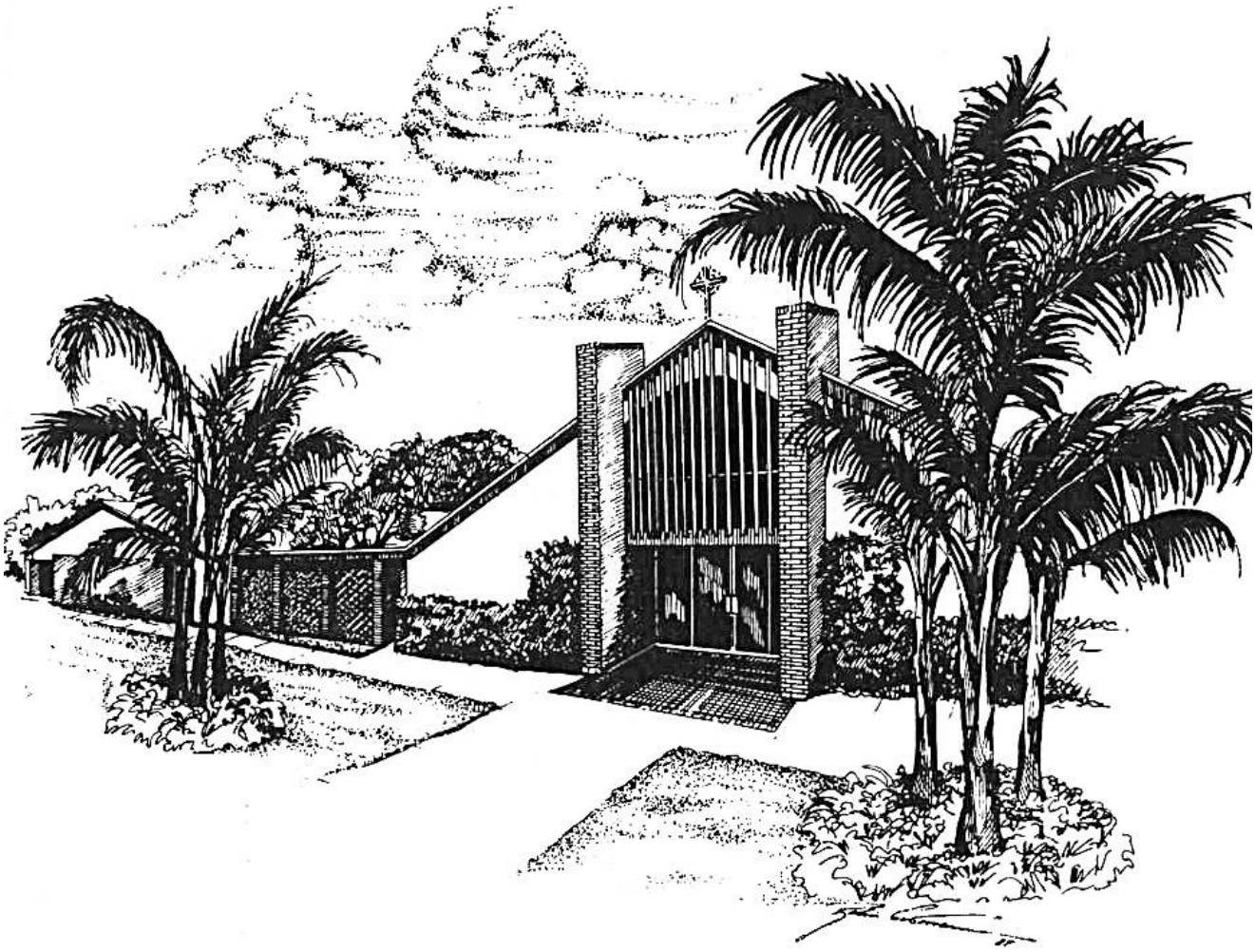
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SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* **Hymnal 690**

The Word of God

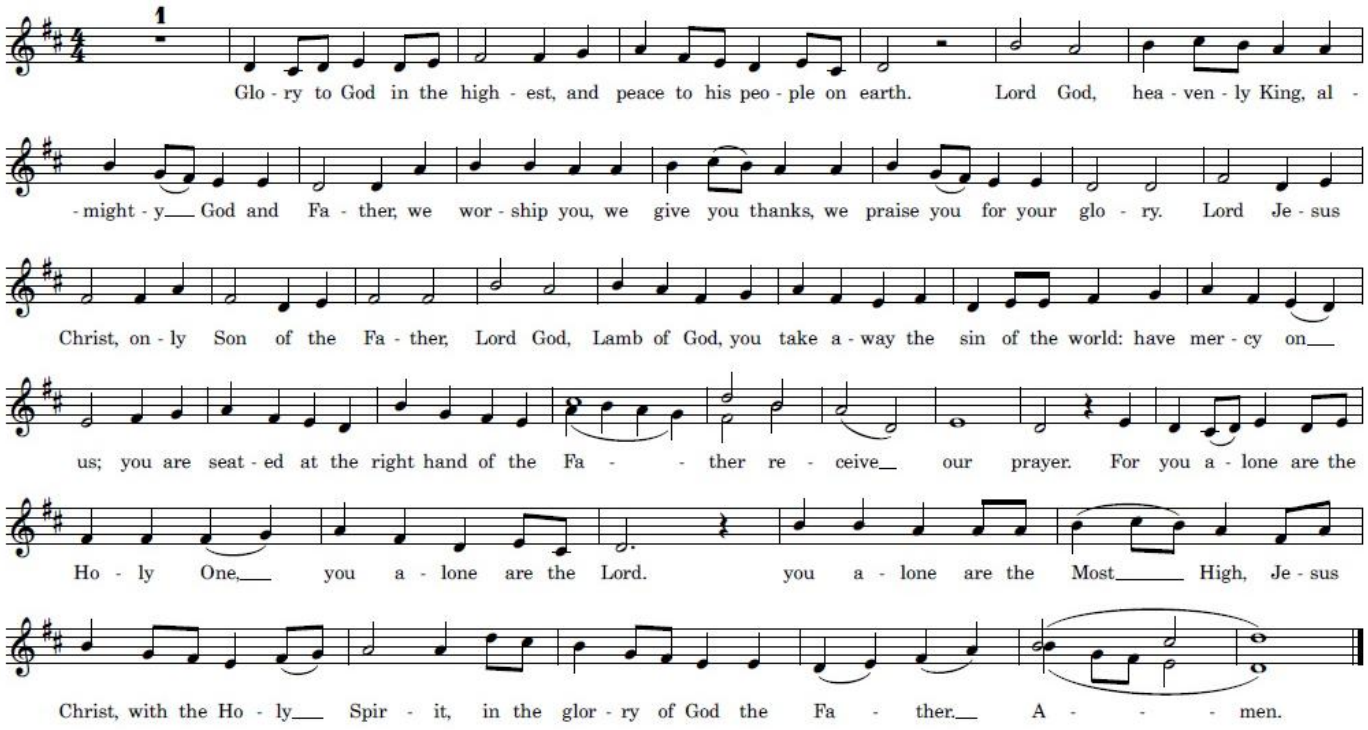
OPENING SENTENCE AND PRAYER BCP 355

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 *(sung)*



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT **JOSHUA 24: 1-3a, 14-25**

A Reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (*read responsively)* **PSALM 78:1-7**

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

*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.

THE EPISTLE **1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18**

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GRADUAL HYMN *Rejoice! rejoice, believers (verses 1-2)* **Hymnal 68**

THE HOLY GOSPEL **MATTHEW 25:1-13**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GRADUAL HYMN *Rejoice! rejoice, believers (verse 3)* **Hymnal 68**

CHILDREN'S DIALOG
THE SERMON ***Rev. David Potter***

Silence is kept.

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,
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.

(continued…)

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 Archbishop Sarah Mullally 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 Province of Congo. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy, and people of St. Gregory's, Boca Raton and St. Nicholas, Pompano Beach.

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, Venezuela, Colombia, 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.
Prayer of Protection from Hurricanes
Almighty God, Creator and Redeemer of humankind, grant to us your supplicant people, protection against the ravages of hurricanes, floods, and other calamities; that in tranquility of weather we may rejoice in the comfort that we ever desire and may always make right use of Your great goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER
Priest: Holy God, whose fire of love never goes out: free us from the fear of scarcity that keeps us out of love's own feast; renew our trust in your abundance which knows no death and keeps no count; through Jesus Christ, the oil of gladness. **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 *We'll Understand It Better By and By* **Lift Every Voice & Sing II 207**

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.

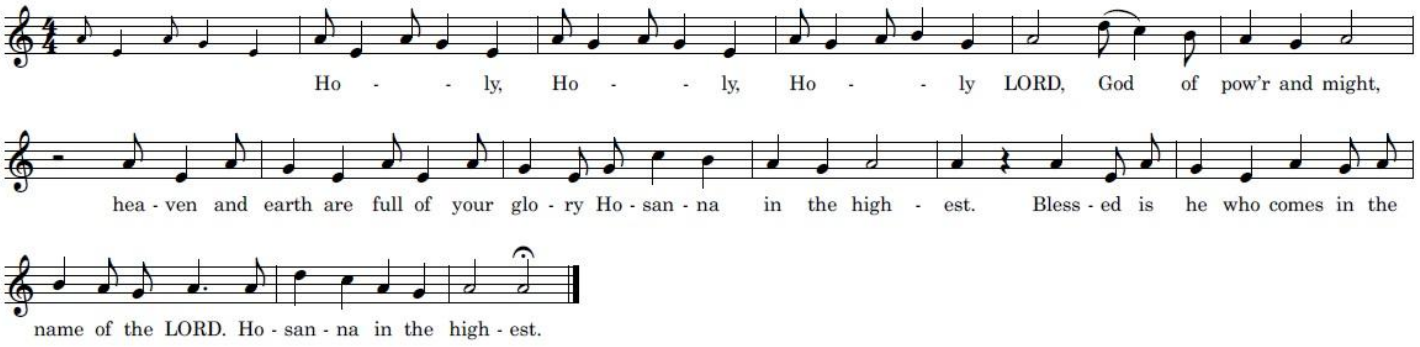
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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 *(sung)* S 130



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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 sing,

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)* 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.
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, *(continued…)*

and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP 364

Priest: Alleluia. 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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's Table. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please kneel at the communion rail, and cross your arms across your chest, forming an X.

COMMUNION HYMN *How Great Thou Art* **Lift Every Voice & Sing II 60**

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 the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Love divine, all loves excelling* **Hymnal 657**

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 twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in Feaster Hall!

OPERATING CHRISTMAS CHILD

The annual Christmas Shoeboxes have arrived and are due this year on Sunday, **November 22nd**. Please contact Liz Miller at (954) 668-6507 if you have any questions on how to fill a shoebox for children in need, please no edible items. Please include a $10 donation for shipping and gospel materials.

JOIN US WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

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

BUNCO NIGHT

Bunco is back on Saturday, November 21st. Doors open at 4pm and game starts at 4:30pm with light refreshments. Adults to play are $5 and children ages 5-10 are $3.

ANNUAL PICNIC POSTPONED

The St. James in-the-Hills Episcopal Church Parish Picnic Day at TY Park has been postponed. The date will now be Sunday, December 13, 2026, at Pavilion #5. The Service will begin at 9:30am. Members are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and their favorite games. T.Y. Park is located at 3300 N. Park Road, Hollywood, FL 33021. The park has an entry fee of $3 per vehicle (maximum 8 occupants per vehicle). We still encourage everyone to wear your St. James T-shirts and bring family and friends! Please contact the Fellowship Committee or the Office to order more t-shirts.

Picnic Contributions - If you would like to contribute, we would appreciate the following items: gift cards ($10) for raffle prizes, pastry items, canned sodas, and bottled waters. A sign-up sheet is available in Feaster Hall on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

FORWARD MOVEMENT DAY-BY-DAY DEVOTIONALS

The NOV-DEC-JAN edition is available now in the Sanctuary and the Church Office during the week. We provide Forward-Day by Day to parishioners as a simple and effective daily prayer practice. Each day features a Bible verse from the daily readings, and a related reflection written by a different author each month, all in less than 200 words. It even includes the daily feast days, as well as prompts to take faithful action in your daily life. Please take a copy to share with friends or loved ones.



COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Those who signed up to volunteer as host for coffee hours, please review the tips and reminders card located above the sign-up sheet on the blue bulletin board outside the Parish Office with upcoming dates. For any Sundays not chosen by volunteers, the coffee station only will be provided by the Church. Please contact the Office if you have additional questions concerning supplies and procedures or need to collect the keys if needed.

HURRICANE SEASON

The 2026 Atlantic hurricane season officially began on June 1st and will end on November 30th. Please stay up to date and prepared.



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Please Pray for…

Our Anglican Community:

The Anglican Church of the Province of Congo

Our Diocesan Community:

St. Gregory's, Boca Raton
St. Nicholas, Pompano Beach

Those in our Parish:

Jan Pushkar, Richard Sutherland, Rick Sanford, Paul Crosta, Pat Miller, Riley Ruppert-Richendollar, David King

Please note that prayer requests are in effect for 60 days and can be renewed in 60 day increments. You may contact the Church Office or Father David.



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

Jonathan Becker, Paul Cizek, Frances C., Hyeseon Levitsky



We salute our veterans in our parish family who served in the United States Armed Forces

Kirk Evans

Yvonne Paicely

Rick Sanford



MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, November 8th
Fellowship Hour

Tuesday, November 10th
Vestry Meeting via Zoom – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11th
Veterans Day – *Office Closed*
Bible Study on Matthew via Zoom – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, 11/12 & Friday, 11/13
Office Closed

Saturday, November 14th
DOK Meeting – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 21st
BUNCO Night in Feaster Hall – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 22nd
Christ the King Sunday
Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes Due

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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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