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The Baptism of our Lord

January 12, 2025, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

Prelude (*please listen in silence, preparing for worship*)

◆Hymn *All Creatures of our God and King* (vv. 1-3, 7) Hymnal 400

The Word of God

◆Opening Acclamation for Baptism BCP pg. 299

◆Collect of the Day (*Contemporary, in unison*) see insert

First Reading Isaiah 43:1–7

Psalms 29 (*responsively, the People in bold*) see insert

Second Reading Acts 8:14–17

◆HYMN *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit* (vv. 1–2) WLP 767

◆The Holy Gospel Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

◆HYMN *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit* (v. 3) WLP 767

The Sermon The Rev. George Roberts

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows BCP pg. 292

◆The Prayers of the People –

God, through Your well-beloved Son, You brought us into relationship with You and each other in Holy Baptism. Bless our understanding that we, by virtue of our Baptism, may be guided by the Holy Spirit into closer relationship with You and one another. We pray, responding, Lord, renew us in Your Spirit.

For Your gift, the Church, that through the reality of our Baptism She may nurture and unite us in the new life we are called to by that Baptism. We pray, **Lord, renew us in Your Spirit.**

For the nations of the world – especially in North Korea, Russia and Ukraine, Haiti, Syria, Israel-Palestine, South Sudan, and in our own country – that their leaders may be guided by Your sense of fairness and the reality of Your love. We pray, **Lord, renew us in Your Spirit.**

For all who struggle with a sense of failure or loss; for those who are isolated, struggling with addiction or mental illness; for anyone who is in danger of losing their home, livelihood, partner or friend; for any who face the current political climate in our country with fear or dread, we pray, **Lord, renew us in Your Spirit.**

For all who have asked for prayers, especially Barbara C., Judy Briggs, Heather, Fr. Isaac and Grecia, Dena, Mark, Gary, Armen, Liam Shields, Jane, Laurent, Teri,

Jordan K., Richard James, Babs, Brian, Joyce Jensen, Tom, Andrew, and for all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, renew us in Your Spirit.**

For all who have died, especially Rae Robinson, Dorothy Reeve, and for all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, renew us in Your Spirit.**

Celebrant: Today is the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. We pray for renewed strength, courage, and hope that, by virtue of our Baptism, we are joined to and known by You. Bless us Lord, by the power of Your Spirit, that we may reach out to those who do not yet know You. May our Baptism be a sign of Your healing, life, and resurrected love for us. We pray, in Jesus's name. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP pg. 360

The Peace BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A BCP pg. 361

**Sanctus* Hymnal (front section) S 125

*The Lord's Prayer BCP pg. 364

*The Breaking of the Bread BCP pg. 364

Gluten-free hosts are available.

Communion Hymns: 121, 123, 126

◆Postcommunion Prayer BCP pg. 366

Announcements

◆HYMN *The sinless one to Jordan came* (vv. 1–2, 5–6) Hymnal 120

The Dismissal BCP pg. 366

Postlude (*please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude or depart in silence*)

- ◆ You are invited to stand, as able. * You are invited to kneel, as able.
- BCP refers to *The Book of Common Prayer*, found in the pew book rack.

Serving this week

Crucifer		Chloe Roberts
Altar Guild		Nina Hayes & Elizabeth McBride
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Mitchell
	10:15 a.m.	Andrea Harris
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Kim Faubert
	10:15 a.m.	Kim Pereira
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Roland Therrien
	10:15 a.m.	Jim & Donna Wilkie
Coffee Hour Host		Marge Litteral & Linda Larkin
Welcomer		Linda Mason
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Andrea Harris

Today's altar flowers are given in celebration
of my granddaughter's birthday.

~ Janet LaPierre-Green



Music for the 10:15 am worship service is streamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-736322.

Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>. **Join us on Mondays** for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am, also livestreamed on Facebook at the same link.

Sunday Bible Study: Join us beginning today for a new Bible study of the Book of Revelation, the last book in Holy Scripture. Many are wary of Revelation as it contains strange prophesies, highly symbolic language, and a vision of future events that can make us uncomfortable. Take heart: Revelation has some of the most hopeful and beautiful passages in all of Holy Writ and isn't always what we expected. Join us Sundays at 12:30 p.m. on Zoom: Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548. If you would like a study guide, please let Fr. George know.

The lectionary readings for next Sunday, January 19th are:

Isaiah 62:1–5; Psalm 36:5–10; 1 Corinthians 12:1–11; John 2:1–11.

Introduction to our intern: Hello, my name is Julia Febos, though I go by *Lee*. I am so thrilled to be your intern this year. I grew up in Haddam, CT; attending St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in East Haddam. My formation began with week after week of acolyting as a teenager, and the language and motions of the altar became a guiding mystery. After graduating from George Washington University with a BA in History, I pursued a Master of Divinity at Yale Divinity School, where my passion for ministry deepened. These experiences, alongside my early formation at St. Stephen's, have shaped my call to serve and explore the profound mystery of faith. When I am not pondering that, you can find me reading novels and crocheting. I am eager to walk with you all this year, to learn from your community, and to share in the journey of faith together.



The 2025 St. James Parish Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 26th at 11:45 am in the parish hall and invite everyone to bring food to share (an entrée, a side, or dessert) and we will eat potluck style – a signup is on the parish hall ramp bulletin board. We will vote on the budget, elect new Vestry members, and report on the overall state of things at St. James Parish. Join us for worship and then the Meeting. Thank you for all that you do to be Christ's light in and from this place. **Annual Report submissions are due THIS TUESDAY, January 14th.**

The Epiphany Project is available for viewing in the Parish Hall into the early spring. The project itself focuses on the Gospels with the fulfillment of Christ's divinity being revealed to all. We thank the following artists for their time and commitment to this project; without their contribution of endless hours of research, skill, talent, and labor to produce their pieces for us to view, this project wouldn't have come to fruition: Dianne Antos, Betsy Bailey, Neil Clark, Dr Janice Lee, Linda Mason, Elizabeth McBride, Tracey Roberts, Grier Torrence, Dee Vincenzo, and Debbie Wagner. Art is meant to inspire, provoke, question, provide an emotional outlet and an array of other things. Please enjoy the show at your leisure and let us know your thoughts.

Annual Appeal for Stewardship: We hope that you have actively engaged God in conversation about your gift to our Annual Appeal for the continuing life and ministry of St. James. **Thank you to all who have returned a pledge card!** Our Transitional Vestry completes its 2025 budget discussions this week, and it is important that they work with a supported pledge income number. We currently have received 100 pledges totaling \$315,886 with a goal of \$325,500. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so as promptly as possible. **If you pledged and requested giving envelopes, all boxed envelope sets are in the narthex (church entryway).**

Dominican Republic Mission Trip meeting: Next Sunday, January 19th, following the 10:15 am service, we will have a brief meeting of our Dominican Republic Team. Our “team,” by the way, is *not* a closed-off one, but a group of Christians open to anyone interested in the ministry that we do with our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Dominican Republic. We are currently working with two Tampa area churches and the people of De La Gracia in Boca Chica, to build a church. All who want to know more about the trip, please consider coming! We primarily will be deciding what week we plan to go this summer, along with providing some updates.

**DOMINICAN
MISSION
TRIP**

Great news! Construction, so long delayed, has begun for De La Gracia on their long-dreamed for and prayed about church. Enjoy a few pictures in the e-flash and we will try to share more in the coming weeks!! Let us keep Fr. Isaac, the parish’s rector, in our prayers, as he has been struggling with gallstones, and for his wife (Grecia) who just delivered their third child (a girl) via C-section.



St. James movie night: On Saturday, February 1st, at 6 pm, all are invited to bring your own supper – we will provide drinks, popcorn, and dessert – and join is for watching the film *Risen!* The film stars the terrific Joseph Fiennes (*Shakespeare in Love*, *The Handmaid’s Tale*) and follows a Roman tribune who has the unenviable job of presiding over the crucifixion of Jesus and then to find the body of Christ, in a race against time, when He “disappears” from the guarded tomb, several days after His death. Featuring great performances by Fiennes, Clifton Collins, Jr (who plays Jesus), Peter Firth (Pilate), and others, *Risen!* features a great story and brings up interesting questions for us to ponder together on our road to discipleship.

Coffee Hour signups: Many thanks to who hosted our time of fellowship last year! The 2025 signup is on the parish hall ramp bulletin board, offering you the opportunity to host a Coffee Hour in this New Year! On your day, you make regular & decaffeinated coffee and then clean up after Coffee Hour. Signup for as many Sundays as you'd like – or just one! Signup to work alone or with a friend or two! Marge Litteral has offered to help anyone new to Coffee Hour hosting – just let her know (margelitteral@comcast.net) you'd appreciate some guidance. Providing simple snacks (cookies, cupcakes, maybe a small gluten-free option) is nice, but not necessary to volunteer for this ministry.



Outreach Corner

Food Pantry Collection Month: The Pantry has requested that we focus our donations on snack foods (pretzels, granola bars, crackers, etc.), rice, canned fruit, coffee, and jelly (preferably strawberry, raspberry, marmalade) Please bring your donations to the narthex to place in the box labeled *Farmington Food Pantry*. Food and monetary contributions may, of course, be made any time of the year! If you wish to make a monetary contribution, write the check out to *St. James Parish with Farmington Food Pantry* in the note section. Please be generous and thank you in advance!

MISSION STATEMENT

*We welcome all to worship and nurture spiritual growth through faith, grace and reason.
We reach out to those in need as a caring community &
live Christ's teaching to love one another.*

COMMUNION IN THIS CHURCH

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table in the Episcopal Church. If you are visiting, and have received Communion in your own parish, then please share in the sacrament with our parish. Gluten-free hosts are available. If you are not baptized, you are welcome to ask for a blessing.

GUESTS

A cordial welcome to St. James Parish. Please fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the collection box or hand it to an usher. We invite you to sign our guest book as you leave the church. Scan this QR code to access our website for more information about St. James Parish.

THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR PRAYER & MEDITATION

The Parish Office is open Monday–Friday, 9 am–2 pm.
Sunday worship services are held at 8 am (Rite 1) and 10:15 am (Rite 2).

