St. James Episcopal Church
Batavia, NY

We're glad you're here.



Kelly Latimore

22nd Sunday after Pentecost – Proper - 25
October 25, 2026
(9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)
10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

Here children are a joyful addition to worship and all children are invited to sit up close in the "soft space" up front, designed just for them! For special services, such as baptisms and confirmations, we invite the children to come and stand as close to the "action" as they are comfortable. Remember, children will behave as children and it is okay that they don't act like little adults.

Please join your voice to the hymns (Hymnal 1982) and the prayers (Book of Common Prayer) (BCP)

Prelude *Prelude in G Major* Wm. Harris

Announcements & Words of Welcome

Every presence here is purposeful, brought together by a loving, liberating, and life-giving God. St. James is a place of radical hospitality and welcome, where individuals from all backgrounds, traditions, and journeys of faith, no faith, or doubt belong. The Episcopal Church believes that diversity of identity and experiences enriches the community, honors the sacred, and works to reveal the immense image of the Divine who created us in that image. Participation is welcome at whatever level feels most comfortable to you. The table of Holy Communion is open to everyone who believes called by God to eat of this divine meal. If this is your first time, please sit and enjoy the service, let the bulletin be your guide and not your boss. For any assistance, questions, or needs, please reach out to your nearest pew neighbor, speak to an usher, or corner a member of the clergy after the service. Thank you for the privilege of worshiping with you today.

Opening Hymn 680 *O God, our help in ages past*



We acknowledge with deep respect the Seneca Nation known as the "Great Hill People" and the Keepers of the Western Door of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on whose ancestral lands Saint James Episcopal Church resides. We pray for the Nation's President and Members of the Tribal Council from the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories and we give thanks to God for their stewardship of this great land and its resources.

The Liturgy of the Word *BCP p.355*

Opening Sentences

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity
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.**

The Gloria (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10) *Hymnal S-278*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the 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.

The Collect of the Day
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Reading from the book of Leviticus *(19:1-2, 15-18)* June Myers

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:
Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.
You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.
You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks Be to God.

Psalm 1 *(To be read responsively by half verse.)*

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (2:1-8) Terry McGuire

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 423 *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew (22:34-46)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him,

"The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Work of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Reflection *Paula Reimann*

The Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able* *BCP p. 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. 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
The Prayers of the People is Form VI, found on page 392 BCP or on the Yellow Sheet found in the pew.) Let us pray for the Church and the world.

The Prayers *Jim Neider*
The Absolution
The Peace

Offertory Sentence
Offertory Anthem Here I Am, Lord arr. J. Schrader
Doxology Old 100th

Please stand as you are able.

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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say; **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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Prayer
Let us pray.
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual of common prayer. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Closing Hymn 602 *Jesu, Jesu fill us with your love*

The Dismissal
Our worship has ended, our service continues.
Go in Peace, to love and service the Lord; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude *St. Anthony Chorale* F. J. Haydn

Please take your bulletin home with you!
Announcements for October 18, 2026

Happy Birthday

October 24th Larry Belluscio, 25th Rick Iannello, and 25th Anne Wolff

PRAYER LIST

John, Anne & Don, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Richard, Sue, Ronnie, Greg, Connie, Brandon, Kay, Jackie, Teddy, Kerrie, Bill, Roger, Jolene, Mary Annette, Brian, Blake, Erica, Meagan, Christina, members of the Armed Forces & Sharon, Janice, Kathy, Dave, Steve, Keith, Mike, Lisa, Nancy and Peter, Joanne, Matt and Ryan and the Fleming Family. For Becca, Madison, Gylnn, Jason, Camille, Leila, Amelia, Inara, Nate and Zack, Maureen, Dr. Pierce, Ronald, and Kelly.

Pray for Victims of Human Trafficking, Prisoners, Captives, and all those held against their will. Pray for those who die from violence, those executed by the State. Pray for Emergency Responders, Hospital Workers, and Care Givers.



Please mark your calendars for November 1 and invite your friends and family attend the service and hear Perry Ground, a member of the Turtle Clan, of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy. Perry has been a storyteller for over 25 years where his lively, engaging, inclusive, cultural and historical presentation have informed audiences young and old. Perry's stories come to life with dynamic movement and dramatic voice. He will be asking us to Re-Think Thanksgiving based on the only primary source document that chronicles the "First Thanksgiving." You will be presented with accurate and culturally appropriate information about the English settlers at Plymouth and the Wampanoag, the Native people who inhabited that area. It is a special Thanksgiving treat you do not want to miss.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 25	**9:00 am – 9:30 am** **10:00 am – 11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Liturgy of the Word** **Coffee Hour**
Monday October 26	**10:00 am – 1:00 pm** **6:30 PM**	**Office Hours** **Genesee Chorale**
Tuesday October 27	**10AM – 1PM** **Out of the office**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie**
Wednesday October 28	**10AM– 2:00PM** **6PM** **6:30 PM**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie** **Al-Anon** **Choir Rehearsal**
Thursday October 29	**10:00 am – 2:00 Pm** **11:00 am – 1 pm** **11:00 am – 4:00 pm**	**Office Open** **Thrift Store** **Uconnect Care**
Friday October 30		**Office Closed**
Sunday October 31	**9:00 am – 9:30** **10:00 am – 11:15 am** **11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Liturgy of the Word** **Coffee Hour**

Zoom meetings use the following link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFlLbm4rUT09
Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y
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On Saturday, November 7th, St. James and the First Presbyterian Churches will be sponsoring a Fall Community Dinner. It runs from 4:30-6:30 at the First Presbyterian Church. The theme is the Buffalo Bills, so wear your Bills' attire and prepare to answer some trivia questions about the Buffalo Bills. Be sure to put it on your calendar. Lots of fun and great food.

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
INTERFAITH SERVICE
A Gathering of Gratitude, Unity, and Hope

We will join with neighbors, friends, and other faith communities from across Genesee County as we come together to give thanks, share traditions, and celebrate the strength of our shared community believing in one God.

- *Interfaith Reflection: Readings, Prayers, and Insights shared by our local religious leaders.*
- *Music & Worship: Shared hymns and songs expressing thanksgiving.*
- *Friendship & Fellowship: Light refreshments and conversation following the service.*



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