The Holy Eucharist, Rite I  

Homily: The Rev. Jay Sidebotham  

8 o'clock a.m.  
BCP, p. 323

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II  

Prelude: “Jesus Loves Me”  
(Reprise today is played by the St. James Hand Bell Choir)  
“Be Thou My Vision”  

arr. Douglas E. Wagner  
arr. Wagner  

Sine Nomine

The Opening Acclamation  

BCP p. 355

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 Collect of the Day (All Saints’ Sunday)  

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.
The Lessons

The First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

Commentary

As a young man, Daniel was exiled to Babylon, caught up in the first of three waves of deportations from Judah. Daniel gained the respect of his pagan masters due to his unwavering trust in the sovereignty of Israel's God. This passage describes Daniel's dream of the downfall of world empires. (Details of the dream, in verses 4-14, are found on page 813 in the pew Bibles.) The vision baffled Daniel, but an angel gave him the interpretation: ultimately, God's people will reign with Him forever.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.”

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

Antiphon (The antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all)

All are invited to sing the psalm verses.

Hallelujah!
Sing to the Lord a new / song: *
sing his praise in the congregation of the / faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in his / Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their / King.

ANTIPHON (sung by all)

Let them praise his Name in the / dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and / harp.
For the Lord takes pleasure in his / people *
and adorns the poor with / victory.

ANTIPHON (sung by all)

Let the faithful rejoice in / triumph; *
let them be joyful on their / beds.
Let the praises of God be in their / throat *
and a two-edged sword in their / hand;

ANTIPHON (sung by all)

To wreak vengeance on the / nations *
and punishment on the / peoples;
To bind their kings in / chains *
and their nobles with links of / iron;

ANTIPHON (sung by all)

Second half of chant:
To inflict on them the judgment de-/creed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallel-/ujah!

The Epistle: Ephesians 1:11-23

Commentary

The theme of Paul’s letter to the Ephesians is the church, specifically God’s eternal purpose and grace and high goals for His church. Paul had much to say about God’s individual blessing of believers, but the phrase ‘in Christ Jesus’ emphasizes the unity of individuals in one united church. God’s spiritual blessings are based on the Father’s sovereign choice, the Son’s redemptive work and the seal of the Holy Spirit. Because God has bestowed spiritual blessings, Paul prayed that the Ephesians would grow in knowledge and love of God in order to recognize and appreciate His good gifts.
In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplish-es all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 293: “I sing a song of the saints of God” (sts. 1–2)  

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green;  
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.  

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong;  
and they followed the right for Jesus’ sake the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;  
and there’s not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn’t be one too.


Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ”Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. ”Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ”Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ”Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.”


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn 293: “I sing a song of the saints of God” (sts. 3)  

They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still.  
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus’ will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Sermon  

The Rev. Jay Sidebotham

3
The Nicene Creed

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 (Form IV)

The tolling of the bell will commence with the reading of the names of the faithfully departed

All Saints Concluding Collect

Solo: “Goin Home” (Ronald Holmes, baritone)

Goin’ home, goin’ home, I’m a-goin’ home,
quiet like some still day, I’m jes’ goin’ home.
It’s not far, jes’ close by, through an open door,
work all done, care laid by, goin’ to fear no more.
Mother’s there ‘spectin’ me, Father’s waitin’ too,
Lot’s o’ folk gathered there, all the friends I knew.

Mornin’ star lights the way, res’less dreams all done,
shadow’s gone, break o’ day, real life’s jes’ begun.
Theres’s no break, there’s no end, jes’ a-livin’ on,
Wide awake with a smile, goin’ on and on.
Goin’ home, goin’ home, I’m jes goin’ home,
Goin’ home, goin’ home, I’m a goin’ home.

William Arms Fisher

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
Response: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

(Grain-free wafers available at altar rail, please request)

Offertory Anthem

To Thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise in hymns of adoration,
To Thee bring sacrifice of praise with shouts of exultation:
Bright robes of gold the fields adorn, the hills with joy are ringing,
The valleys stand so thick with corn that even they are singing.

And now, on this our festal day, thy bounteous hand confessing,
Upon thine altar, Lord, we lay the first-fruits of Thy blessing:
By Thee the souls of men are fed with gifts of grace supernal;
Thou, Who dost give us daily bread, give us the Bread eternal.

William Chatterton Dix

Music at Communion:

Hymn 356: “May choirs of angels lead you”
Hymn 286: “Who are these like stars appearing”
Hymn 344: “Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing”
Hymn 380: “Old 100th”
Hymn 358: “The Nicene Creed”
Hymn 360: “The Peace”
Hymn 361: “The Eucharist Prayer - A”
Hymn 385: “The Holy Communion”
Hymn 388: “The Holy Communion”
Hymn 399: “The Holy Communion”

And the life of the world to come. Amen.
Presentation Hymn: (Hymn 380, stanza 3)

Eucharist Prayer - A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:
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

The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

People Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S154:

All sing

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Communion of the People

Music at Communion:

Hymn 286: “Who are these like stars appearing”
Hymn 356: “May choirs of angels lead you”
Hymn 344: “Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing”

Zeuch mich, zeuch mich
Christus, der ist mein Leben
Sicilian Mariners
The Dismissal: 366

People

Lasst uns erfreuen

Hymn 618: “Ye watchers and ye holy ones”

The Blessing

Hymn 618: “Ye watchers and ye holy ones”

The Postcommunion Prayer

Priest and People

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.

The Blessing

Hymn 618: “Ye watchers and ye holy ones”

The Dismissal:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ASSISTING IN TODAY’S SERVICES (6 NOVEMBER)

ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY 8:00 AM AND 10:30 AM SERVICES


ASSISTING IN SERVICES NEXT WEEK (13 NOVEMBER)

ST. MARY’S, BURGAW — The Rev. Jay Sidebotham; LECTORS—(9:00) John Furniss, Kay Dougherty; (11:15) Timothy Gardner, James Eldridge; PRAYERS—(9:00) David Dougherty; (11:15) R.V. Fulk; USHERS—(9:00) Pem Jenkins, Stuart Egerton, Lin Spears, Haywood Newkirk; (11:15) Joel Pretlow, Harry Stovall, Missy Pretlow; ACOLYTES—(9:00) Emma Cook, McCain Wnek, Tennyson Wnek, Hoke Roberson, Holland Putney, Henrietta Griffin; Advisors—Ashley Putney; (11:15) Louise Stephenson, John Stephenson, Caroline Harris, Bellamy Koonce; Advisor—David Sprunt; 9AM CHAPEL SHEPHERDS—Anne Williams; Clergy: The Rev. Jay Sidebotham; CHALICISTS—(8:00) Stuart Egerton; (9:00) Bill Clark, Eldridge Dodson, Marietta Gwathmey, Frank Hamilton; (11:15) Virginia Callaway, Lynn Chatham; ALTAR GUILD—Doris Ruffner, Patti Jenkins, Roi Penton, Frances Trask, Linda Brown, Pat Ford, CeCe Snow; CHOIR—St. James Choir; GREETERS—(9:00) Kay Bilbolsy, Caroline Cone; (11:15) Charlotte Davis, Jane Carey; MEN’S BREAKFAST—Bill McKenzie; FLOWER GUILD—Topsy James, Anne Schaeffer; Sexton—Douglas Maddox

St. James Vision Statement

Our vision is for St. James Parish to be a committed, loving, supportive parish family that provides opportunity, encouragement and nourishment for all to know Christ and make Him known.

St. James Mission Statement

To invite all people to know and receive the infinite grace of God in Christ, and together grow in love of God and neighbor through service, worship, and study.

St. James Parish

25 South Third Street • Wilmington, NC 28401 • (910) 763-1628

Website: www.stjamesp.org Email address: parish@stjamesp.org
**Parish Notes**

Welcome to all visiting St. James today. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in an alms basin during the Offertory. All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive the communion at the altar of the Episcopal Church.

**Today: November 6, 2016 - All Saints’ Sunday**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Daylight Saving Time Ends**

- 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Church)
- 8:15 am - Breakfast (Great Hall)
- 8:15 am - Fall Breakfast Mingle (Great Hall)
- 9:45 am - St. James Choir Reh. for 10:30 am service (Choir Room)
- 10:00 am - Intergenerational Event (Great Hall)
- 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)
- 10:30 am - Youth Group: Out of the Darkness Walk (Offsite)

**Next Sunday at St. James Parish:**

**November 13, 2016 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Blessings Week Begins**

- 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Church)
- 8:15 am - Breakfast (Great Hall)
- 8:15 am - St. James Choir Reh. for 9 am service (Choir Room)
- 9:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)
- 9:50 am - Sharing the Journey (Stephen Ministry Room)
- 10:10 am - Children and Youth (Classrooms)
- 10:10 am - Bible Lite (Green Room)
- 10:10 am - The Disciples (Lippitt Room)
- 10:10 am - Wright Path (Bishop Wright Room)
- 10:30 am - St. James Choir Reh. for 11:15 am service (Choir Room)
- 11:15 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)
- 5:00 pm - Book Review with Potluck Dinner (Great Hall)
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group (Sandy Johnston Youth Room)

See the Grapevine for events scheduled for the week of November 1. Also, the calendar on the website www.stjamesp.org or Church Life app.

THE GRAPEVINE

ST. JAMES PARISH • WILMINGTON, NC
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6, 2016

THE REV. TIM MEYERS

PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION

Last week, the clergy went to the Trinity Center for the Annual Diocesan Clergy Conference. At the closing Eucharist, Bishop Skirving mentioned in his homily that, when the United States wakes up on the morning of November 9, “all will be well.” (Now, these four words may not make sense because I write this article with twelve days still left to go in the campaign season.) Both campaigns are in full battle mode, trying to discredit the other and convince people that they will be the best President for the next four years. It seems like saying "all will be well", is the last thing on the minds of people across the United States. However, they are a good reminder that we, as people of the Christian faith, worship a living and loving God who is amidst our lives. He is even included in this unusual Presidential election. Bishop Skirving’s words call us to remember that, in spite of all of the political rhetoric and craziness of the past year, God will be present and with us no matter what the results are on the morning after the election.

In our epistle reading from October 30, Paul is writing to the church in Thessalonica saying that it needs prayer, not just when things are going well but also when there is uncertainty and anxiety. Paul says, “…we will always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him…” (2 Thessalonians 11-12). The church in Thessalonica was full of people from all walks of life who deserved prayer. I think the same could be said for our country right now. Our country needs our prayers right now, not because of what a candidate said or did, but because everyone of God’s people deserves prayer. The candidates, campaigns, voters, and citizens of our country need prayer, so now is a great time to offer our prayers for the United States.

I would encourage you to think about setting aside some time from this Sunday through the next few weeks to offer prayers for the United States election process. Regardless of where you are on the political spectrum, I believe that God is calling us to keep all of God’s people in prayer since we are all created in God’s image and show God’s image to the world. I know that praying for a particular candidate may be the last thing on your mind (trust me, I have thought the same about some candidates). But I know that, along with my civic responsibility to vote, I need to keep the election in my prayers. The outcome on the morning of November 9 may not be what you hoped and voted for, but at least you can be confident that you prayed and asked God to be in the midst of everything happening on our country. And your prayers will ensure that “all will be well.”
IN OUR PRAYERS:
George Freeman, Peg Rorison, Clark Wadlow

ST. JAMES UPDATES

I CAN HEAR THE BELLS!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | ST. JAMES SANCTUARY

On Sunday, November 6th, the sanctuary of St. James will be resplendent with the sound of the parish’s hand bells. Many thanks to those who have worked hard over the past several weeks to prepare music for this day’s service. We are hoping for the bells to play again at the Parish Christmas Concert Sing-A-Long on Friday December 16th at 12:10 pm in the sanctuary. Please note that we had more interest than we had bells for today’s service. There is opportunity for 8 or possibly 9 people for the December concert. If you might be interested in ringing a hand bell (or two) on this program, please contact John Sullivan at 910.763.1628 or music@stjamesp.org

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

St. James Parish is proud to welcome Mr. Wes Clewis as our new Sexton. Wes officially started on November 1 and will be working with Frank Brown until his retirement on December 1, 2016. Wes, a family man with two children, is a skilled carpenter who comes to us after having worked for Waldkirch and Saunders for the past six years. WELCOME, WES!

SAYING GOODBYE TO FRANK

As you have probably heard by now, our Sexton and Friend, Frank Brown, is retiring after almost 20 years with St. James. We have been so fortunate to have Frank in our midst all these years and he has certainly served St. James well. Many have asked and we would like to be able to give him a “love” gift upon his departure. If you are so inclined and would like to help towards his gift, please make your checks payable to St. James Church and denote it for “Frank Brown gift”. You can drop a check in the offering plate, drop it by the church office for Jan, or mail it in to Jan’s attention. We are planning a farewell get together for Frank in the not-too-distant future, and we will present this gift to him at that time. Please also look for future notice in The Grapevine regarding this celebration event as I am sure you will not want to miss it.

Support St. James

amazon smile
You shop. Amazon gives.

When you shop on Amazon
St. James receives donation from Amazon!

bit.ly/StJamesP

ST. JAMES PARISH
ESTABLISHED 1729
CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN FORMATION
THIS WEEK: NOVEMBER 6 | 10:00 AM | THE GREAT HALL

CHILDREN: All Saints’ Sunday Intergenerational Christian Formation. (Sunday services at 8:00 and 10:30AM)

YOUTH: All Saints’ Sunday Intergenerational Christian Formation. (Sunday services at 8:00 and 10:30AM)

REMEMBER: Donations of gently used toys for our nursery would be greatly appreciated. For questions please contact Devyn Doyle at christianformation@stjamesp.org.

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION
THIS WEEK: NOVEMBER 6

WRIGHT PATH: Meeting in the Great Hall at 10:00 a.m. All Saints Sunday - Intergenerational Event.

BIBLE LITE: Meeting in the Great Hall at 10:00 a.m. All Saints Sunday - Intergenerational Event.

SHARING THE JOURNEY: Meeting in the Great Hall at 10:00 a.m. All Saints Sunday - Intergenerational Event.

THE DISCIPLES: Meeting in the Great Hall at 10:00 a.m. All Saints Sunday - Intergenerational Event.

UPCOMING AT ST. JAMES

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 1331 LANDFALL DRIVE

This week’s meeting will be held at the home of Polly & CK Rust - 1331 Landfall Drive 910.256.2568. The final session for this series will be on November 14 at the home of Charlotte Davis - 4921 Montfort Drive 910.632.7483. For further information, contact Timothy Dols at timothydols@gmail.com.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN’S BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | 7:15 - 8:00 AM | THE GREAT HALL

The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). For further information, please contact Tim Meyers at Tim@stjamesp.org.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | 7:15 PM | GRAHAM PARLOR

Pressing toward the goal (Philippians chapter 3:12-21). For further information, please contact Jay Sidebotham at Jay@stjamesp.org.

EFM - EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
MONDAY & TUESDAY | SEE CALENDAR ON PAGE 15

We pray and discuss readings from the Bible, church history, and theology. We also explore and deepen our beliefs. For additional information or registration contact: Rachel Pace 910.350.0248 or rpace@hotmail.com.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY WOMEN
WEDNESDAYS, OCT 12 - NOV 16 | 10:30 AM | GRAHAM PARLOR

The discussion will be based on Small Victories: Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace by Anne Lamott. We will meet on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM in the Graham Parlor. You can occasionally drop in or be a regular. For questions, please contact Kitty Davis at kittydavis@bellsouth.net.

20/30S GROUP AT ST. JAMES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 | 5:00 PM | FRONT ST. BREWERY

The 20/30s group at St. James will have dinner together at Front Street Brewery. Childcare will be provided at St. James from 5p-7p. RSVP at bit.ly/2030dinner-nov or email chris@stjamesp.org for more details.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 | 7:00 PM | CHESTNUT ST. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Come and be a part of a special tradition where churches from downtown Wilmington come together to celebrate
the uniquely American holiday of Thanksgiving. This service is held jointly with St. James Parish, First Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church, and Chestnut Street Presbyterian. Please make every effort to bring your friends for what is expected to be a wonderful service of community and thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
4:00 PM Traditional Thanksgiving Worship
6:00 PM Youth Led Thanksgiving Worship

MINISTRY MINUTES

STEWARSHIP TESTIMONIAL

A dark wave of dread followed by dutiful resignation. This best describes what I felt when approached (thanks, David) to make some comments about my family’s thoughts on stewardship and the church.

I have to say, though, that this has provided a wonderful opportunity to stop and reflect on our relationship to St. James and our faith.

I’ve enjoyed hearing from fellow parishioners over the last several weeks, Allen Trask’s and Mike Brown’s descriptions of growing up within these walls made me nostalgic for Calvary Parish in Tarboro, where I was baptized, confirmed and married, and where our children were baptized. Allen described being able to draw a map of St. James with his eyes closed, and I could do the same for Calvary. I knew every nook and cranny, as well as where to find the most buckeyes in the churchyard. I can still feel the leg-scraping roughness of climbing over the churchyard wall and smell the dust of one particular parish house closet, a favorite hide-and-seek spot. I actually went to a few services, too. Seated on the pew with my grandparents, I recall a feeling of pride as I watched my parents process with the choir.

What a gift, then, to find our family making these same connections at St. James. Though we are relative newcomers to this church, having only lived in Wilmington for 10 years, we have felt welcomed and embraced. Right off the bat, we felt like we belonged. There are comforting concrete connections, too: cousins in the congregation, with my great great great grandfather (pretty sure it’s three greats…) Robert Brent Drane keeping an eye on us from his plaque up on the wall in the transept. I hope he doesn’t disapprove of our general dishevelment or the relaxed attitude that my children sometimes assume. They do their best contemplation of their faith while stretched out full length on the pew. So, we are happy and comfortable in this place. But why do we feel called to make a financial commitment to St. James? The answer that keeps pushing itself to the front of

IMPORTANT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 | SJP

St. James has traditionally provided the December 26 Meals on Wheels when the day after Christmas falls on a weekday. In 2016, December 26 is on a Monday. This project involves the preparation of 300 meals. If you, your family, or a group of families are able to volunteer for this important outreach project, please contact Kay Ballard (mballard1@ec.rr.com) (910-452-1987) immediately.
my mind is that this church provides a constant beacon of light and good in a world that holds many dark places. I want my family to know the light and the good.

We are beset by so many scary things these days: ISIS is a tangible global threat. Our national politics are characterized by undisciplined vulgarity, insult and untruth. Opioid abuse is epidemic in our backyard. Children and adults are so overwhelmed with the pressure to find approval in social media that we are starting to lose track of who we really, truly, want to be. This church represents who we really, truly, want to be.

Some examples: The funds that we contribute will help Cookie Cantwell provide life-changing worship, travel, and service experiences for our youth. I have been lucky enough to watch Cookie in action on several ski trips, and as you all know, she is a wonderful force of nature. I have never seen anyone balance absolute, loving, no-matter-what acceptance of children and young adults with gentle discipline and guidance like Cookie does. I have asked her to come live with us and run the show at our house, but strangely enough she has so far declined…

This church was instrumental in helping establish the Good Shepherd Center in Wilmington, and continues to be a huge supporter of its amazing work to help hungry and homeless neighbors work their way back to independence and dignity. I have been a board member there for several years, and St. James has always been recognized as a staunch longtime supporter.

More than any church I’ve ever attended, St. James has worked to identify the needs and desires of all age groups of the congregation, and has provided Christian education to meet those varying interests. The fruit of this effort is seen in the lively exchanges during our sessions in the Bishop Wright room, and the connection that we feel as we discuss issues of life and faith.

Our pledges help maintain one of the loveliest places of worship I know: Mount Lebanon Chapel. It is a truly spectacular thing to worship on a summer morning from a bench outside that beautiful place in the shade of an ancient oak with an osprey crying overhead.

Our monetary pledges will support these and the many other forms of ministry and outreach that benefit our neighbors in need, but maybe benefit us, the givers, even more by reminding us constantly that there is hope, generosity, forgiveness, grace and, above all, love in this world, and we will find it at St. James.

As you sit in this beautiful space and experience a meaningful and timeless liturgy, beautiful music, and words of comfort, think about what this parish means to you and your family and your faith. Please consider making and even increasing your pledge. We have never needed St. James more than we do now, and St. James needs us, too.

Marie Hardy

If you have not already done so, please submit your completed pledge certificate for 2017 as soon as possible, so that the Vestry and Finance committee will have ample time to prepare and approve next year’s church budget. You may also pledge online at www.stjamesp.org.

Thank you for your continued support of St. James Parish!
BLESSINGS WEEK 2015

NOVEMBER 13-20 | You may register for events online by visiting: bit.ly/sjblessings2016

GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER FOOD PANTRY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 | SJP SUNDAY SCHOOL
Help us kick off the celebration of all our blessings by joining in to help stock the Good Shepherd Pantry. Items requested include: salt, pepper, sugar, condiments, pancake mix, syrup, gas cards, sandwich sized Ziploc bags, and washcloths. A complete list of wishes is available at the sign up table. The 20/30s group will then deliver the items on Saturday, November 19. Questions? Contact Anne Williams at asmurchi@mail.com for more information.

CARE PACKAGES FOR RETURNING INJURED SOLDIERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 10:30 AM | GREAT HALL
St. Anne’s Guild will be assembling care packages for returning wounded soldiers. Donations of deodorant, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, razors and blades, shaving cream, bath soap, small packs of Kleenex, paperback books, current magazines, playing cards, candy, snacks, and hand-written thank you notes can be brought to the church office through Friday, November 11. Questions? Contact Janet Ward at janetwrd@aol.com or 910.512.1082.

CLOTHING DRIVE FOR EPISCOPAL FARMWORKER’S MINISTRY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 |
Gently used and new clothing will be collected for the Episcopal Farmworker’s Ministry in Newton Grove, NC. Items may be brought to the church office during business hours until Thursday, November 17, at 1 pm. A full list of items is available at the sign up table. Questions? Contact: Catherine Schmid at 910.792.6027 or cschmid2@ec.rr.com.

HELP HUB
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 |
Please help us fill up Blessing Bags for visitors of the Help Hub (at the Harrelson Center). You can fill a gallon size Ziploc bag with helpful items such as fast food gift cards, canned items with pop tops, granola bars, water, and other special items. Drop off donations in the Church office. The full list is available at the sign up table! Questions? Contact: Sonja McFarland at Skuicmc@aol.com for more information.

BABIES IN MADISON COUNTY, NC
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 | DAY SCHOOL LOBBY
Each year when our young people go to GLORY RIDGE in Madison County, NC, we see extreme poverty. The cost of baby supplies, especially diapers and wipes, are too high for their parents’ extremely limited budgets. YOU CAN HELP! Please bring baby diapers (any size or brand) to the St. James Day School. The St. James Youth will be collecting these items and taking them to Madison County. Please send in diapers and wipes for the needy folks in Marshall, NC. Contact: Stephanie at dayschool@stjamesp.org for information.

HYMN SING AT BRIGHTMORE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM | BRIGHTMORE
An annual favorite! Please join members of the St. James choir to sing favorite hymns at Brightmore of Wilmington (2324 41st Street) from 2-3 PM. Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier! Contact John@stjamesp.org for more information.

GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 | RESCHEDULED
This event has been rescheduled for a future date. Please stay tuned for further information.

CLOSING AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | 6:00 PM
The Youth Group of St. James have plans to help the many victims of Hurricane Matthew in our diocese. We will be collecting new youth-sized khaki, blue, or black slacks and forest green, navy, or white polo style shirts for Rochelle Middle School who lost their belongings in the Hurricane Matthew flooding and are in need of new school uniforms. Questions? Contact: Cookie at Cookie@stjamesp.org
YOUTH MINISTRIES

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY AT PORT CITY JAVA!
WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 AM | DOWNTOWN PCJ
Join us at Port City Java on Wednesdays at 7:00 AM for our Youth Bible Study for fun, food, faith, and friends!

“OUT OF THE DARKNESS” WALK FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | 1:00 PM | WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH PARK
Join with our St. James Youth Community as we gather at Wrightsville Beach Park for an important afternoon of walking to raise money and awareness for suicide prevention. Our youth community will gather about 1:00 PM near the St. James Youth Ministries Canopy where we will be cooking hotdogs and giving them away to all participants who will be walking around “The Loop.” At 2:00 PM we will walk “The Loop” with several hundred other people as we seek to shine a light on this important issue. Louise Rippy Lane, a “graduate” of our St. James Youth Program, is the “Out of the Darkness” Walk Coordinator and is also one whose life has been touched by suicide. Questions? Contact: Jane Rippy at janerippy@yahoo.com

YOUTH ADVISORS’ COVERED DISH SUPPER & MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM | 2018 KENILWORTH LANE
Parents are encouraged and welcome to join us at Martha & Gus Bachman’s Home at 2018 Kenilworth Lane 28405. Please email Cookie at Cookie@stjamesp.org to let her know if you will be joining us!

YOUTH SUPPER & SOLVE THE MYSTERY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM | SANDY JOHNSTON YOUTH ROOM
Each person attending Youth Group will be assigned a part in this murder-mystery where the highly dysfunctional members of the Stout Family, who have gathered at their ancestral home for a family reunion discover that a murder has taken place. YOU will try to solve the mystery of which Character eating dinner that night is the culprit?! YOU will be part of the “family” while you will also try to solve the mystery!
All 6th – 12th Graders are encouraged to join us for an evening of faith, fun, food and friends!

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | 6:00 PM | MT. LEBANON CHAPEL
6th – 12th Graders will be leading the 6:00 PM Worship. Come and participate in this joyful worship experience and hear our St. James Youth share their thoughts and feelings about God’s presence in their lives and their thankfulness.

BLESSINGS WEEK CONCLUSION
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 |
On Sunday, November 20, St. James will be concluding the ST JAMES BLESSING WEEK acknowledging the abundant blessings that fill our lives by serving other people in our community through acts of service and by donating items to alleviate the suffering of other people. On Sunday, November 20, the St. James Youth will be collecting new khaki, navy blue or black slacks (YOUTH SIZES 10 – 18, please) and Dark Forest Green, Navy Blue or White Polo style knit shirts (YOUTH SIZES S - XL) for Rochelle Middle School in Kinston, NC. A large number of the students have lost their homes and their belongings in the Hurricane Matthew Floods. The clothes that are needed are the student’s REQUIRED SCHOOL UNIFORMS. Let’s help these young people go to school ready to learn by donating the clothes that they need! Questions? Contact: Cookie at cookie@stjamesp.org

DON’T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR OUR SKI TRIP!
STJAMESP.ORG/YOUTH
Give yourself a “treat” and sign up for this amazing ski trip! You may register online at www.stjamesp.org/youth or contact Cookie at cookie@stjamesp.org for a Ski Trip Registration form. Who’s ready for some snow?!
THE WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7
Morning Prayer
8:00 AM–8:30 AM | Church
Pre School Bible Study
8:30 AM–9:00 AM | Lee Parish Hall
Children’s Chapel
9:15 AM–9:45 AM | Children’s Chapel
Clark James Foundation Meeting
5:00 PM–6:00 PM | Tatum Parlor
EfM
6:30 PM–9:00 PM | Graham Parlor
Monday Night Bible Study
7:00 PM–8:30 PM | Offsite
AA Meeting
7:30 PM–9:00 PM | Lippitt Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Morning Prayer
8:00 AM–8:30 AM | Church
EfM Class
9:00 AM–11:30 AM | Stephen Ministry Rm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Port City Java Bible Study
7:00 AM–8:00 AM | Offsite
Morning Prayer
8:00 AM–8:30 AM | Church
Pre School Bible Study
8:30 AM–9:00 AM | Lee Parish Hall
Wonderful Wednesday Women
10:30 AM–12:00 PM | Graham Parlor
Eucharist
12:10 PM–12:45 PM | Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12
Al Anon
8:00 AM–9:00 AM | Bishop Wright Room
Altar Guild - Set Up
8:00 AM–11:00 AM | Church

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
Mens Bible Study
7:15 AM–8:00 AM | Great Hall
Contemplative Prayer
7:30 AM–9:00 AM | Church

CREATIVITY CORNER
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Celebrate All Saints Day by coloring in the picture!

Celebrate All Saints Day by coloring in the picture!