

NEWS & NOTES

THE RESURRECTED CHRIST BANNER

Today, we gratefully receive the Resurrected Christ banner, created and stitched by The Reverend Dr. Vienna Cobb-Anderson. Vienna has given the banner to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the gift of life. It will be dedicated during our Thanksgiving service this morning.

UTAH MISSION FORMING FOR SPRING 2019

A spring 2019 mission trip to St. Christopher's Mission in Bluff, Utah is in the planning stage. An informational meeting will be held on December 3 at 7:00 p.m. at 2308 Haverford Circle, 23235. Bluff, Utah is deep in Navajoland and surrounded by a stunning array of national parks. St. Christopher's Mission was built in 1943, and the grounds include a museum, community farm, and a well, used by many Navajo as their main water source. We will partner with the Episcopal Church to repair some Mission buildings. Contact trip leader Andy Smith at asmith@stcva.org for more details.

UPCOMING BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Check out all the good books we're reading at St. James's! November 27, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Fagan Parlor (Michaux House), join the Tuesday Readers Book Club for Anne Tyler's [A Spool of Blue Thread](#); December 6, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Gibson Hall Conference Room B, the Brown Bag Book Club discusses [A Man Called Ove](#), by Fredrik Backman; and January 7, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Valentine Hall, the Spiritual Book Club discusses Agatha Christie's classic mystery, [Murder on the Orient Express](#).

CARITAS INTAKE

St. James's will provide hospitality for CARITAS Intake women guests December 8 – January 5. Two volunteers are needed each evening to work along side CARITAS staff from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Sign up to help at <http://bit.ly/2018Intake> and contact Steve McCoy at steve.mccoy@patientfirst.com with questions.

2018 CHRISTMAS CROSS



The 2018 St. James's Children's Center Cross is here! The cross is a wonderful tradition and annual work of love by Children's Center board members and friends. For a donation of \$30, each cross you purchase covers the cost of a hot lunch for one of our children for two weeks. Place your order through Winnie Canup at wpcanup@doers.org or stop by the Children's Center

table on the corner of Birch and Franklin between Sunday services on December 2, 9 and 16.

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Sunday Chimes

THANKSGIVING DAY

November 22, 2018

COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE COME

Happy Thanksgiving! We are glad to have you worship with us on Thanksgiving Day as we come together to give thanks and praise to God for the abundance of our blessings. Please give particular notice to our beautifully decorated Altar, adorned with food gifts that many of you have contributed. Imagine the difference that your gift makes to those individuals and families who sometimes go hungry, and now will have the opportunity to have hot nutritious meals. For those who have not yet brought food and would like to do so, you may bring your bag to the Narthex this coming Sunday or Monday ("most needed items" list on side tables). Our collection for FeedMore/Central Virginia Foodbank will be picked up early next week.

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES'S!

We're so glad to worship with you this morning! If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to ask a priest or usher.

The Holy Eucharist (the Lord's Supper) is the central act of worship in most of our services. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the bread and wine. In lieu of receiving bread and wine, anyone may receive a blessing from a priest at the altar rail by crossing your arms across your chest. If you would like to learn more about being baptized, any of our priests will be happy to speak with you.

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship. If needed, our nursery is available for children age 3 and under and accessed through the double doors by the pulpit. Materials for coloring and other quiet activities for children are available on the left before entering the sanctuary. Restrooms are located downstairs, as is the Peterkin Parlor, which has audio of the worship service for those who would like remove to a quiet place.

We'd like to know you better! Please fill out the pew card and introduce yourself while you're here. Keep this bulletin for more information about St. James's. We hope to see you again. A Vestry Greeter will be in the narthex with more information about our church.

ADVENT AT ST. JAMES'S

ST. JAMES'S ANNUAL ADVENT RETREAT: WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

Who is Jesus? Why did he become the incarnate God in our midst? Join the Rev. Dr. Bob Friend on Saturday, December 1 at St. James's to explore scripture, art and hymnody about the coming of Christ and prayerfully ponder what expectations we have as we await the coming Messiah. To register by Monday, November 26, contact Anita Lisk (alisk@doers.org; 355-1779, ext. 313). Cost: \$25, payable by check to St. James's Church; includes lunch and snacks; and scholarships are available! Learn more at <https://doers.org/advent-retreat-what-child-is-this/>.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE MINISTRY

Give a gift of joy to children and senior citizens who participate in the Peter Paul Development Center or a gift to support community folks in need of housing stability. Giving Tree ornaments are located in both Michaux House and the Narthex. A volunteer will be on site to record your ornament and answer questions. Please bring senior gifts wrapped and children's gifts unwrapped to Valentine Hall by Sunday, December 9 between 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP DINNERS & STUDY RETURN

Join fellow parishioners for a warm meal and conversation on three Wednesdays in advent – November 28, December 5 and 12 – at 6:00 p.m. in Valentine Hall. Our study opportunity this season, “The Poetry of Advent and Christmas,” will follow at 6:45-7:30 p.m. at our tables. Evening Prayer is offered at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday night this fall through December 19, regardless of the fellowship dinner and study schedule.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The Flower Guild welcomes gifts for poinsettias in memorial or in thanksgiving during the Christmas season at St. James's. Please send a check for \$20 (clearly marked for a poinsettia) and the name of the honoree to St. James's Church, 1205 W. Franklin St., Richmond, VA 23220. The plants will be delivered to home-bound parishioners after Christmas. You may also email your memorials to gyoung@doers.org or call Gina Young at 355-1779, ext. 315. **The absolute deadline is Friday, December 14.**

COFFEE ON THE PLAYGROUND – DECEMBER 8

The Second Quarter Ministry invites young adults in their early 20s to early 40s for casual Saturday morning meet-ups (8:30-10:00 a.m.) throughout the fall on the St. James's playground. If you have kids, we hope you'll bring them along to play on the playground too. The church will provide coffee and breakfast cookies. Bring a friend and come enjoy a relaxing early morning with other young adults. Rain, snow, or shine; we'll move into the Nursery if we can't be outside. No need to RSVP – just mark your calendar and come.

2ND SUNDAY EVENING JAZZ MASS – DECEMBER 9

Join everyone on 2nd Sundays at 5:30 p.m. in Valentine Hall for Evening Jazz Mass at St. James's – now in its seventh season! This month, Roger Carroll and friends will lead the music for our worship. Roger says, “Making music for me, under any circumstance, is a spiritual endeavor...We the performers are only the messenger.”



MUSIC NOTES



“O sing unto God with the voice of melody.” – Psalm 47:1

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

O how amiable are thy dwellings is a setting of Psalm 84 by 20th-century English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). In addition to composing symphonies, choral works, operas, and ballets, Vaughan Williams made a major contribution to the church's hymnody. He was the editor of *The English Hymnal* (1906) and composer and arranger of numerous hymns, thirty-three of which appear in *The Hymnal 1982*. Psalm 100 (*Old Hundredth*) is Vaughan Williams' arrangement of a hymn tune from *Pseaumes Octante Trois de David* (1551), the second edition of the Genevan Psalter. The tune is attributed to the French composer Louis Bourgeois (1510-60).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 AT 5:00 P.M.: A SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS



In the season of Advent we sing, “O come, o come Emmanuel” and we wait joyfully to hear the story of the birth of the Messiah. We, as God's children, eagerly await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. In candlelight and quietness, ponder anew God's greatest gift to God's children. The West

Gallery Choir and Youth Choir will sing music by Bobby McFerrin, Sujjan Stevens, Patrick Hawes, and Jonathan Willcocks.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 7:00 P.M.: OUR CHRISTMAS HOPE

In the midst of the preparations and festivities, some find the holidays to be long, dark nights of the soul, full of struggle with life challenges, grief and loss of years past and present. You are invited to our special candlelit service of hymns and prayers for healing. The service will include carols and traditional songs accompanied by piano, flute and guitar.



CHRISTMAS EVE AT 10:30 P.M.

HANDEL'S Messiah On Christmas Eve the Parish Choir, accompanied by strings, will sing the first section of *Messiah*, Handel's most beloved work and among the most popular works in Western music. According to the manuscript, written in Handel's own hand, *Messiah* was composed between August 22 and September 14, 1741. The libretto was compiled by Charles Jennens, a clergyman, literary scholar and editor of Shakespeare's plays. He created the libretto by assembling verses from the King James Bible, including not only the story of Christ's life from the New Testament but selections from Old Testament books of Isaiah, Haggai, and Malachi and others. Part I is primarily concerned with the Advent and Christmas stories. Join us for a joyful celebration of The Birth of Our Lord, beginning with *Messiah* and ending on the steps of the church with a candlelit “Silent Night.”