

Welcome to all newcomers and visitors!

Please sign our guest book and take a gift bag from the table in the church entrance.
Join us in the parish hall for fellowship and some light refreshments after the 10:30 service.

TODAY

Altar Flowers: Flowers on the altar today are given by Barry and Jo Ann Thompson to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their son, Chris, on his birthday.

Sunday School and Childcare, church lower level
Come by this Sunday to celebrate the second week of Advent with us. Children will be learning about this special time from moments throughout the Bible with readings, discussions, and fun activities.

FaithTalk, 9:15 a.m.: *A Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word and Art.* Join us in the church lower level as we explore the Advent and Christmas texts through the detailed, colorful art of John August Swanson.

Cold Weather Clothing Drive Thank You
Thanks to all who gave donations to this winter's clothing drive! We collected more than 40 large bags containing new and gently used clothing that were picked up by Interfaith Works and will help folks in need this winter.



Christmas Services at St. James'

Advent 4, Sunday, December 24
One Holy Eucharist service, 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24
5:00 p.m. Children's Pageant
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with candlelight and brass music
10:15 p.m. Special music and carols
10:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with candlelight and brass music

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Christmas 1, Sunday, December 31
Lessons and Carols, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Living Nativity

LIVE ANIMALS • PETTING ZOO • MUSIC
COOKIES • APPLE CIDER

Sunday, December 10
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at St. James'

Join the youth of St. James' Episcopal Church as we transform the church grounds into the Living Nativity. Bring neighbors, friends and family of all ages. Freewill donations gratefully accepted.



Christmas Flower and Music Donations

Please use the form in the narthex and submit it to the office by Wednesday, December 13, for your dedications to be printed in Christmas bulletins.

Year-end Giving and Stock Donations

For 2017 tax credit, contributions to St. James' must be received by the parish office or postmarked no later than December 31. To make a stock contribution, send a message to office@stjamespotomac.org, so we can provide instructions for completing the transaction.

Do We Have Your Pledge? A huge thank you all families and individuals who have sent in their 2018 pledges. If you haven't completed yours, it's not too late! Pledge forms are in the narthex and on our website.

COMING EVENTS

Youth Group: Wreaths Across America, Saturday, December 16: St. James' youth will head to Arlington National Cemetery, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Greening and Gilding of the Church December 23, 24

- Saturday, Dec. 23: Greening with ladders, 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 24: Hanging wreaths, greens and ribbons
- Saturday, Jan. 6: Gilding for Epiphany. Cleanup the following week.