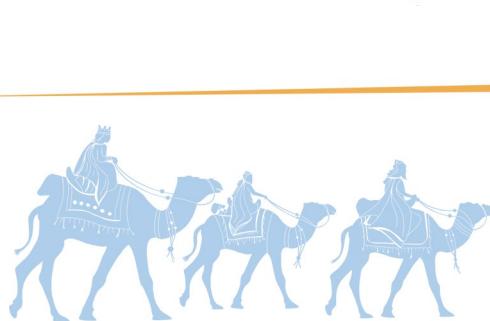
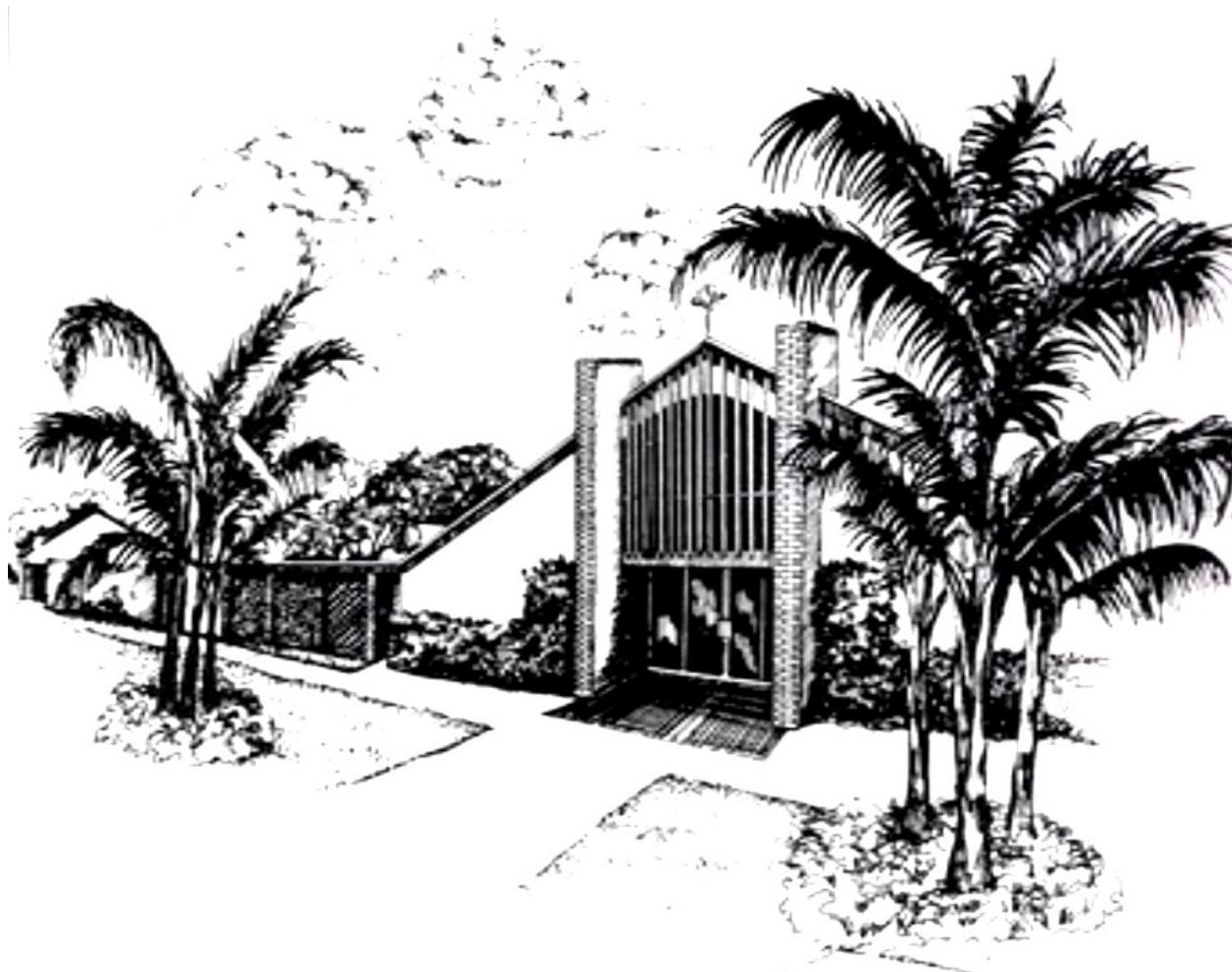




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SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM

JANUARY 11TH, 2026

**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II - 9:30 A.M.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation* **Hymnal 390**

**The Word of God**

**OPENING SENTENCE AND PRAYER**

BCP 355

*Priest:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**GLORIA** (*spoken*)

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

**ISAIAH 42:1-9**

*A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
    my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
    he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
    or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
    and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
    he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
    until he has established justice in the earth;  
    and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,  
    who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
    who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
    and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
    I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
    a light to the nations,  
    to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
    from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the LORD, that is my name;  
    my glory I give to no other,  
    nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
    and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
    I tell you of them.

*The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.*

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
**worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
 the God of glory thunders; \*  
**the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
**the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
**the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
 the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
**the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
**and strips the forests bare.**

9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
**all are crying, "Glory!"**

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
**the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
**the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \**  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

*A Reading from the acts of the Apostles.*

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that

he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN**

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove* **Hymnal 510**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 3:13-17**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S DIALOG**

**THE SERMON**

*Silence is kept.*

**Rev. David Potter**

**THE NICENE CREED**

**BCP 358**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

*(continued...)*

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
    he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
    he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
    in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
    and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
    who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
    and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor:* Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

**People: That we all may be one.**

*Intercessor:* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Sarah of Canterbury, our Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, our Bishop Peter Eaton, and our priest Reverend David; In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of the Region of Central America. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Anne's, Hallandale Beach, and St. Christopher's, Fort Lauderdale.

**People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intercessor:* Protect all innocent lives at risk across the Middle East, in Sudan, Nigeria, Israel

and Palestine, Ukraine, and Russia, and to all affected by gun violence;

**People: That a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow.**

*Intercessor:* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People: That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Intercessor:* For all who are ill, injured, or suffering from despair or anxiety, especially for those on our parish prayer list... and for those who offer skilled, tender care for them;

**People: That they may have strength for today and for tomorrow.**

*Intercessor:* For those struggling financially and find their future uncertain;

**People: That they may discover resources and support for the days, weeks, and months ahead.**

*Intercessor:* For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially... and those celebrating an anniversary this week, including... and for all those we name silently or aloud;

**People: That they may see the blessings of the past and the blessings you provide in the present.**

*Intercessor:* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*Priest:* God of freedom, your beloved meets us where we are, immersed in the flow of life: by his humility and solidarity raise us from fear and guilt; may the arc of the Spirit's flight make us a people of peace; through Jesus Christ, the Son of Righteousness. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSON OF SIN**

BCP 359

*Priest:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**ALL: Most merciful God, We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Priest:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

BCP 360

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WELCOME OF VISITORS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*I Surrender All* **Lift Every Voice & Sing II** 133

### DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS

**Priest:** All things come of Thee, O Lord,

**People:** And of Thine own have we given Thee.

### HOLY COMMUNION

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Priest:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS

S 130

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

*(continued...)*

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
    as we forgive those  
        who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
    and the power, and the glory,  
        for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

*Priest:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Priest:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### COMMUNION HYMN

*Breathe on me, Breath of God* **Hymnal 508**

#### A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION SAID BY THOSE NOT PRESENT AT HOLY COMMUNION

*Priest:* In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

*Priest:* Let us pray.

**ALL:** Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR COMMISSIONING

*(if the licensed LEVs are bringing communion to shut-ins, the following is said)*

**Priest:** I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**Congregation:** We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

## THE BLESSING

**Priest:** May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

**People: Amen.**

## RECESSATIONAL HYMN

*Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing* **Hymnal 344**

## DISMISSAL

**Priest:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## NOTICES

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

We pray that you are well on this the first Sunday after the Epiphany.

***Join us for Fellowship Hour in Feaster Hall provided by Arthur & Corinna Bilotti and Allison Biszantz. We thank them for their kindness!***



### **BIBLE STUDY: MATTHEW**

Join us for Bible Study of the Gospel according to Matthew, Thursdays at 7pm via Zoom. Find the Zoom link in your Constant Contact email or contact Amanda in the St. James Office.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

#### **Annual Parish Meeting**

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25th, 2026 following the 9:30am Worship Service in Feaster Hall. Ministry leaders please begin the 2025 Ministry Reports and deliver via email to the Parish Office **no later than this Friday, January 16th** for the Annual Parish Meeting Report Bulletin.



### **2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Please take home your box for 2026 available now in the sanctuary. New parishioners who wish to receive personal offering envelopes for the year 2026, please contact the Office and we will designate a numbered envelope box to record a future offering statement. Also, please remember to return your pledge card in the offering plate, to the Office, or by mail. This helps the Vestry create a responsible budget.

The St. James chapter of the **Daughters of the King** is being renewed. Members are women who desire a closer walk with the Lord. We are Christian women, both lay and ordained, who are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life, and supported through the companionship of our sisters. We are all at different stages of our Christian journey – some have just begun and some have been on this path for a long time. But no matter where we are on our sacred journeys, our primary goal is the same – to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others. For more information, see Betty Cay Stanford or visit [www.doknational.org](http://www.doknational.org).



### **COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS**

Those who have signed up to volunteer as host for coffee hours, please contact the Office for any inquiries on supplies and procedures, and to collect the keys if needed. For any Sundays not chosen by volunteers, simply the coffee station only will be provided by the Church. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the blue bulletin board located outside the Parish Office for upcoming dates. 2026 dates are available now.

## DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Forward Movement's Day-by-Day devotionals for NOV-DEC-JAN are available in the Sanctuary and from the Church Office during the week. Please take a copy to share with friends or loved ones.

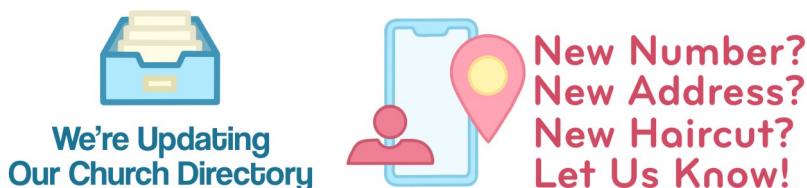
## FLOWER CHART

A flower chart for 2026 has been posted in the Little Angels' Room for those who wish to provide the altar flowers for a particular Sunday Worship Service. Altar flowers may be dedicated to loved ones and for special dates. Please contact the Office for florist recommendations.

### Are you interested in serving on our Vestry?

Seeking faithful and dedicated members to serve on the Vestry: The Vestry is the elected leadership responsible for the spiritual well-being and temporal affairs of the Parish and contributes to the Church's Mission and Growth. If you feel called to contribute time, talent, and commitment, you are invited to learn more about the responsibilities and rewards from this ministry. For more information or to express interest, please contact the Parish Administrator, with contact information and see our Vestry requirements listed next to the sanctuary doors.

Blessings,  
Claudette Crowder-Fowler  
Senior Warden



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Our Anglican Community:

**The Anglican Church of the Region of Central America**

Our Diocesan Community:

**St. Anne's, Hallandale Beach**

**St. Christopher's, Fort Lauderdale**

Those in our Parish:

**Jan Pushkar, Loretta Steward, Paul Crosta, Sarah Allen, Karron Bacchus, Sonia Fiederick, Riley Rupert-Richendollar, Alan Demascus, Julia Smith, Cheryl-Ann Edwards, Brantley Williams, Andrea Holmes, Douglas Saunders, Frank Bautista, Pat Miller, Nancy Savino, Pat Whipple, Rolando Mantilla, Donnie Coxe, Gwen Evans, Phil Smith, Richard Sutherland, Rick Sanford, Arthur Bilotti.**



*We pray for the members of our parish family who are celebrating  
their birthday this week:*

**Laureen Clarke, Kirk Evans, Frank Mirjah, Rudy Mirjah**



## **MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**Sunday, January 11th**

Fellowship Hour

**Tuesday, January 13th**

Vestry Meeting via Zoom - 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

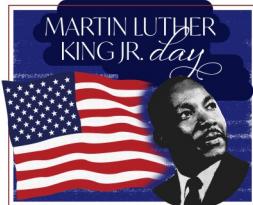
Rev. David Potter's Office Hours

**Thursdays on Zoom - 7:00 p.m.**

Bible Study on Matthew

**Monday, January 19th**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Office Closed



**Sunday, January 25th**

**Annual Parish Meeting**



## **REV. DAVID POTTER, PRIEST-IN-RESIDENCE**

### **MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY**

**CLAUDETTE CROWDER-FOWLER - SENIOR WARDEN**

**YVONNE PAICELY - JUNIOR WARDEN**

**ROBERT WHITEHEAD - TREASURER, LORNA SMITH - CLERK TO THE VESTRY,**

**PAUL CIZEK, CLOVIA RUSH-BARNETT, NICKISHA WILLIAMS**

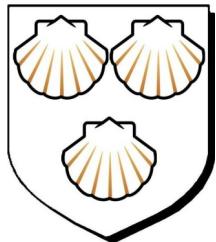
Amanda Groome, our Parish Administrator, is available in our Parish Office Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and via Office Email:

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of St. James in-the-Hills Episcopal Church is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and to invite all of God's diverse community into a personal relationship with our Lord.

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