

TODAY'S HYMNS can be found in the blue-covered *The Hymnal 1982* in the pew rack.

Hymn of Praise # 494
Gradual # 324
vs. 1-2 before the Gospel
vs. 3-4 after the Gospel

Offertory: # 616
Communion: # 544

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST of the Women of St. James is Saturday, December 3, 9:30AM at Chauncey's Restaurant. All women of the parish are invited. For more information, please see Pat Clancy.

AN APOLOGY: To Tatem Rockwell Einsig who celebrated a birthday on November 18. His surname was misspelled in last week's listing of celebrations. So sorry for the typo, Tatem (and the rest of the Einsig family) – we know it's Einsig, not Ensign. Happy Birthday again!!

BENNINGTON COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS WISH LIST: Deodorant; soap; shampoo; toothbrushes; toothpaste; razors & shaving cream; diapers (all sizes); feminine products; men's clothing (all sizes); cleaning supplies; toilet paper; paper towels; garbage bags. There is a bin in the narthex to collect the donations. For more information, please see Michael Rice.

LOOKING AHEAD

WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 23, 5:30PM.....Holy Eucharist (Iona Tradition)
Sunday, November 27, Advent I.....Holy Eucharist
Rite I, 8AM; Rite II, 10AM
Wednesday, November 30, 12:10PMHealing Eucharist
Sunday, December 4.....Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
Rite I, 8AM; Rite II, 10AM

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, November 20, 11:45AM.....End of Life Planning Forum
Sunday, November 27, 11:45AM....."Weapons of the Spirit"- Advent Film
and Discussion Program begins
Saturday, December 3, 9:30AMWOSJ Christmas Breakfast
Wednesday, December 7, 5:30PM.....Parish Forum on Planning for the Future
Sunday, January 1, 2017, 3PMMessiah Sing-Along
Sunday, January 22, 2017..... Annual Meeting immediately following
the liturgy of the Holy Eucharist at 9AM.

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The Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King
November 20, 2016



*"Praise to God, immortal praise,
for the love that crowns our days;
bounteous source of every joy,
let thy praise our tongues employ:
all to thee, our God, we owe,
source whence all our blessings flow."*

[Hymn #288, v. 1]

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WELCOME

A warm welcome to all and a special welcome to visitors; the addition of your praise and thanks heartens us all. If you are seeking a church home or simply a place to rest for a while on your spiritual journey, we invite you to consider St. James' to be that place. The service leaflet will guide you through the liturgy. In the pew racks you will find the *Book of Common Prayer* (red binding) and *The Hymnal 1982* (blue binding). Please do not hesitate to ask a fellow worshipper for help.

If you are new to St. James' and wish to receive our weekly e-mails, please fill in one of the welcome forms and leave it in the offertory plate or with an usher. Restrooms are located in the undercroft on the right-hand wall. There is an elevator located in the narthex for those who need it. **Please do not hesitate to speak to an usher or any church member if you have questions or need assistance.** Whether you are a visitor or a parishioner, if you would like a call and/or a visit please send an e-mail to stjamesparishoffice@gmail.com or call the office at 375-9952. If you have a need for hospital visitation for yourself or for a family member or friend, **you must call Fr. Christopher or the Parish Office.** Hospitals do not release the names of patients who are admitted.

TODAY'S HYMNS are listed on the hymn board and also on the back cover of this newsletter.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given by Pat and John Clancy to the greater glory of God and in loving memory of their daughter, Pamela Clancy Forster.

“As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives....

*After my awaking, he will raise me up; ... I myself shall see,
and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger. “*

UTO INGATHERING IS TODAY. Envelopes are available on the table as you enter the nave. We appreciate your generosity.

AN ORDER OF HEALING now will be offered at the conclusion of the liturgy of the Holy Eucharist on the first Sunday of each month. During Advent, there will be an informal Healing Eucharist on Wednesdays at 12:10PM instead of the Holy Eucharist at 5:30PM.

PARISH LIFE FORUM ON END-OF-LIFE PLANNING is today at 11:45AM. Please join us for coffee and discussion.

DATE CHANGE FOR PARISH FORUM ON “PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE”. The forum has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 5:30PM.** We will discuss the 2017 budget; 2017 fundraising; and the Community Dinner Program. Refreshments will be served. Please mark your calendars for this important event. The forum is sponsored by the Parish Life Committee. .

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Sick: Ken Blackler; Garrett Brewer; Janet Cassell; Sue Claro; Peter Garneau; Jo Gillikin; Dot Grout; Thomas Hayton; Esther Jaffee; John Jaworski; Jane Jersey; Bruce Keene; Marilyn King; John Laughrey; Mary Loring; Alan Mears; Bob McCarthy; Gail McDevitt; Charlie Menghini; Jack Michael; Cecelia O'Brien; Andie Owen; Ralph and Natalia Panelli; Irene Roth; MaryAnn Schaefer; June Sherwin; John, Judy and Anita Werner; Dot Whitley; Jeanne Zouck (Susan Gratz' mother); Barbara; Beth; Bruce; Celia; Chris; Dennis; Dick; Helen; Isaac; Jan; John; Kathy; Kay; Susan; Toby

For the Departed: Pamela Clancy Forster; all our departed loved ones; all victims of war, terrorism, violence and oppression throughout the world.

For Those In Need of Our Prayers: The congregation of the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, Hillandale in Silver Spring, Maryland ; Andie Owen and her family; Charles; Anna, Sherri; Alyce; Sue; Sara; John; Katie; Joan; Cathy; Alex; Sofia; Eleanor; Jack, Vin, Jan and A.J.; Wanda; the Kluj family; Hank; Estelle; all those who suffer from terrorism, strife, hunger and deprivation throughout the world; the homeless; refugees; for peace and justice everywhere; for all who need our prayers.

For Those Who Celebrate This Week:

Birthdays: 11/20-Ned Reade; 11/25-Anita Werner, Randy Novotny

Wedding Anniversaries: None this week

Baptismal Anniversaries: 11/20-Sue Claro; 11/24-Walter Berger

For Those Who Serve in the Armed Forces: Gary Marckres; Margaret; Willow Bucchieri-Sibley

In Thanksgiving: For the ministry of our Interim Pastor, Fr. Christopher L. David; for the work of the Parish Life Committee and the Finance Committee; for our families and friends; for God's love, freely given; for the communion of saints; for the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit.

For The Church: For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Thomas, our Bishop; the people and mission of this Diocese; the Very Rev. Christopher L. David, Interim Pastor; this parish of St. James' and its mission; the Revs. Paul Gratz, Sean Lanigan, Rolfe Lawson, John Miller, Scott B. Neal, Keith F. Patterson, priests; Kathleen Moore, postulant; in the Diocesan Prayer Calendar we pray for the ministries of Rock Point and all those who care for the land; and Province 4 (Southeast): Diocese of LA; dioceses in NC, SC, TN, FL, KY, GA, MS, AL, and Central Gulf Coast.

STATEMENT FROM PRESIDING BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY

November 14, 2016

Last week I shared what I pray was a reconciling post-election message to our church, reminding us that 'we will all live together as fellow Americans, as citizens.' Today I want to remind us that during moments of transition, during moments of tension, it is important to affirm our core identity and values as followers of Jesus in the Episcopal Anglican way.

Jesus once declared, in the language of the Hebrew prophets, that God's "house shall be a house of prayer for all nations" (Mk 11:17). He invited and welcomed all who would follow saying, "come to me all who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens" (Mt. 11:28).

We therefore assert and we believe that "the Episcopal Church welcomes you" - all of you, not as merely a church slogan, but as a reflection of what we believe Jesus teaches us and at the core of the movement he began in the first century. The Episcopal Church welcomes all. All of us!

As the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement today, we Episcopalians are committed, as our Prayer Book teaches to honor the covenant and promises we made in Holy Baptism: To proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ; To seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves; to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.

As Christians, we believe that all humans are created in God's image and equal before God - those who may be rejoicing as well as those who may be in sorrow.

As a Church, seeking to follow the way of Jesus, who taught us, "you shall love your neighbor as yourself," (Mt. 22:39) and to "do to others as you would have them do to you" (Mt. 7:12), we maintain our longstanding commitment to support and welcome refugees and immigrants, and to stand with those who live in our midst without documentation. We reaffirm that like all people LGBT persons are entitled to full civil rights and protection under the law. We reaffirm and renew the principles of inclusion and the protection of the civil rights of all persons with disabilities. We commit to the honor and dignity of women and speak out against sexual or gender-based violence. We express solidarity with and honor the Indigenous Peoples of the world. We affirm the right to freedom of religious expression and vibrant presence of different religious communities, especially our Muslim sisters and brothers. We acknowledge our responsibility in stewardship of

creation and all that God has given into our hands. We do so because God is the Creator. We are all God's children, created equally in God's image. And if we are God's children we are all brothers and sisters.

"The Episcopal Church Welcomes You," is not just a slogan, it's who we seek to be and the witness we seek to make, following the way of Jesus.

Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael B. Curry
The Episcopal Church

ADVENT is a time of preparation, of quiet waiting. During this season, the church enters a time of preparation and expectation for the coming of Christ "in power and glory" (Mark 13:26).

Two publications will be available for personal study and reflection during Advent: "The Living Gospel: Daily Devotions for Advent 2016" by Ann M. Garrido and "Walking the Road to Bethlehem: Your Journey to Christmas" by Adam Hamilton. You will find them on the table as you enter the nave next Sunday, November 27.

On the first three Sundays of Advent (November 27, December 4, December 11), we will present the documentary film, "Weapons of the Spirit" following the 10AM liturgy. The film is in three installments and will include a period of discussion afterward.

During World War II, in and around one village in Nazi-occupied France, 5,000 Jews were sheltered by 5,000 Christians. It is an astonishing story of a unique conspiracy of goodness in a tiny Protestant farming village in the mountains of south-central France. Defying the Nazis and the French government that was collaborating with the Nazis, the villagers of Le Chambon provided a safe haven throughout the war for whoever knocked on their doors.

"Weapons of the Spirit" was written, produced and directed by Pierre Sauvage. The highly acclaimed feature documentary was the recipient of many awards. It was shown in theaters and on PBS. "Weapons of the Spirit" was produced by the nonprofit Chambon Foundation, whose mission is to explore and communicate, especially on film, such necessary lessons of hope intertwined with the Holocaust's unavoidable lessons of despair.