Fr. George Roberts

© Feed My Sheep, Sunday 11.9.2025

Being Intentional

We are asking for folks to make the call to worship, the ringing of the *angelus* five minutes before worship, our signal to settle down, become quiet, and allow the people around you to prepare themselves for worship. The musical prelude begins around that time, if not a few minutes later. At the service's conclusion, Blake plays a wonderful postlude which he takes time to prepare. We are asking that folks please take their conversations outside or – even better – down to coffee hour and allow the people who want to listen to the organ to do so without conversations going on around them. We never want to discourage our friendly chatter and greeting each other, the warm building of community and relationship, that happens when we see each other on Sundays. All that is being asked, really, is that we allow for some additional space for quiet, while still leaving room for talking and visiting.

Music for the 10:15 am worship service is streamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-736322

Our Stewardship theme this year is "I am a vessel full of power, with a Treasure from the Lord." To explore this theme further you will find a vessel at the front of the church ready for us, as a congregation, to fill it full of our power, gifts, talents, hopes and prayers, throughout our stewardship campaign. Each week we will have a different color sand to add as we reflect on a particular aspect of this theme. You are invited either before or after services, or during communion, to add a portion to the vessel. **This week the color is Purple** – symbolizing the power of God at work in us, enabling us to do every good work for which we were created.

The lectionary readings for Sunday, November 16th are:

Isaiah 65:17–25; Canticle 9; 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13; Luke 21:5–19.

Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>. **Join us on Mondays** for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am, also livestreamed on Facebook at the same link.

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for our weekly Bible study via Zoom at 12:30 pm. We've begun a new Bible study on the first and second letters of Paul to Timothy. The second letter is often seen as Paul's final testament and encouragement to his young disciple as Paul awaits execution in Rome. The study guides are available for pick-up in the parish office at \$10 per copy. Zoom gathering info: Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548. We hope you join us!



DR Mission Meeting after worship: TODAY, after the 10:15 am service, we will hold a brief Dominican Team meeting in the library. Please join us whether you are interested in going on a mission trip next summer with the Team or supporting us, or simply curious about what this ministry is about.

Updated Pictorial Directories available: If you already have a directory, a supplemental add-on page is available in the parish hall this morning which will catch you up on photos and addresses! If you did not receive a pictorial in September, they are also available in the parish hall.

THANK YOU! 40 volunteers have stepped up to write for the Lenten Devotional booklet. There are three (3) weeks left for writers to get their pieces emailed to Dianne at dianneantos45@gmail.com, or hand-written, if necessary. Writers, please get your work to Dianne ASAP, no later than December 6th! The pages will then be formatted, edited, and printed. There will be one reading for each day of Lent. That day's reading will be about the scripture passage listed at the top of the page. The Lenten Devotional booklet will be ready for distribution before Ash Wednesday for daily Lenten reading. This is a unique way to spiritually move through Lent.



What is St. James Reading? Recently I noted that WNPR, Connecticut's Public Radio station, has created a site that lists what people who listen to that station are reading – it reminded me that it has been a while since I collected what we at St James Parish are reading so that it could be shared. So, if you have a book that you have read fairly recently that you think someone else might enjoy – fiction or nonfiction, send me the title and the author's name with a brief description (3 or 4 sentences at most) and I will compile what I receive for the December *Epistle*. I need your suggestions by TOMORROW, November 10th at mimih@sbcglobal.net

New Wednesday Service: we now hold a Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing in the Chapel (behind the choir seating) at 11:30 am. Immediately following the service, you are invited to stay for lunch (bring your own lunch – grinder, something to warm up, etc.) and time for conversation in the parish hall. If you have time for service only (will last about 25–30 minutes), please come. If you have time for lunch only (roughly noon–12:45ish), please do that. All are welcome, bring a neighbor, come every week, join us once in a while as you are able. You may park in the little driveway in front of the church, off Mountain Road, if handling stairs to the chapel is a challenge for you.



Books for the Taking! On the long table in the Parish Hall there are lots of books. These are no longer ones for the church library. Help yourself to one or more! Any left after a few weeks will be discarded. Consider making a donation to the Library Fund.



Sharing the Feast: Thanksgiving Meal Project. St James Parish is once again working with the Town of Farmington to supply 10 families in need with food for their Thanksgiving meals. A signup with the list of Thanksgiving foods needed is posted in the narthex. **Please sign up for one or more items, noting the volume and quantity requested as we put together the baskets based on family size.** Non-perishable foods may be left in the box labeled *Thanksgiving Meals*. All items must be delivered to St James by Sunday, November 23rd. Food for the Thanksgiving meals will be delivered to Farmington Community Services who will then distribute the meals to the families. Any questions? Please contact Kim or Dave Faubert with questions. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

Thank you to our team leading worship this month at Amberwoods as part of our Convalescent Home Ministry: Joyce Bettencourt, Holly Rozman, Susan Rubin, and Anna Whilby.

Thanksgiving worship will be celebrated with Holy Eucharist on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 27th at 10 am. Everyone is busy, we know, and yet you are invited to join us for a brief service of Holy Eucharist and a sharing of the gratitude and blessing of the season and God's continuing goodness. The service will happen either in the Chapel or in the front of the sanctuary, near the altar. The service will not be livestreamed.



Sound Healing returning! On Saturday November 22nd, at 9 am (light breakfast provided, come early), we welcome back Kelvin Young, RSS, a certified Sound Healer and Owner of Kelvin Young, LLC. Kelvin will tell us about his incredible journey and lead us through a sound healing session as a way of experiencing a new way of healing and meditation. During the session, Kelvin will play the crystal and Tibetan singing bowls, gong, ocean drum, chimes, and other healing instruments (tools) to activate the relaxation response to calm your mind, relax your body, feel your emotions, and nourish your soul.

Women's Ministry

Saturday, November 15th at 9 am: *Women's Ministry Breakfast* – a potluck! Bring a breakfast food to share; coffee and tea will be provided. Our speaker will be Michael Olivieri from Gifts of Love to talk about food insecurity and support of local families through our Gifts of Love programs.

Throughout the month of November: *Thankfulness Bookmarks*. During the month Women's Ministry will leave art supplies in the parish hall for our parishioners to create bookmarks which will then be laminated and used in our pew books. Bring your imagination and creativity to make a useful tool for all who come to worship here!

Handbell Choir

Playing handbells is an act of praise and the joy brought in the hearing connects us more closely to God and our faith. But there is special joy in the playing, and it is a musical joy accessible to almost everyone. One does not need “an ear for music” since the bell itself makes the tone, and so long as one does not ring it at the wrong time (which, frankly, can be quite humorous) you can't produce the wrong note. To play handbells one does not need to read music, although one learns the basics as one goes



along. More than anything, it is a lot of fun as the key to playing handbells is in coordination and tempo with little attention needed to the precise refinements that make choral and other instrumental music so marvelous. The handbells are from St. Mark's, and Blake has the idea to start out with a monthly rehearsal. That makes sense because, to maintain their special character, the handbells will only ever be played occasionally.

If interested, please give your name to Sue in the parish office who is keeping a list for Blake. One final thing I want to mention is that this parish ministry is a perfect activity even for young children. The ringer must be able to play when prompted. Most ringers handle two bells (well-experienced folks can do many more), but what joy it brings when a little one sounds their one bell—at the right time, of course. And then, of course, dads and/or moms can use the involvement of their child as their “excuse” to be a part of the choir!

Stephen Hard

St. Mark's Ministry, New Britain

St. Mark's Pantry IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

Peanut butter; jelly, too, but not as critical a need

Canned proteins: SPAM, tuna fish, chicken, hash

Canned vegetables

Cereals (not too sugary, please)

Toilet paper

Come *Mingle with us!* Continuing until April, St. Mark's Community Ministries of St. James hosts a *Thursday Morning Mingle* at South Church, New Britain. We feed up to 150 or more people each Thursday morning with a hot and hearty breakfast, at no charge to them. It is our opportunity to support those in need in New Britain and to spread the good word as we mingle with those we serve. We need volunteers to make this happen – ideally, 2 teams of at least 6 volunteers, with each team serving every other week. This also allows for coverage for absences. If you would like to participate in this mission, or would like more information about it, please contact Dave Tompkins at dtompk2000@aol.com or 860 836-5788.

Hearing assist support upgrade: We have an upgrade to our sanctuary audio system which should clear up volume issues some have experienced on the livestream and in the worship space itself. Please let us know if those issues are unresolved for you at home. There is a discreetly placed Wifi station that should help folks with hearing impairments. We have four devices which can be found on the table in the narthex (ask ushers for help, if needed). The process is simple and below; if you have an iPhone or Android, you can use your phone:

- + Get one of our hearing aid devices
- + Log into to *St. James Par* (our Wi-Fi network) with password *StJofc2010*
- + Go to the App Store and download *Wavecast* audio receiver (Williams).
- + Once you have the app, open it, and click on Search by channel or name
- + Adjust the volume on the hearing aid device (each device comes with simple instructions).

MISSION STATEMENT

*We welcome all to worship and nurture spiritual growth through faith, grace and reason.
We reach out to those in need as a caring community &
live Christ's teaching to love one another.*

COMMUNION IN THIS CHURCH

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table in the Episcopal Church. If you are visiting, and have received Communion in your own parish, then please share in the sacrament with our parish. Gluten-free hosts are available. If you are not baptized, you are welcome to ask for a blessing.

GUESTS

A cordial welcome to St. James Parish. Please fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the collection box or hand it to an usher. We invite you to sign our guest book as you leave the church. Scan this QR code to access our website for more information about St. James Parish.

THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR PRAYER & MEDITATION

The Parish Office is open Monday–Friday, 9 am–2 pm.
Sunday worship services are held at 8 am (Rite 1) and 10:15 am (Rite 2).

