

SAINT JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH

Fresno, California

December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve

The Nativity of our Lord

8:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Ancient Canon



Behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10, 11

St. James' Anglican Church

Office: 559.222.3721 + E-mail: stjasanglican@gmail.com

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. to Noon

VISION

We are seeking God's place for us in the world by abiding in Christ, following His teaching, discerning His will, and staying committed to godly fellowship and our Anglican heritage.

INFORMATION

Website - www.stjas.org

St James' Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stjas.org>

Livestream: <http://original.livestream.com/saintjamesfresno>

SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

1:30 pm Family Service with Holy Eucharist

Meeting at: Campus Bible Church, 222 E. Fountain Way,

Fresno, CA 93704

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday

8:00AM - Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist

1300 East Shaw Ave., Suite 174

Fresno, CA 93710

The Holy Eucharist:

Please stand after an opening Scripture is read.

Christmas Carols

Proclamation: O Come, All Ye Faithful **Page # 22**

The Celebrant Blessed be God: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

**Gloria in Excelsis :
Angels We Have Heard On High** **Page #24**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with your spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Acclamation

The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting.

Celebrant Blessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant prays (and the People may be invited to join)

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 Summary of the Law

The Celebrant then reads the Summary of the Law.

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Spirit, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lessons *(Holy Scripture is from the English Standard Version. The Psalm is from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979 Ed.)*

Please be seated.

After each Reading, the Lector may say,

People may respond,

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people

who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Psalm 96 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Gradual

The First Nowell

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The Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Sermon: Fr Carlos Raines

Choir: Unto Us a Boy Is Born!

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

After each bidding there is a time for the Clergy and People to add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

The Celebrant says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer."

The Deacon or appointed person says

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Aloud or Silent

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For Foley, our Archbishop; and Eric, our Bishop; and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation, for a blessings upon Campus Bible Church and Pastor Jim Cecy let us pray to the Lord.

Aloud or Silent

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, and for our missionaries and especially for Christina and Aimee, Peter and Sylvia, Fr. Steven, Brad and Sue, and Frank and Ann, let us pray to the Lord.

Aloud or Silent

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Aloud or Silent

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, for all in public service, and for Donald, our President; Jerry, our Governor; and Lee, our mayor, let us pray to the Lord.

Aloud or Silent

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially those on our Intercessory Prayer List,] let us pray to the Lord.

Aloud or Silent

Those listed on our intercession list and any others you would pray for:

Intercessory Prayer List:

Uma	Healing	Fr. Antonio	Healing
Rita	Healing	Judy	Healing
Danny	Healing,	Carole	Healing
Valerie	Healing	Gloria	Peace/Comfort
Albert	Healing	Carol	Healing
Fr. Dale	Healing, Strength	Al	Healing
Clara	Strength	Marguerite	Healing
Gladys	Inner Healing and Cancer Healing		
Suzy	Continued healing and strength		
Margaret	Healing		

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection [especially_____], in thanksgiving let us pray to the Lord.

Aloud or Silent

Reader Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

*The Deacon or other person appointed says the following
We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.*

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

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

The Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has
promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and
with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver
you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first
saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace

All Stand

Celebrant	The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the provided sentences of Scripture. The People stand while the offerings are presented.

Need Prayer?

Prayer is available during Holy Communion time in the prayer area and after the service at the altar rail. Look for someone in a red Healing Prayer Team prayer vest to pray with you.

Receiving Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Communion.

If you choose not to receive, please indicate by crossing your arms and you will receive a blessing.

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Doxology

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

The Sursum Corda

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And with your spirit.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is just and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

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

The following or a Proper Preface is said

The Celebrant concludes

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

The Sanctus

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that comes in the name of Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Lord God our Father: *You created humanity innocent, in your own image and likeness.* When we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you sent your only Son into the world for our salvation; by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. On the cross he offered himself once for all as our Redeemer, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. After he ascended to your right hand in glory, you sent your Holy Spirit, that we might become your holy people.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.”

Now sanctify these gifts *by the power of the Holy Spirit* that they may become for us the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may be filled with your Holy Spirit and manifest your presence and power in the world.

Therefore, heavenly Father, as we joyfully proclaim our Lord’s life, death, and resurrection, we offer ourselves, our souls and bodies, as a living sacrifice. Grant that we who partake of this Holy Communion may receive the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. At the last day bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 forever. *Amen.*
The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to **Sing.**
Celebrant and People together pray:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, Holy is Your name;
Your kingdom come, Your will be done
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,

And deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom and the power
And the glory are Yours, now and forever,
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

Author unknown

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

Celebrant [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
People Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]
or this

Celebrant [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover Lamb has been
sacrificed, once for all upon the cross.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]
*In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during
Easter season.*

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The Ministration of Communion

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

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.]

or this

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

John 1:29, Revelation 19:9

The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. [Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.]

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. [Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.]

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

Communion:

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

A Communion Hymn for Christmas

The Celebrant may offer a sentence of Scripture at the conclusion of the Communion.

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ: and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Procession to the Creche:

Away in the Manger

Away in the Manger, no crib for his bed,

the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,

the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,

but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Celebrant: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People: And we beheld his glory.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God our Creator, to restore our fallen race you spoke the effectual word, and the Eternal word became flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that as we may be found worthy, in him, to be clothed with his divinity: who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness or sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Dismissal:

Joy to the World

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Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: O Come All Ye Faithful, Setting by Gordon Young

The Staff of St. James' Church wishes all of

you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Announcements

Christmas Morning Service

**10:00 am in the Chapel at our church office at
1300 E. Shaw Avenue #174, Fresno, CA 93710**

**The church office will be closed on December 26th
There will be no Morning Prayer Service from
December 26th through January 2nd
and the office will be closed on January 2nd.**

Morning prayer will resume on January 3rd.

Visitors Welcome!

We are so pleased that you are here with us. Please fill out the "Communication Page" on the back cover and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher, and then join us for coffee in the Solarium after the service.

An Anglican Catechism - Question of the Week

<http://www.anglicanchurch.net/?/main/catechism>

SALVATION

6. What is the way of life?

The way of life is a life directed toward loving and responding to God the Father and his son Jesus Christ, in the power of God's indwelling Holy Spirit, and leading to eternal life.

John 14:23-26, Colossians 1:9-12 Ephesians 5:1-2, Romans 12:9-19

Adult Forum

How to Disagree Without Being Disagreeable.

Led by Robert Werner

12:15 to 1:15 each Sunday at Campus Bible Church
in room directly across from the Solarium.

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School lessons and activities are available for children ages preschool to 5th grade during the church service. Children meet in the back of the church during the Gradual (song before the Gospel reading) and will walk to the classroom together. They will return during the exchanging of the peace so they can join their families during Communion. If you have questions, or are interested in helping with children's ministry, please contact Paula Velez (559-389-8042 or kasadevelez@gmail.com).

Daughters of the Holy Cross Prayer Box

The Daughters of the Holy Cross have a prayer box for your prayer requests. The Daughters will pray for you daily for one month or longer upon your request. Cover yourself in prayer by these servants of God.

Taize Songs & Prayers

Time and Place to be Announced

Disciples of Christ – Meets Wednesdays 7 pm to 8:30 pm

at the home of Forest and Cheri Risch

303 Minnewawa, Clovis CA.

For more information contact

Chris Whitehead 908-2012 or Forest Risch 385-4191

Widows in Christ

We meet the 1st Tuesday of the month

Fellowship and Prayer Support

For more information contact Dana Taylor 559-437-0971

If we walk in the light as HE is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

1 John 1:7

Sound Ministry needs an Apprentice

We are still prayerfully looking for an apprentice in the Sound Ministry to help John Downing on Sunday mornings and special events. If you are considering this opportunity to serve, let us show you more. Speak with John or Fr. Carlos. And... God bless you!

Important – Please Note!

Email address for Fr. Carlos: clraines1@gmail.com

Emergency phone after office hours: (559) 353-2371

Nominations are open for Vestrymembers . . .

The election of vestrymembers will be at the St. James' annual meeting in January 2018. An eligible nominee is (a) a baptized person in good standing with St. James Anglican Church; (b) whose name is enrolled in the register of the church; (c) who is a communicant who regularly participates in worship services at the church; (d) who is a faithful financial contributor of record; who has either been confirmed or received into the Anglican Church; (e) who is at least 18 years of age; and (f) who has satisfied the foregoing requirements for at least ninety

days prior to the date of an election. Prayerfully consider who would be willing to share their expertise and leadership skills with St. James.

A Reminder to our Congregation

During communion, please wait until the usher excuses your row to go forward to take Communion. Our Prayer Teams need to receive Communion at the altar first so they will be available for prayer during Communion time.

Important Dates for Christmas Services

December 25th Christmas Day Service at 10:00 am at the Church Office located at 1300 E. Shaw Ave., Suite 174, Fresno CA

Pledge Cards

If you have not turned in your pledge card, it is not too late. Just bring it any Sunday and place it in the offertory plate. If you need a pledge card, they are on the table in the Narthex.

Birthdays

Joel Velez

Al Chand

Gary Facciani

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ST. JAMES' CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. Eric Menees, Bishop
The Very Rev. Carlos L. Raines, Rector
The Rev. Dale Matson, Priest
The Rev. Anna Hearn, Deacon

ST. JAMES' STAFF

Carol Raines, Interim Music Director
Margaret Licon, Organist
Mary K. Leonard/Susan Sanders, Office Assistants

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Ministry Assignment

Rector's Warden
People's Warden/Pastoral Care
Prayer
Missions
Evangelism
Communications
Church Treasurer

Nursery- (0-3) is available throughout the worship service, although parents are encouraged to pick up their children after the peace for communion.

Children's Sunday School - Each Sunday for ages preschool to 5th grade during the church service. No Sunday School during July.

Saint James' Youth – St. James Youth 7pm-8:30pm at the home of Gary and Marian Facciani at 5289 N. Fisher Ave., Fresno, 93710. No meetings during June, July, & August. Periodic activities to be announced. If you need any information call Gary or Marian at 224-6022.

Prayer

- Prayer is available during Holy Communion in the prayer area and also after the service at the altar rail. Look for someone in the red Healing Prayer Team prayer vest to pray with you.
- Daughters of the Holy Cross prayer chain - Kathy Willson: 981-0513 or Valerie Norman-Shaul 299-9149.

This Week at a Glance

Monday – Friday

No Morning Prayer or Eucharist

Morning Prayer will resume on January 3rd

Office closed December 26th.

Wednesday:

7:00 pm – St. James' Men's Group – Church Office

Sons of the Father (*Healing the Father Wound in Men Today*)

7:00 pm – Disciples of Christ –

Meet at the home of Forest and Cheri Risch.

303 Minnewawa, Ave. Clovis CA. 93712

Sunday Services:

12:15 pm – Adult Forum at Campus Bible Church

1:30 pm – Campus Bible Church, 222 E. Fountain Way, Fresno

St. James' Mission Statement

We will fulfill our Mission by focusing on:

1. Teaching the whole counsel of God through liturgical worship and devotion to prayer and praise.
2. Offering gifts and talents expressed in relationships.
3. Small Groups.
4. Building a relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.
5. Making disciples for outreach to the valley and to the world.
6. Caring ministries and Communion for those unable to attend.
7. Reaching out to youth.

Visitors Welcome!

We are so pleased that you are here with us. Please fill out the

“Communication Page” below and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher, and then join us for refreshments after the service. So that we may stay in contact with you, please give us as much information as you care to share:

COMMUNICATIONS PAGE

Date: _____

Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Spouse: _____ Birthday: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

Is this your 1st visit___ 2nd visit___ 3rd visit___ ?

I came as a guest of _____

Please indicate: Single___ Married___ Anniversary_____

Names/Birthdays of Children Living at Home:

Prayer Requests: _____

I want to sign up for a Small Group: _____

I need Offering Envelopes _____