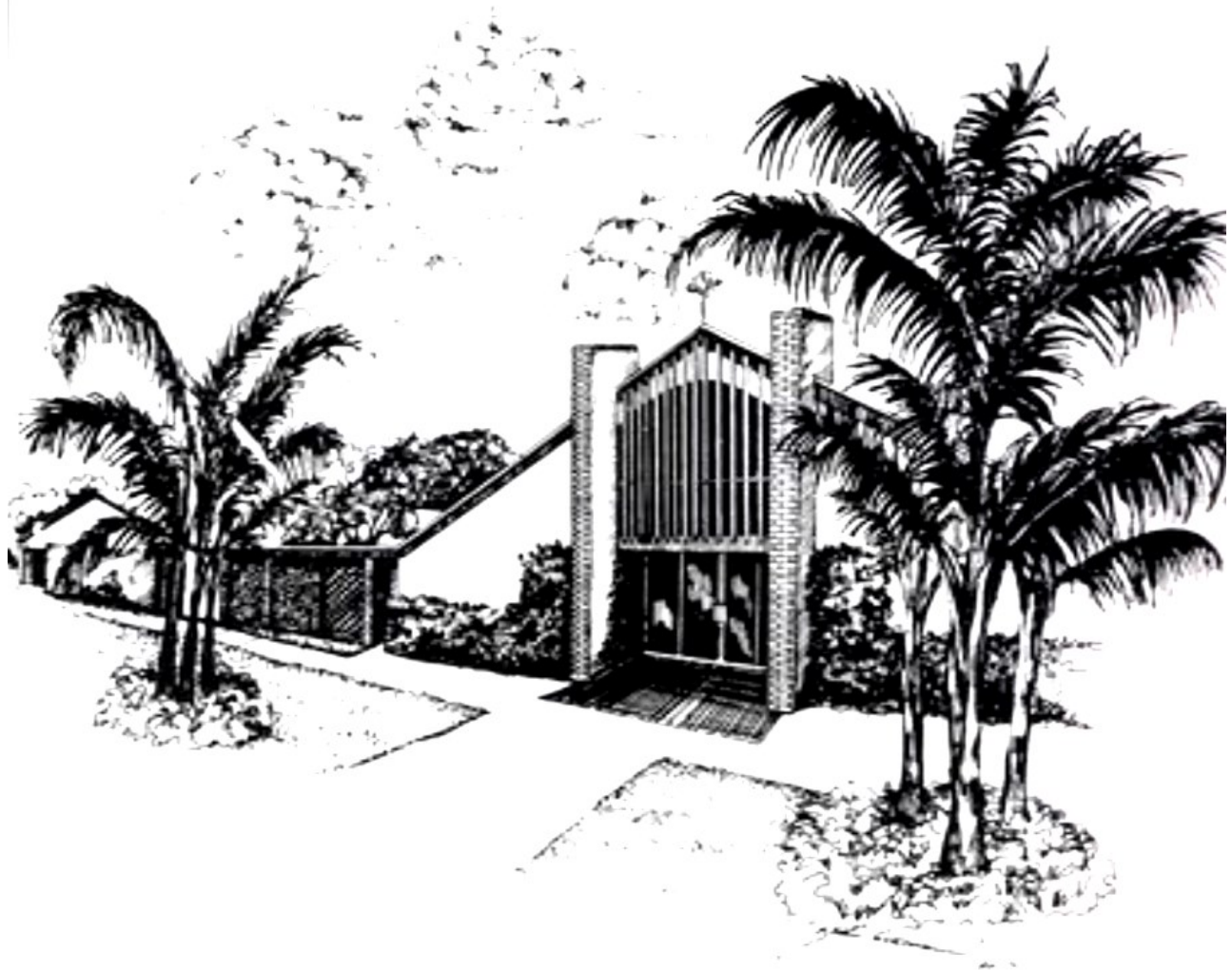




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IN THE HILLS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM

AUGUST 10TH, 2025

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II - 9:30 A.M.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All creatures of our God and King (v. 1,2,3,7) Hymnal 400

The Word of God

OPENING SENTENCE AND PRAYER

BCP 355

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.*

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS 15:1-6

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 33:12-22

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

I want to walk as a child of the light **Hymnal 490**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 12:32-40

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SERMON

Rev. David Potter

Silence is kept.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 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,**

(continued...)

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

FORM III BCP 387

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***People:* That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***People:* That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially our Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, and our Bishop Peter Eaton, and our supply priest Fr. David;

***People:* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***People:* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***People:* That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***People:* That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***People:* Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***People:* May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially those on our parish prayer list...

Silence

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Priest: God our Thief, you steal from us our dead complacent hearts and kindle a new flame: take from our hands the burden of worthless things, and make them ready to receive a greater gift: the love of a Servant King; through Jesus Christ, the Son of Man. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 359

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

ALL: 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.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

WELCOME OF VISITORS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS

It's Me, It's Me, O Lord Sunday School

BLESSING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

ALL: Dear Lord, we ask for your presence as we gather around these students, parents, and those providing services to students, to ask your blessing on the occasion of the first day of school. Grant these students your peace to conquer fears, your wisdom for their learning, and your love to share with all they meet. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

In His Time Choir

PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS

Priest: All things come of Thee, O Lord,

People: And of Thine own have we given Thee.

HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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

S 130

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

**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

BCP 364

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

All: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

All: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

All: grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing **Hymnal 433**

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION SAID BY THOSE NOT PRESENT AT HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Priest: Let us pray.

ALL: 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.

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR COMMISSIONING

(if the licensed LEVs are bringing communion to shut-ins, the following is said)

Priest: I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

Congregation: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING

Priest: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

There's a wideness in God's mercy **Hymnal 470**

DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



NOTICES

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

We pray that you are well on this the ninth Sunday after Pentecost.

***Join us for Fellowship Hour in Feaster Hall provided by Jenny Martinez
with John & Kathy McClain. We thank them for their kindness!***

We thank Rev. David Potter for leading us in worship this morning!

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS



Those who have signed up to volunteer as host for coffee hours, please contact the Office for any inquiries on supplies and procedures, and to collect the keys if needed. For any Sundays not chosen by volunteers, simply the coffee station only will be provided by the Church. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the blue bulletin board located outside the Parish Office for upcoming dates.

HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS

The 2025 Atlantic hurricane season officially began on June 1st and will end on November 30th. Please stay up to date and prepared.



DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Forward Movement's Day-by-Day devotionals for AUG-SEPT-OCT are available in the sanctuary and from the Church Office during the week. Please take a copy to share with friends or loved ones.

FLOWER CHART

A flower chart for 2025 has been posted in the Little Angels' Room for those who wish to provide the altar flowers for a particular Sunday Worship Service. Altar flowers may be dedicated to loved ones and for special dates. Please contact the Office for florist recommendations.

Vestry Meeting Invite:

The Vestry welcomes members of St. James in-the-Hills to attend the Vestry meetings. The date for each meeting is posted in the church bulletin and the Zoom link is available, upon request, by contacting the Parish Administrator. If there is a specific item you wish to have considered, kindly notify the Parish Administrator or a Vestry member to have the matter placed on the agenda and addressed at the meeting. Please note: visitors at Vestry meetings will have neither voice nor vote. They may only observe. If you cannot attend the meeting, the minutes will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Office for a limited time.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: Following the tragedy at St. Stephen's Episcopal in Alabama, the Diocese encourages churches to remain vigilant in the safety and security of its congregants during worship services. St. James will continue to keep the outer doors locked once the service has begun. In the case of late arrivals, an usher/greeter will be present to open the doors for you.

Are you interested in serving on our Vestry?

Seeking faithful and dedicated members to serve on the Vestry: The Vestry is the elected leadership responsible for the spiritual well-being and temporal affairs of the Parish and contributes to the Church's Mission and Growth.

If you feel called to contribute time, talent, and commitment, you are invited to learn more about the responsibilities and rewards from this ministry.

For more information or to express interest, please contact the Parish Administrator, Amanda Groome, with contact information.

Blessings,
Claudette Crowder-Fowler
Senior Warden



Please Pray for...

Our Anglican Community:
The Anglican Church of Rwanda

Those in our Parish:

Jan Pushkar, Loretta Steward, Paul Crosta, Sarah Allen, Karron Bacchus, Sonia Fiederick, Riley Rupert-Richendollar, Alan Demascus, Bisan Owda, Julia Smith, Cheryl-Ann Edward, Arthur Bilotti, Sandra Hoyle, Brantley Williams, Fay James, Donnie Coxe, Andrea Holmes, Jeff Slotnick, Douglas Saunders, Frank Bautista, Pat Miller.



*We pray for the members of our parish family who are celebrating
their birthday this week:*

Claudette Crowder-Fowler

We pray for the protection of all innocent lives at risk across the Middle East, for peace in Israel and Palestine, for peace in Ukraine, for all those affected by gun violence, for the victims and those still missing from the flash flooding in central Texas, and we continue to pray for continued protection and healing for all those dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prayer of Protection from Hurricanes

**Almighty God, Creator and Redeemer of humankind, grant to us your supplicant people, protection against the ravages of hurricanes, floods, and other calamities; that in tranquility of weather we may rejoice in the comfort that we ever desire and may always make right use of Your great goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**





MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, August 10th
Back-to-School Blessings
Fellowship Hour

Monday, August 11th
1st Day of School BCPS

Tuesday, August 12th
Vestry Meeting via Zoom - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 1st
Labor Day - Office Closed





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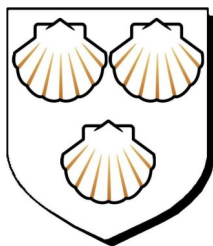
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. James in-the-Hills Episcopal Church is to spread the Gospel
of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and to invite all of God's
diverse community into a personal relationship with our Lord.



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