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2026
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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

◆Hymn *When Christ was lifted* Hymnal 603

The Word of God

◆Opening Acclamation ` BCP pg. 355

◆Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355

◆*Gloria* Hymnal (front section) S280

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

First Reading Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23

Psalm 125 see insert

Second Reading James 2:1–10, 14–17

◆HYMN *Thine arm, O Lord* (vv. 1–2) Hymnal 567

◆The Holy Gospel Mark 7:24–37

◆HYMN *Thine arm, O Lord* (v. 3) Hymnal 567

The Sermon The Rev. George Roberts

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People

Creator God, you express Your great mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Give us the strength, wisdom, and patience to walk – through faith – in that same mercy that has the power to save our souls. We pray, responding, **Christ, have mercy.**

For Your Holy Church that She may offer loving expressions of Your grace and mercy to a broken and cynical world. We pray, **Christ, have mercy.**

For all in leadership or who aspire to it: may they be agents of mercy and hope for the people they would lead and/or govern. We pray especially for all who are working to broker peace for Gaza and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, and in any place where arms have been taken up. We pray, **Christ, have mercy.**

For all who are struggling with any of life's challenges especially chronic illness or pain; for any who are challenged by addiction or mental illness and their families; to all who are unsheltered or are likely to be. We pray, **Christ, have mercy.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Jordan K., Teri, Richard James, Angel, Cheryl, Norm, Babs, Arthur Bailey, Joyce Jensen, Brian, Luisa, Tom, Alan, William, Henry, and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Christ, have mercy.**

For all who have died that we remember this day, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ...
We pray, **Christ, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for this day, a new program year, good food, and even better fellowship. Be with us Lord as we pray, **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: God of grace, we thank You for bringing us to another day of worship and blessing. Give us an enduring sense of Your mercy and the faith to walk through the door that leads to life eternally opened by Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP pg. 360

The Peace BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* Dale Wood

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A BCP pg. 361

**Sanctus* Hymnal (front section) S125

*The Lord's Prayer BCP pg. 364

*The Breaking of the Bread BCP pg. 364

Gluten-free hosts are available.

Communion Hymns: 628, 375, 429

◆Post-Communion Prayer BCP pg. 366

Announcements

The Blessing

◆HYMN *Immortal invisible, God only wise* Hymnal 423

The Dismissal BCP pg. 366

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

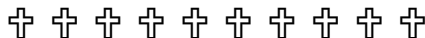
- ◆ You are invited to stand, as able. * You are invited to kneel, as able.
BCP refers to *The Book of Common Prayer*, found in the pew book rack.

Serving this week

Crucifer		Chloe Roberts
Acolytes		Marisol & Gideon Pereira
Altar Guild		Mimi Hostetter & Donna Wilkie
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Mimi Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Andrea Harris
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Michael Slusarz
	10:15 a.m.	Dona Waugh
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Janet LaPierre-Green
	10:15 a.m.	Michele Briganti
Welcomer		Anna Whilby
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Susan Rubin

Today's altar flowers are given in thanksgiving for
our 36th wedding anniversary.

~ Michael & Gina Pines



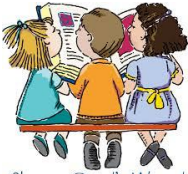
Music for the 9:30 am worship service is streamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-736322.

Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need to have a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>. Please stay tuned, as we will eventually make a move from Facebook Live to YouTube streaming during the summer months. **Join us on** Mondays for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am, streamed on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@st.jamesparishfarmingtonct1226/live>



Celebration Sunday: THIS MORNING following the 10:15 am service we will have our Annual Celebration Sunday Picnic with hamburgers, hotdogs, an ice cream sundae bar (thanks to our friends from St. Mark's), and fun things for the children to do!

A new church school year begins next Sunday, September 15th and we need teachers as we move into the fall and through the program year. We are using SignUpGenius again, so the link below will take you to the sign up. There is a slot for each Sunday until the end of this year. This will be updated soon with content and ideas for each Sunday



Share God's Word

so that you have resources to pull from. You can sign up for a single Sunday, or however many you'd like! This year we are going back to a curriculum some of you may remember, called *Weaving God's Promises*. We are excited to present the program and content, and feel it works better for teachers and children. It is a three-year formation curriculum structured around the Holy Eucharist, and includes special sessions for the church seasons of the church year. The lesson plans are designed to be easy to understand and easy to prepare. As always, a reminder that the time you give to our youngest members, our future and our present, is a blessing! We cannot do this without your support in ministering to them in faith. Please contact Brigitte Cadigan with questions, or if you are having trouble with this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30EOE48ADA82EA7FF2-50798626-church>

Church School Update for 2024-2025: next Sunday, September 15th, we will officially begin with our curriculum. We are excited to announce that we will re-introduce *Weaving God's Promises*, a three-year formation curriculum which has been fully revised and updated. This curriculum features class sessions structured around the Holy Eucharist and includes special sessions for the church seasons of the church year. The lessons are designed to be easy to understand and prepare. Please join us in welcoming our children back to St. James Church School as we wish them a wonderful start to the new school year!

Important reminders:

- Please fill out a new church school signup form for each child who plans to attend this year. Forms and drop box are located in the Parish Hall.
- **Church school drop off is at 10 a.m.** Your child will join you in the service as the congregation passes peace to one another.
- **We are always in need of teachers and helpers** during so please refer to the information in the bulletin or reach out to Brigitte Cadigan if you are available to help.



The lectionary readings for next Sunday, September 15th are:

Proverbs 1:20–33; Wisdom 7:26–8:1; James 3:1–12, Mark 8:27–38.



Coffee Hour hosts needed! A signup is on the parish hall ramp bulletin board, offering you the opportunity to host a Coffee Hour this fall! **We have a few openings starting this month!** On your day, you make regular & decaffeinated coffee and then clean up after Coffee Hour. Signup to work alone or with a friend or two! Providing simple snacks (cookies, cupcakes, maybe a small gluten-free option) is nice, but not necessary to volunteer for this ministry.

Fall Fair needs: If you have a gas grill that is easily accessible (in your garage or on a first floor) that you would be willing to let the church borrow on Friday October 4th until Monday, October 6th, please contact Fr. George. If you are willing to help with cooking on October 5th from about 11 am–2 pm during the Fair, please let Fr. George know. **Do you have a fire-retardant tent we could borrow?** We need one to cook under for the Fall Fair on Saturday, October 5th. Please let Fr. George know if you have one or know someone who might have one we could use for the Fair.

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for our weekly Bible study at noon via Zoom with the Book of Acts, using N.T. Wright's *For Everyone* study guide. The study guides have arrived and are available for pick-up in the parish office at \$10 per copy. Zoom gathering info is: Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548. We hope you join us!

Epiphany Project: If you might be interested in participating in an Epiphany season art project, please plan to attend an informative meeting about it **next Sunday, September 15th following the 10:15 a.m. church service in the library.** Epiphany is a season of 4–9 weeks, from the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6th through the day before Ash Wednesday. The gospel stories of this season describe events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The coming of the Magi, the Baptism of our Lord, the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus, and the Transfiguration. Art & Theology offers a website with many beautiful, modern renditions of Epiphany to get you thinking about perhaps newer ideas surrounding Epiphany:



<https://artandtheology.org/tag/epiphany>. The Stations of the Cross project was so very successful and brought much joy to so many. This is another opportunity to allow our artists to speak to our fellow parishioners and friends in their unique way. We look forward to seeing you on September 15th.

Blessings, *Fr. George & Linda Mason*

Women's Retreat: There is still room on the upcoming Women's Retreat at Camp Washington, Friday, November 1st –Saturday, the 2nd. The cost per person for a shared room is: \$149, \$185 for a single room, and \$63 for Saturday only (with breakfast and lunch). The



expectation is that everyone who is staying over on Friday will arrive by 5:45 pm for dinner and then have time for programming and some social time as well. On Saturday, breakfast at Camp is usually around 8 am, and the folks who are coming on Saturday should plan to arrive no later than 8 am that morning (November 2nd). Contact Fr. George if you are interested in taking part. In the next few weeks there will be additional information on programming, etc. Stay tuned!



ECCT Pilgrimage/Tour to African American Museum of History & Culture:

On October 12th and 13th there will be a Pilgrimage to the Museum in Washington DC. The tour will include motorcoach transportation, 1 night's accommodations, 2 meals, entrance to the Museum and gratuity for the driver. More information is available in a packet in the narthex (church lobby)

or in the parish hall and the registration deadline has been extended to September 15th.

Harp Twins Concert – Friday, September 27th. The Harps Twins, duo harpists Camille and Kennerly Kitt, are performing a free concert in the St. James sanctuary on Friday, September 27th at 7 pm. The evening is for church members and church friends only, not for the general public. Iron Maiden, Rolling Stones, Metallic and Billy Idol are among artists they cover, along with many originals. The Harp Twins have toured in South America, Europe and all over the United States. They also appeared on The Walking Dead. With over 2.5 million followers on social media and over 155 million views on YouTube, The Harp Twins have made their mark in taking harps where they have never gone before! Also featured in part of the evening will be the Wolfgang Twins on handmade Viking drums. This is a family friendly evening. You are in for a fun evening of music, stories and laughter! Following their concerts the Twins always enjoy a Meet and Greet with the audience. It's possible they will have some merchandise to purchase. The Harp Twins and Wolfgang Twins are in the area performing at the CT Renaissance Faire in Lebanon on Saturday and Sunday, September 21st & 22nd plus the 28th & 29th



New Education for Ministry Group Forming for 2024-25. The EfM group that meets at St. James's Episcopal Church in West Hartford is looking for folks who want to read and reflect on scripture, explore and nurture their faith, and their call to the Christian life and service where they live, work and play—all in small group setting of 6 to 12 people, studying, conversing, exchanging our experiences as articulate seekers of God in our daily lives. The program is structured by the University of the South School of Theology and administered at the parish level. For more information, contact Ron Ward, group mentor. E-mail: rtwtmr@comcast.net or call 860 463 8057.

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–Thursday, 9 am–2 pm.
Summer Sunday worship services is held at 9:30 am.

