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VESTRY

2024
Kathy Bullard
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2025
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2026
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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024, 10:15 a.m.

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

The Word of God

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

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

For all who work, for teachers, counselors and social workers; to all who work with the sick, the poor, the elderly, and the young, may they find patience, strength, and wisdom; to all parents, and to all who cannot speak for themselves, we pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Laurent, Jordan K., Teri, Richard James, Angel, Babs, Arthur Bailey, Joyce Jensen, Brian, Luisa, Tom, Alan, William, Henry, and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, especially Norman Holland and his family, Dante DeDominicis, and all others we now name, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Most holy God, we thank you for hearing us and giving us Your Son as a gift of salvation, healing, and grace. Grant us the courage to bend our will to Your will, to nourish and care for the created world You have blessed us with, and create in us hearts for each other, filled with a willingness to forgive and to be forgiven. We ask in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP pg. 360

The Peace BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A BCP pg. 361

**Sanctus* Hymnal (front section) S125

*The Lord's Prayer BCP pg. 364

*The Breaking of the Bread BCP pg. 364

Gluten-free hosts are available.

Communion Hymns: 405, 439, 411

◆Post–Communion Prayer BCP pg. 365

Announcements

The Blessing

◆HYMN *Go forth for God* Hymnal 347

The Dismissal BCP pg. 366

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

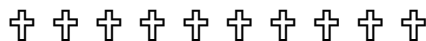
- ◆ You are invited to stand, as able. * You are invited to kneel, as able.
- BCP refers to *The Book of Common Prayer*, found in the pew book rack.

Serving this week

Crucifer		Chloe Roberts
Acolytes		Marisol & Gideon Pereira
Altar Guild		Janet LaPierre-Green & Verona Schlosky
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Jerry Hess
	10:15 a.m.	Chandler Howard
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Janet LaPierre-Green
	10:15 a.m.	Felicia DeDominicis
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Janet LaPierre-Green
	10:15 a.m.	Neil & Pat Clark
Coffee Hour Host		Chris & Deb Butler
Welcomer		Linda Mason
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Linda Mason

Today's altar flowers are given in memory of my wonderful parents,
Tom & Mamie Kirkwood.

~ Carol Kirkwood



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

This morning we welcome The Reverend Tom Carr among us to preach at both services. Tom (see *below*) has been involved for years as an advocate for God's creation and issues of environmental justice and conservation around the state, nation, and world. Tom will be available at both *First Sunday Breakfast* and after the 10:15 service for more conversation and information around how we can heed God's call on all of us to be better (and more loving) stewards of "this fragile earth, our island home." We look forward to welcoming Tom, a friend of many years, to our community.

The Rev. Thomas Carr is an ordained American Baptist Churches, USA minister and recently retired Pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Suffield, and a certified Spiritual Director. For 30 years he has been involved in issues of ecology and environmental justice with local congregations, ecumenically and on an interfaith basis. He is the co-founder of the American Baptist Churches, USA, Creation Justice Network (ABC, CJN) and the Connecticut Interreligious Eco-Justice Network (IREJN). He is also part of the National Religious Coalition on Creation Care (NRCCC). He is an activist for local, state and national environmental and human justice concerns.

Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need to have a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>. Please stay tuned, as we will eventually make a move from Facebook Live to YouTube streaming during the summer months. **Join us on Mondays** for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am, streamed on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@st.jamesparishfarmingtonct1226/live>



Fall Fair

There is much to do! Whether it's helping crafters unload their items Friday night, lending a hand in the food booth, baking, working at the bake sale or raffle table, or putting things back in place afterwards, we all have a part to play! **Please take a moment, consider what you can do to help, and then sign up on the parish hall ramp bulletin board. And remember to come shop and enjoy the fellowship and community on Saturday!!** **Please contact Donna Paye, if you have questions about the *Fair*. THANK YOU!**

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for our weekly Bible study at noon via Zoom with the Book of Acts, using N.T. Wright's *For Everyone* study guide. The study guides have arrived and are available for pick-up in the parish office at \$10 per copy. Zoom gathering info is: Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548. We hope you join us!

Church School Update for 2024-2025: Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out the registration form for your children. If you have not yet done this, please reach out to Brigitte for a form. We are off to a great start and looking forward to welcoming our beautiful energetic group of children every Sunday. Please continue to check the calendar and happenings on the bulletin board entering the parish hall.

Reminders:

- **Church school drop off in the parish hall is at 10 a.m.** Your child will join you in the service as the congregation passes peace to one another.
- **We continue to ask for teachers as we move forward:** We are using SignUpGenius again, so the link below takes you to the sign up. There is a slot for each 2024 Sunday. We cannot do this without your support in ministering to them in faith. Please contact Brigitte Cadigan with questions, or if you have trouble with the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E48ADA82EA7FF2-50798626-church>



The lectionary readings for next Sunday, October 6th are:

Job 1:1, 2:1–10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1–4, 2:5–12, Mark 10:2–16.



Blessing of the Animals – next Sunday, October 6th at 4 pm we will hold our annual Blessing of the Animals outside on the patio (or in the parish hall, if it's raining). Bring your animal pet with you for a short set of prayers and a blessing from Fr. George. We gather also in commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi, lover of animals whose feast day is on October 4th. Bring your furry friend (or scaly, or whatever, as long as it is not venomous or aggressive) for a blessing! See you then!

CPR/AED training: Do you know what to do if a family member collapses in front of you? Do you know how to relieve choking? Do you know how to use an AED? If the answer to these questions is “no,” and you would like the skills to help a loved one in distress, take the American Heart Association’s Family and Friends CPR class in the parish hall on **Saturday, October 19th at 10 a.m.** This course teaches CPR and relief of choking in adults, children and infants, as well as AED (automated external defibrillator) familiarization. It is designed for members of the general public who would like to learn basic CPR, including families with children or elderly relatives, and those who do not need a course completion card. The course is approximately 2 hours long and attendees will receive a textbook, participation card, and keychain barrier device. Please signup on the parish hall ramp bulletin board or in the narthex. This course is made possible at no cost by the Town of Farmington Fire Department and presented by CPR Instructors Bob and Bonnie Sudell.



St. Mark’s Ministries supports and operates a Food Pantry in New Britain. The population they serve faces many challenges. While the pantry offers food, they are often asked about personal items. Unfortunately, the pantry has no access to securing those items. St. James has been unfailingly generous in supporting a variety of causes and this is an opportunity to do so again. The items needed are:

Bath soap	Shampoo	Conditioner
Toothbrush	Toothpaste	Mouthwash
Deodorant	Feminine products	Toilet paper

A box is in the narthex (church lobby) to receive your donations through October 13th. If you prefer, a check made out to *St. Mark’s Episcopal Church* with a note for *Food Pantry*, may be sent to the St. James parish office that will forward it on to support the project. **Please note that we are NOT accepting clothing donations.** Thank you for your generosity! Questions: contact Linda Larkin at 860 508-6499 or Linda.larkin1322@gmail.com .

Canticle of the Creatures (St. Francis)

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honor and all blessing.
To You alone, Most High, do they belong
and no human is worthy to mention Your name.

Praised be you, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun,
who is the day, and through whom You give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor;
and bears a likeness of You, Most High one.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather
through which you give sustenance to your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister water,
who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother fire,
through whom You light the night,
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us,
and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed those who endure in peace, for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no one living can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin.

Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility.

Women's Retreat: There is still room on the upcoming Women's Retreat at Camp Washington, Friday, November 1st–Saturday, the 2nd. The cost per person for a shared room is: \$149, \$185 for a single room, and \$63 for Saturday only (with breakfast and lunch). Everyone who is staying over on Friday should arrive by 5:45 pm for dinner and then have time for programming and some social time as well. On Saturday, breakfast at Camp is usually around 8 am; the folks coming on Saturday should plan to arrive no later than 8 am that morning. Contact Fr. George if you are interested in taking part.

Walking with Grief – A Guided Caring Circle will be held Thursdays: October 10th to December 12th, 1–2:30 pm with Nancy Janiszewski and Donna Dellacamera. *Walking with Grief* is a guided caring circle for those who have experienced a life loss. The group offers a safe place to share one's grief journey and to hold space for the grief of others. Deep listening, compassion, camaraderie, and self-care are some of the goals of this series. This gathering is in-person at the Spiritual Life Center (76 Sherman Street in Hartford). To register, go to <https://www.spiritlifectr.org/walking-with-grief---a-guided-caring-circle>. If you want more info about the group's objectives, please see Fr. George. Cost is \$80 and financial assistance is available through the parish, if needed. Contact Nancy Janiszewski at njaniszewski@spiritlifectr.org for more info.

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).

