

the st. james



December 2023
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Sunday Schedule

8 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 AM Coffee Hour
5:30 PM South Sudanese
Worship

The 10 a.m. Worship Service is live streamed weekly and recorded for later viewing through the St. James YouTube Channel. The link is on our website, listed below.

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Advent 2023 Message from the Senior Warden

Advent marks the beginning of the Christian year and is a time of joyful anticipation as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. In the weeks leading up to Christ's birth, through prayer and meditation, Christians around the world are reminded of God's goodness, promise and steadfast love for all. It is also a time that we can easily get lost in the secular frenzy of the season: decorating, gift buying, Christmas card writing and mailing, grocery shopping, dessert making, picking the right outfit for the family Christmas dinner or office party, etc. It is my hope that amid the busyness of the season, you are able to slow down, meditate, and make time during Advent to pray and prepare your heart for the coming of Jesus Christ.

It was December 2013 and Violet was 3 ½ years old. She was spending the weekend with me and we had plans to decorate the Christmas tree, arrange the crèche and Nativity figurines, hang a wreath on my front door, and maybe bake some cookies. Christmas music streamed from the Amazon Alexa. Everything about the season was exciting and wonderful through the eyes of a 3-year-old.

The Advent calendar and Advent wreath were on the island in my kitchen where I place them every year. I explained to Violet that the Advent calendar was a way to prepare our hearts daily for the coming of Jesus by counting down the days of December until Christmas on December 25th. She was thrilled to open the first window marked with the number 1 and find a piece of chocolate candy! Intrigued by the Advent calendar, we moved on to lighting the 1st candle in the Advent wreath representing "HOPE". Purple was her favorite

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St. James Episcopal Church**Clergy:**

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† Rec. Treasurer, Danny Fainter
Avis Aheron
Tim Buchholtz
Donna Frost
Jessica Price
Katie Rucker
Carla Spencer
Phil Wheeler
Dottie Wrabel
Lynn Wright
(† - Not Vestry members)

Standing Committees & Chairs

Finance: TBA

Property: Tim Buchholtz

Hospitality: Kim Laxton

Stewardship: TBA

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Episcopal Church Women:

Dorothy Herndon

Daughters of the King:

Carla Spencer

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color and she beamed as I let her light the candle with a long match. As she lit the candle, I began to sing Hymn 56, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*. Violet is now 13-years-old and quite the teenager, with all the sass and attitude afforded to her. But this tradition, started 10 years ago, is still something we enjoy doing together as our "special" Advent ritual which I hope will continue in the years to come.

**Collect for the First Sunday of Advent
(BCP 211)**

*Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

Resources for daily Advent devotions:

-  Episcopal Relief & Development:
<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/worship-resources/let-us-pray/advent-season-prayers/>
-  Forward Movement:
www.forwardmovement.org
-  Journeying the Way of Love Advent Curriculum:
www.episcopalchurch.org

✚ Living Well Through Advent 2023:
www.livingcompass.org

✚ There are also books in our Church Library with Advent Meditations that may be borrowed and returned. These may be found in the Prayers and Devotionals section of the library.

St. James Cycle of Prayers

In December, we give thanks for those who participate in our music ministries. We ask your prayers for the Choir Director/Organist, and the members of the Adult Choir. May their talents continue to be rendered to the glory of God and their music continue to enhance our worship services.

VESTRY CORNER . . .

Annual Meeting Scheduled

Our 2023 Annual meeting will be held on January 14 at coffee hour. Please plan to attend. We will be electing 3 new vestry members.

Meet Our 2024-2026 Vestry Nominees

Each of the four persons nominated to serve on the Vestry for the term 2024-2026 were asked to submit their answers to four questions:

1. How were you led to come to St. James?
2. What is your church background? How long have you been an Episcopalian?
3. What gifts do you use to do God's work in the world?
4. What strengths will you add to the vestry?

The responses received from each nominee are shown below:

Maile Armstrong

I was led to St. James because I'd lived in the area for a few years and did not have a church home. I'd been to several other episcopal churches in the area but I didn't connect there. Once I found St. James, Helen St. John, invited me to sit with her as I walked in the door

My church background: I was born into the Episcopal Church; my father was a Priest. I've been involved at multiple churches, as secretary, as Director of Christian Education, as Sunday School and Vacation Bible School coordinator. I also helped at several DIOSWVA ministries---Church Insurance Safety Program, Safeguarding God's Children (now Safe Church, Safe Communities). River Adventure

The gift I use to do God's work in the world is to just try to help people as I can.

The strengths I will add to the vestry are the offer of my time and expertise in safety related issues. I ask hard questions, not to be obnoxious, but to be

sure I understand the issue and possible outcomes.

Chris Criscione

I was led to St. James when Joey and I were looking for a parish that would provide a positive and warm spiritual environment for our family. Someone Joey worked with suggested St. James, so we came for a visit one Sunday, felt an immediate connection with the people and with Ken Emmerling, the rector, and decided this was our church home.

My church background: I was raised in the Presbyterian Church where I was deeply involved with the youth group and served as a deacon. I drifted away from church life as a college student and for the first part of my 20's. I started attending the Episcopal church when I met Joey, who is a cradle Episcopalian. I felt a connection to the liturgy, the theology, and the social agenda of the church. I was confirmed in the church around 1994.

My gifts: I would like to think I use the gifts of thoughtfulness, compassion, reason and communication primarily. In my thinking and my own personal practice, I believe the best way to evangelize is to try and do what Jesus preaches in the gospel: to try and love God with all my being and love my neighbor as I wish to be loved in return.

Strengths I will add to the Vestry: This will be my third time serving, so I believe I bring some good experience as a vestry member. I will also try to bring a thoughtfulness to the job including an

openness to other opinions and ideas, and a commitment to try and discern whatever course of action best serves the current and future needs of the St. James community.

Danny Fainter

I was led to St James after being invited to an evensong service by my friend Art Tatman. I later had interaction with Mother Sue Bentley while I was in the hospital and was touched by her welcoming and openness to all, regardless of their background. She invited me to attend a service once I was home from the hospital. I was greeted with open arms my first Sunday and felt I had found a church home.

My church background: I grew up attending the Baptist church and the Church of God. I attended college at Lee University in Cleveland, TN. I was baptized when I was 10 at Cedar Bluff Baptist church in Buchanan, VA. After I started attending St James in 2012, I was confirmed in February of 2013.

My gifts: I try to use my accounting background to serve the church as receiving treasurer. I have also served in similar capacities at the Church of God I attended here in Roanoke as well as their state headquarters, also located here in Roanoke.

Strengths I will add to the Vestry: I feel my past 3-year term on the vestry prepared me for understanding the work of the vestry. I'm willing to attend the monthly meetings and to do my part to

help carry on the work and outreach of St James, both at the church and in the community.

Kim Laxton

I was led to St. James when we moved to Roanoke in 2007. I had visited another church in the area and that church did not have the small, easy going friendly church feel. Around 2011 Kevin Shepherd who works with Kevin Laxton invited us to St. James. Right away the welcoming we received we knew we had found our church home.

My church background: I was raised in a large Lutheran church that I found very cold and the people were not very friendly. Disclaimer: we did not go to church every Sunday so that could be why I was not comfortable. Around 1991/92 my dad got colon cancer and asked for us to start going to the Episcopal church he was raised in and still had family going to that church. My mom and I agreed and the priest Father Leggit came to the house to confirm us. We were quickly welcomed and began our journey as Episcopalians.

The gifts I offer: To do Gods work in the world, I felt the pull to join Little Church Social Club. Being with these folks twice a month and showing them that they matter, they are children of God and they are important.

The strengths I will add to the vestry: In my many roles at St. James and my supervisor role at work I feel like I can see both sides of the church, the people's

needs and the business end of the church.

Priest-In-Charge Appointed

The Wardens and Vestry of St. James are excited to announce that the Reverend Joseph G. Butler has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge* to St. James by Bishop Mark Bourlakas, with the unanimous consent of the Vestry. Father Joseph+ will be joining us in August 2024**.

Father Joseph+ impressed us with his warmth, intelligence, energy and dedication to the needs of his parishioners, as well as the community at-large. He is currently serving as Interim Rector at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Harrisonburg, VA (2022-present). Previously, Father Joseph+ served as curate and Associate Rector at Christ Episcopal Church, Blacksburg, VA (2019-2022), and Associate Rector at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Collierville, TN (2018-2019).

Father Joseph+ holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with a Minor in History (2014) from The University of the South and a Master of Divinity (2018) from The University of the South School of Theology.

Father Joseph's spouse, Katherine Mustafa, DO, will be working at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital as an endocrinologist. We are so excited to welcome Father Joseph+ and Katherine to St. James in August 2024.

*A Priest-in-Charge has all of the responsibilities and authority of a rector and is eligible to be called as rector at the conclusion of the agreed upon contract period, which in this case is 2 years. An interim priest assists a parish in the transition and search for a rector; however, the authority within the parish lies with the wardens and the vestry. The interim priest may not be called as rector at the conclusion of the contract period.

**Father Joseph+ is committed to his current parish through June 2024. His wife, Katherine will complete her fellowship in endocrinology at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in June 2024. They plan to move to Roanoke, VA shortly thereafter.

A Message from Bishop Mark A. Bourlakas

The conflict in Israel is on all of our hearts and minds as many innocent people on both sides are being injured and killed everyday. The some 7,000 Anglican Christians who make up The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem are praying, and working for peace while assisting those in need of healing and hope. Archbishop Hosam has asked that we, Anglicans, support the various medical ministries of the diocese during this very difficult time. Therefore, your Executive Board and I have designated our St Nicholas Appeal to aid The Princess Basma Centre located on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. Through its Child Rehabilitation Centre, this mission of the Diocese of Jerusalem is able to provide treatment and rehabilitation for children

with disabilities from Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza, for the age group 0-15. You can learn more about the Center here www.basma-centre.org. Please consider faithfully how you might support this effort, either by donating online at www.dioswva.org or by mailing a check payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia with "St. Nicholas Day Appeal" marked in the memo to PO Box 2279, Roanoke, VA 24009.

December Schedule for Priests, Deacons, and Lay Leaders Serving

December 3, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite I and Rite II
The Rev. Canon Jonathan Harris

December 10, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite I and Rite II
The Rev. Joseph Butler

December 17, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word
The Rev. Deacon Linda Ricker

December 24, Morning Services 8a.m. and 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist
The Rev. Canon Jonathan Harris

December 24, Christmas Eve Service 8 p.m.

Holy Eucharist
The Rev. Canon Jonathan Harris

December 31, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word
The Rev. Deacon Linda Ricker

TREASURERS' CORNER . . .

By Kevin Shepherd

October Financials:

(These are Year-to-Date actual amounts not budgeted amounts)

Operating Income: \$145,681.73

Operating Expenses: \$133,045.83

Net (Loss) Operating Income: \$12,635.90

Another way to help fundraise for St. James:

Kroger: For your Kroger grocery purchases to be credited towards St. James fundraising efforts, you will need to register online with Kroger (www.kroger.com/communityrewards). St. James' exclusive community rewards organization number is VM990. If you need assistance with signing up, please contact Avis Aheron:

avisaheron@hotmail.com

or

540-580- 9203

It will take just a few minutes to sign you up, and St. James will receive a check based on the percentage of sales, split among participating organizations.

OUTREACH NEWS...

Our December benevolence offerings will go Feeding America of Southwest Virginia on December 17 and to Blue Ridge Literacy on December 31.

Feeding America of Southwest Virginia's mission is to nourish

neighbors, engage community partners, and develop solutions to address food insecurity.

Feeding Southwest Virginia was founded in 1981 and proudly commemorates over 40 years of fighting hunger and changing lives through community partnerships.

The Food Bank is an affiliate member of Feeding America and for the last four decades the Food Bank's ultimate mission has remained the same: eliminate hunger in the region.

The primary function of the Food Bank is to secure large quantities of food for the hungry. Over \$33 million worth of food and grocery related products are channeled through a network of 380 partner feeding programs in our 26-county, 9 city region that provide food or meals to those in need.

Blue Ridge Literacy was founded in 1985 by two librarians who wanted to address a need in their community.

The mission of Blue Ridge Literacy is to support achievement of life goals by providing opportunities to strengthen literacy skills to adults in western Virginia. One of our main philosophies is to keep a learner's goals and interests in mind when working with them.

We encourage our volunteers, teachers, and tutors to get to know their learner or classroom so that they are better able to teach. Similarly, we tell all of our learners to ask their teachers questions and to tell their instructor what they are interested in. Operating tutoring sessions and

classes in this way ensures a reciprocal relationship that may differ from a traditional student/teacher dynamic. BRL has found that developing relationships in an educational setting aids the learning process when working with adult learners.

All 1:1 tutor training and classroom training is available to adults in the Virginia counties of Roanoke, Botetourt, Franklin, Alleghany and Craig, and the cities of Roanoke and Salem.

Blue Ridge Literacy offers ESOL classes, citizenship classes, and one-to-one tutoring for immigrant and refugee adults, as well as native-speaking adults.

Please give generously to these organizations. Make checks payable to St. James Episcopal Church with "outreach" on the memo line of your check.

For more information or to donate directly to these organizations, please visit their websites:

Feeding America Southwest Virginia

<https://www.feedingswva.org>

Blue Ridge Literacy

<https://www.blueridgeliteracy.org>

ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Neighborhood Clothesline Submitted by Maile Armstrong

The recent cold snap will remind us all that we have neighbors of St. James who need help. Many people rely on walking or public transportation to get to work, the grocery store, doctor's offices, or a bank. It is easy to forget how cold it is to walk those distances for those who do not have a car.

Our winter clothesline is being set up again this year near the back gate. This will provide warm hats, gloves and scarves for those neighbors who often pass through the church parking lot. Please help by providing new or gently used hats, gloves and scarves for children and adults. Socks are also a welcome addition for folks.

In the Parish Hall you will find a basket. Bring your donations in a zip lock bag -to keep items dry- or you will find zip lock bags in that basket along with clothespins. Feel free to hang your contributions on the clothesline or leave them in the basket and Maile will make sure the items are hung out there!

Thank you for your contributions to help keep neighbors warm and comfortable. Questions?? Check with Maile at 540-354-6016 or mailearmstrong@verizon.net



THANK YOU

Adult Potluck Social December 9 Submitted by Doris Mattox

It's time to get together to do what we love: socialize!! Doris and Larry Mattox with Joyce Brown are hosting an Adult Social on Saturday, December 9 at their home in Troutville from 3-6pm. The plan is to start early to end before dark. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board to list who is coming and what you will bring. We will begin with hors d'oeuvres and beverages (BYOB) and eat supper around 4:30 or 5pm. Hope to see you there! Directions will be on the bulletin board.

St. James Connection Goes Electronic

Conversation about how to best continue our monthly issues of The St. James Connection have progressed thanks to the feedback received since our October issue. **Based on this feedback, this will be the last snail mailed issue.** Future issues will be a digital format in combination with a few snail mail copies to those who have no access to internet.

If you wish to continue receiving The St. James Connection in 2024 and do not have access to internet, please call the church office (540-366-4157) **before December 15. If you are a friend of our parish, please call before December 15** to ensure we have the correct email address for you.

Choir Members Past and Present Submitted by Renee Toth

Several of the various small choir books are missing. Please look and see if there are any of these books amongst your music at home. If you find any, please return them in the choir cart in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your continued support of the St. James Choir.

Treat of the Week Submitted by Karen Martin

I am constantly amazed with your generosity, enthusiasm and creativity with your Treat of the Week contributions. We are always collecting these wonderful treats that you provide. As a reminder, the proceeds of our ticket purchases are given to support the needs of our building.

School Supplies for Round Hill Submitted by Karen Martin

We continue to support Round Hill Elementary school by providing school supplies and Box Tops for education. Items needed: glue sticks, pencils, paper, folders, etc. Thank you for your donations.

St. James's Website

Visit our St. James website, <https://stjamesroanoke.org>, which has been redesigned and updated. When the Diocese did not renew their contract with Digital Faith, that hosted our website, we had to find another web provider and transfer our website to a new platform. The Vestry hired Teresa Martin, owner of Studio Thought Marketing & Design, LLC,

of Floyd, to work with us to redesign and set up our new website. Gerald Gordon is our webmaster and he has worked diligently with Teresa on the layout, content, and the collecting of photos to update our Photo Gallery. The website is still a work in progress, as not all the content is complete, but do take a look, and enjoy the new pictures.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

The weekday Bible Study, led by Bob Canova, continues on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. For more information contact John Whitcomb, 540-563-1708 or Bob Canova, 540-819-7255 (mobile), bob.canova@cox.net.

Little Free Pantry

Our Little Free Pantry continues to be well used and appreciated. Please continue to stock our pantry with non-perishable foods in **unopened** containers, personal care items and paper goods.

Angels for Sudanese Children Submitted by Karen Martin

It has been our privilege to join with Raleigh Court Presbyterian church and others throughout the past several years to provide Christmas gifts for the Sudanese children in our area. Through a coordinated ministry, the children are given the opportunity to share their Christmas list. A list for each child is sent to cooperating churches to provide the gifts for the children listed. An angel for each child will be placed on our small

Christmas Tree in the Parish Hall. This ministry is in progress for this Christmas season.

Last year we were able to provide gifts for several children. We are pleased to be a part of this ministry again this year. We have 11 children on our Angel Tree. Please choose an Angel purchase gift(s), wrap and tag the gift(s), and return to St. James on or before December 10.

For more information, please contact me at 540-632-8487.

Planning Ahead Submitted by Donna Frost

“A new “Sacred Ground” course will be offered from January 7-March 17. Some of our parishioners have already completed and benefited from this course on racial injustices and how they have played out in the history of our country. Look for further details in the announcements each week and in the weekly church bulletin. There is a flyer about the course offering on the bulletin board between the nave and parish hall.”

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening is coming to St. James Episcopal Church on Wednesday, December 20, 2023. This organization uses “advanced ultrasound technology” to look inside arteries for signs of plaque buildup. If you are an adult age 50+ or age 40+ with one or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease you might want to consider being screened. If so, please call 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC

for pricing and to schedule an appointment.

Advent Meditations Offered By The Diocese Of Southwestern Virginia

This Advent season, you're invited to Advent Meditations, a three-week online series offered December 4, 11, and 18. Each Monday night session will be held from 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. Join us for this half-hour each week to slow down and take time for silence and contemplation as we experience this special season.

We will center ourselves and prepare for the coming of the Christ child with quiet meditations using music, prayer, scripture, and brief reflections. We hope you will find this time to be meaningful and restorative.

Advent reflections will be offered by The Rev. Sarah Lusk, The Rev. Tray Light, and The Rev. Tom DuMontier. If you have any questions about the series, please contact Pattie Ames, Canon for Christian Formation, at pames@dioswva.org.

Online registration is required so you can receive your Zoom link:

<https://dioswva.wufoo.com/forms/mtzwwqu0gvdnj7/>

Afghan Resettlement Ministry Update 10/18/2023

The fall has been busy with new schools, new clothes and car seats for a growing baby, flu shots, and new doctor appointments. The family that moved to a new apartment over the summer is now attending Roanoke City Schools and the ECS Team is helping the family

navigate bus schedules and back-to-school nights as well as homework and bedtime routines. We are enjoying cheering one of our boys on as he competes on the Woodrow Wilson Middle School cross-country track team and improves his time each week! Both boys had good interim report cards and seem to be well settled in their new schools. The baby is growing so we had fun taking the mother shopping at Target for new clothes. Car safety has been a focus with new car seats for the baby and the younger boy. Now that all of the children are well-established with doctors and dentists, and have also received their flu shots, the team has turned its attention to helping the parents get medical and dental care. Currently, we are in desperate need of a local endodontist who would generously donate services for a root canal and a crown as the closest in-network provider is more than 3 hours away! On a bittersweet note, we bid farewell to the brother's family after helping them pack and load up a rented U-Haul truck to move to Connecticut where other family members are located. Now we are in the process of expanding our ministry again to include Mohammed's two sisters and their families who live in the Cave Spring area. We are working to tutor them in English and help them find employment. The ECS Team is truly blessed as our ministry expands to encompass these new families, our ministry team grows as well with new members from St. John's, St. Elizabeth's, and St. Paul's (Salem).

Peace,
Alison Blanton
Afghan Resettlement Team

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS . . .

December 4 Cason Nichols
December 7 Maddelena Shepherd
December 8 Elizabeth Witz
December 9 Kevin Shepherd
December 10 Holly Turner
December 11 Beth Bird Rock
December 12 Daniel Malick
December 13 Betsy Briggs
December 13 Phil Hobrla
December 14 Susan Tolliver
December 19 Sherry Powell
December 24 Thomas Rucker
December 25 Sharon Miller
December 25 Alayna Michaela Miller
December 29 Beckett Goldberg
December 31 Ray Kasey

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES . . .

December 6 Kim & Dave LaPrade
December 6 Robb Pulley and
Daniel Toler-Pulley

**Is your birthday or anniversary
missing or incorrect?
Please let the church office know:
540-366-4157 or stjames@rev.net**

Thanks bunches!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:30 AM AA 12:00 Noon Sudanese Sewing Group
3 9:00 AM Advent Wreath Workshop 11:15 AM Sudanese Sale 2:30 PM AA	4 5:30 PM Women's NA	5 6:30 PM AA	6 3:30 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 7:00 PM Bible Study	7 10:00 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM AA	8	9 9:30 AM AA 3:00 PM Adult Social Mattox/Brown Home
10 2:30 PM AA	11 5:30 PM Women's NA	12 6:30 PM AA	13 3:30 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 6:30 PM Little Church Social Club 7:00 PM Bible Study	14 10:00 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM AA	15 5:30 PM Down Syndrome Support Group	16 9:30 AM AA
17 12:00 PM Vestry 2:30 PM AA	18 5:30 PM Women's NA	19 6:30 PM AA	20 Life Line Screening 7:00 PM Bible Study	21 Start of Winter (Winter Solstice) 10:00 AM Prayer Group 4:00 PM Down Syndrome Support Group 6:30 PM AA	22	23 9:30 AM AA
24 Christmas Eve Services: 8 a.m. 10 a.m. 8 p.m. 2:30 PM AA	25 Christmas 5:30 PM Women's NA	26 6:30 PM AA	27 7:00 PM Bible Study	28 10:00 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM AA	29	30 9:30 AM AA
31 2:30 PM AA						

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2023

Dec 3**8 AM** *Lector – Phil Wheeler; Chalicist – Bill Barksdale*

10 AM	Crucifer	Madde Shepherd	Ushers	Anthony & Machele Huff
	Acolyte	Jordyn Price	Coffee	Daniel Toler-Pulley, Robb Pulley, Lis Turner
	Chalicist 1	Katie Rucker	Tellers	Gerald Gordon, Michael Kennedy
	Chalicist 2	Kevin Shepherd		
	Lector 1	Donna Frost	Altar Guild	Lawton Kasey, Betsy Briggs, Katie Rucker
	Lector 2	Betsy Briggs		

Dec 10**8 AM** *Lector and Chalicist – Tim Buchholtz*

10 AM	Crucifer	Yuri Malick	Ushers	Kevin Shepherd, Madde Shepherd
	Acolyte	Roman Malick	Coffee	Kim & Kevin Laxton
	Chalicist 1	Art Tatman	Tellers	Arby Frost, Katie Rucker
	Chalicist 2	Lawton Kasey	Altar Guild	Boots Ingram, Odell James, Karen Martin, Debbie Williams
	Lector 1	Lynn Wright		
	Lector 2	Daniel Toler-Pulley		

Dec 17**8 AM** *Lector—Bill Barksdale*

10 AM	Crucifer	Kevin Shepherd	Ushers	Chris & JoAnn Criscione
	Acolyte	N/A	Coffee	Doris & Larry Mattox, Joyce Brown
	Lector 1	Sabrina Mattox	Tellers	Larry Mattox, Kevin Laxton
	Lector 2	Avis Aheron	Altar Guild	Danny Fainter, Gail Fields, Joan Gurniak

Dec 24 Christmas Eve**8 AM** *Lector—Mary Rogers; Chalicist—Bill Barksdale*

10 AM	Crucifer	Zenon Malick	Ushers	Kevin Laxton, Larry Mattox
	Acolyte	Mercedes Malick	Coffee	Danny Fainter, Gail Fields, Gerald Gordon
	Chalicist 1	Kevin Shepherd	Tellers	Maile Armstrong, Donna Frost
	Chalicist 2	Katie Rucker	Altar Guild	Linda Bryant, JoAnn Criscione, Dorothy Herndon, Sharon Miller
	Lector 1	Maile Armstrong		
	Lector 2	Keith Leonard		

8 PM	Crucifer	Grace Aheron	Ushers	Lawton & Ray Kasey
	Acolyte	Avis Aheron		
	Chalicist 1	Tim Buchholtz		
	Chalicist 2	Art Tatman		
	Lector 1	Carla Spencer		
	Lector 2	Jessica Price		

Dec 31**8 AM** *Lector – Phil Wheeler; Chalicist – Bill Barksdale*

10 AM	Crucifer	Jordyn Price	Ushers	Michael Kennedy, Thomas Rucker
	Acolyte	Madde Shepherd	Coffee	JoAnn & Chris Criscione, Linda Bryant
	Lector 1	Phil Hobrla	Tellers	The Wardens
	Lector 2	Art Tatman	Altar Guild	Lawton Kasey, Betsy Briggs, Katie Rucker
	Prayers	Donna Frost		

Note: If you can't meet your scheduled time please find a substitute and let the Office know.