



St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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2026
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2027
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2028
David Hrdlicka
Carol Kirkwood
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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

◆Hymn *Be thou my vision* Hymnal 488

The Word of God

◆Opening Acclamation for Baptism BCP pg. 299

◆Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355

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

First Reading Genesis 29:15–28

Psalm 128 (*responsively, the People in **bold***) see insert

Second Reading Romans 8:26–39

◆HYMN *Thy kingdom come!* (vv. 1–3) Hymnal 615

◆The Holy Gospel Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

◆HYMN *Thy kingdom come!* (vv. 4–5) Hymnal 615

The Sermon Deacon Lee Febos

The Sacrament of Baptism BCP pg. 358

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power
of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example
the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect
the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and
respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate BCP pg. 305

Thanksgiving over the Water BCP pg. 306

The Baptism BCP pg. 307

The Peace BCP pg. 308

◆The Prayers of the People

Lord Jesus, You tried to teach us what Your kingdom was like, how valuable, how precious, and how close to us. Empower us to pursue Your kingdom, to desire it, and to share its reality with one another. We pray, responding, Your kingdom come!

For The Church, that She may hold up a mirror to Your kingdom, always guiding us toward the reality of Your Divine Presence and love. We pray, **Your kingdom come!**

For leaders who are constantly grasping for power and influence and who, throughout history, have been willing to use violence and deprivation to get what they wanted. May those same leaders be open to the reality of Your kingdom, which is like nothing else, and is of Your perfect design. We pray, **Your kingdom come!**

For all who struggle with the everyday world and its challenges, especially those who are hungry, homeless, living on the margins of societies through the world, that they may be encouraged by the openness of Your kingdom, we pray, **Your kingdom come!**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Austin Bohlman, Bruce, Nina, John Newton, Kevin and his daughter Zara, Wylder, Pauline, Phil, Susan Livingston, Bill, Lisa Vallee, Cruz, Danielle Harris, Bob C., Emilia, John M., Brian, Jane B., Jane, Robert Pizzanella, Jayla, Heather, Laurent, Tom, Carolyn, and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Your kingdom come!**

For all who have died, especially Helga Schramma, Geoffrey Newton, Karen Monsalve, and for all who mourn, and for any we pray for now, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Your kingdom come!**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, we pray Your kingdom come, Your will be done. Give us a greater vision of Your heavenly kingdom, and the richness it promises to us not only in the life to come, but how it is the pearl of great price – Your grace, mercy, and salvation – for our abundant life here and now. WE pray, in Christ's name.
Amen.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP pg. 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3)

Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A

BCP pg. 361

**Sanctus*

BCP pg. 362

*The Lord's Prayer

BCP pg. 364

*The Breaking of the Bread

BCP pg. 364

Gluten-free hosts are available.

Communion Hymns: 419, 635, 573

◆Postcommunion Prayer

BCP pg. 366

Announcements

◆HYMN

O worship the King (vv. 1, 3-5)

Hymnal 388

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
Altar Guild	Mimi Hostetter
Chalicians	Carol Kirkwood
Lector	Elizabeth McBride
Ushers	Neil & Pat Clark
Welcomer	Dianne Antos
Lemonade on the Lawn Hosts	Pat Kristen & Paul Amato
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery	Neil & Pat Clark
Vestry Keyholder	Carol Kirkwood

Today's altar flowers are given in memory of my wife,
Sharon Downie

~Chuck Downie



Music for the 9:30 am worship service is streamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-736322.

Coffee Hour sign-up. We have a few openings for our Summer Lemonade on the Lawn. (August 2nd to September 6th). Please see the sign-up sheet on the parish hall ramp. Thanks for your help!

Our thanks to Rachel Abrams for sharing her music with us this morning.

Baptized this morning is Naimh Elizabeth Barden, granddaughter of Elizabeth (Betty Barden)

Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 9:30 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: we are in a Bible study of the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon, using a study guide from the Ignatius Bible Study series (available in the parish office for \$10). The three books are connected as part of the “wisdom literature” of the Old Testament. Bible study begins **Sundays at 11:45 am** via Zoom with Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548.

Summer Worship Schedule: We hold a single Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. throughout the summer. This service is open to in-person attendance and available online as well. Nursery childcare is available for the service. Morning Prayer will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook Mondays at 9:30 am during the summer and the Wednesday 11:30 am Holy Eucharist service will continue throughout the summer except during Fr. George’s vacation – watch for updates.

Eucharistic Visitor Training: On Saturday, August 15th, at 9 am, we will hold our second Eucharistic Visitor training, which will include some hands-on practice of sharing the Eucharist in Special Circumstances, preparing for Holy Communion in this way, etc. Refreshments provided.

Women's Ministry

August 4th, 10 am, Coffee at the Daily Grind See your women friends from church and hang out to drink coffee, get a bite to eat while enjoying good conversation to start your day.

August 13th, 7 pm, Book Club with Tracey This month’s book is, *God’s Joyful Surprise*, by Sue Monk Kidd. Per Tracey: Sue Monk Kidd explores the thrilling possibilities of God’s everlasting love. The story makes an important statement about devotion to God rather than activity. Strands of humor and warmth are woven throughout making it a joy to read from beginning to end.

August 17th, 7 pm, Watercolor Fun with Betsy A fun evening of playing with watercolor and seeing what you can do with it, led by our very talented artist, Betsy Bailey. All supplies will be there, if you have brushes, watercolor, and paper you want to bring, feel free to do so. Besides your wonderful self also bring a friend, a bite to share and drinks if you are inclined. RSVP by 8/14 to Linda Mason at 1delshire@gmail.com.

St James' 8th Annual Fall Craft Fair – Saturday, September 12th, 9 am–3 pm

Once again, we are holding our very well attended gathering of local artisans, crafters and vendors exhibiting their wares for your personal and gift shopping opportunities. (Early Christmas shopping anyone?)

We also will have a Baked Goods Table offering delectables baked by our own talented members.

Our very popular “Tea Cup Raffle” continues this year, where there will be a Raffle Table displaying our many valuable items for your chance to try your luck. Take part in our drawing to see what you may win! Tickets are \$1 each, or Twelve tickets for \$10 or THIRTY tickets for \$20!

Last, but not least, grilled Hamburgers & Hotdogs for lunch!

AND SOMETHING NEW FOR 2026!! LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ON OUR CHURCH STEPS!
4 PIECE JAZZ COMBO AND VOCALIST FROM 11 AM TO 2PM

Our vendors will have their booths set up outside, as well as inside. We have many reservations already and we anticipate another terrific event this year just like last year!

We invite our entire congregation to come out and enjoy this annual fall event and welcome the surrounding community to our parish home.

For questions regarding the Teacup raffle, you can contact Linda Mason at 1delshire@gmail.com

For questions regarding the Baked goods table, you can contact Dona Waugh at donawaugh@sbc.net

For further details and any other questions, you may contact Dave Schueler (Event Coordinator) at 571.594.9336 or dwschueler@gmail.com.

Tea Cup Raffle Donations: The Fall Fair will be here before you know it (September 12th) and now it is time to solicit your favorite business for donations. Anyone interested in doing so please reach out to Linda Mason. All donations must be in the church by August 28th. See Pam Sheehy, our administrator, when dropping off donations.

The lectionary readings for Sunday, August 2nd, are:

Genesis 32:22–31; Psalm 17:1–7, 16; Romans 9:1–5; Matthew 14:13–21,

4th Annual Back-to-School Drive! The tradition continues! The youth of St. James are kicking off our 4th Annual Back-to-School Drive, providing complete sets of school supplies, backpacks, lunch boxes, and water bottles to 20 local Farmington students who would not otherwise have the means to start the school year with the necessary supplies. Our school district partners are incredibly grateful for your years of support, noting that these gifts give families a massive boost and get the kids genuinely excited for the first day of school.

Want to help us reach our goal?

~~**Donate Supplies:** Click the link to see what items are needed and sign up: [Back-to-School Drive](#)

~~**Give Financially:** If you prefer to let us do the shopping, monetary donations are also wonderfully welcome! You can donate gift cards or drop a check made out to *St. James Parish* (Memo: Back-to-School Drive) in the collection basket.

Drop-off: Please place all physical donations in the church narthex bins by Sunday, August 16th

After the deadline, our youth group will meet to assemble the backpacks and add personal notes of encouragement. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and for helping every child thrive!

From *The Youth of St. James*

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–Thursday, 9 am–2 pm.
Summer Sunday worship service is held at 9:30 am.

