

Looking Forward to Worship & Fellowship!

These upcoming weeks are jam-packed (just look at the schedule below!). Woven in with the spring programming is preparation for the celebration and send off to our beloved Rector Becky Coerper and St. James' talented organist/ choirmaster Kip Coerper. It is important to maintain normalcy by continuing programming while giving space and attention to this monumental event. Honor your feelings. Communicate with your parish family as well as with Becky and Kip. Because of our faith, we know all will be well and this next step will be a blessing for all. It does not always take away the feeling of loss. Take advantage of the time ahead through prayer, worship, and participating in the celebration of the incredible ministries of the Coerpers. More details can be found on page 9.

Upcoming Schedule

- May 7 Fellowship Brunch in Parish Hall Between Services 10:15 a.m. Storytime for Little Saints in Training (20 min) Take Home Tree Saplings from Rich Croft of Bartlett Tree Experts **Noon** Rich Croft will be in the parish hall for discussion & Q/A
- May 14 Mother's Day -Take home a flowering seed cross! Baptisms at both 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. worship services. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent to update parish on transition May 20 **10 a.m. -12:30 p.m.** Donation Day Drop Off
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- May 21 All Services will feature a Dialogue Sermon with John Buterbaugh back from Sri Lanka YASC program.
- May 28 Pentecost Sunday Wear Red to Worship!

Guest Preacher Alicia Dixon-Garrard for all services. Pam Stewart's final vows of the Third Order of St. Francis

- June 3 **2 p.m.** Celebration of the Ministries for Becky & Kip Coerper
- June 4 **10 a.m.** Worship (1 service only) A celebratory service sending Becky and Kip off to retirement with the love of St. James' family.
- June 11 **10:45 a.m.** First Lakeside Service Noon Story of Quilts with Vanessa Johnson in Parish Hall

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"Lord, Teach Us to Pray" Meeting the Lord and One Another at the Peace Altar By Michael Brown - Originally Published October 2021

Whenever someone comes up for prayer at the Peace Altar during communion we enter into a very special experience of fellowship in Christ - the gathering together of Christ's children to share one another's burdens, joys, and thanksgivings. When we come together as sisters and brothers we discover that it was Jesus who called us together into his presence. The presence of Jesus makes the experience of shared prayer both Holy and powerful for all those within the circle ofprayer. Several years ago, in another church, a man I did not know came up for prayer after a Sunday service. He had recently received a dire prognosis due to severe heart damage. I only mention that it was his heart because of the way his brokenness led him to bring his needs to prayer with others, pouring out his heart. He only had weeks or months to live. He came up to our prayer team and started right in without introductions, "I just want a couple more years, please, Lord, let me be your minister to people in need for just a couple more years." That was a life altering moment for me. I have often recalled the love and the deep desire in that man's voice. He may not have known it, but his prayers were multiplied that morning by the simple act of sharing those prayers with his sisters and brothers on the prayer team. The more I practice prayer with others, the more I realize I am not in control. My job is not to say perfect words, nor to have perfect faith, but to be present with the person in the moment, just as Jesus was and is. Jesus often asked the simple question, "What do you want?" As a prayer leader, I often use the words, "How can we pray for you this morning?" But my heart's simple prayer is always,



St. James' first pastoral care 'mini' six-week training was completed on April 8. Fourteen people made the decision to take the training that focused on the skill of listening and will supplement the Stephen Ministry team as well as support our clergy. Their purpose is to reach out to this parish family with a compassionate presence. During the transition time of Becky and Kip retiring and a new rector search, there will be even more opportunities for people in need of a caring ear. There will be parishioners wishing to talk about their feelings regarding the transition and there often are individuals struggling in another way. This is one-on-one care, completely confidential, meeting for about an hour or less at St. James' or for coffee/tea one time or more.

If you wish to speak with a confidential pastoral care member, reach out to anyone on the list below or contact Nancy Graham and she will make a connection for you. Please consider this ministry as God reaching out to comfort you, something everyone needs in certain times in life.

The following people were trained in the latest class:

Dawn Altmeyer, Nancy Austin, Barbara Baker, Barb Burton, Corinne Buterbaugh, Chris Davis, Carolyn Ebner, Lynne Gregory, Nancy Lee, Kathy Ploufe, Mary McGrath, Meg Osborne and Kathaleen Underwood.

Pastoral Care is and has always been a priority at St. James' Church. A church is a family and God wants us to take care of our family. Please let Nancy know if you would like more information or if you would like her to make a contact for you.

Nancy Graham (nancymgraham4@gmail.com)

"Lord, teach us to pray. We are yours, and we need you right now. Meet us here."

Once I was on a broken down bus in Zimbabwe. This was one of my dreaded fears coming true: feeling lost and anxious in a broken down bus in a third world country, with no AAA, no 911, and no other vehicles passing our way. Our group of nine missionaries sat there for what seemed like an hour as the driver cranked the starter over and over and over again. How did that battery last so long? I suddenly became aware that we had not stopped to pray together. I actually said, "Won't someone pray?!" Quickly realizing that I had just pointed the finger at myself, I stood up and said the words, "The Lord be with you!" Without hesitation came the reply "And also with you!" What

came next was "Let us p...." and the bus started. Just like that! I am not certain the word "Pray" was ever completed, but I am certain that we all sat in silent awe as we drove away from that lonely place and reached a repair garage within the hour.

Why pray with others? To give and receive the blessings of shared joys, shared thanksgivings, and shared needs. Prayer is a sacramental sign of God's presence with us as individuals, and most importantly, as members of one another in Christ. I am convinced that gathering for prayer is an answer to the prayer, "Thy kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth...." Praying for and with one another is not magic, but it is majestic. It is a living out of our faith that puts us squarely where we need to be at such moments, with one another, with God.

An Invitation: Each Sunday during communion, a team of two or three trained prayer partners stand at the Peace Altar, as well as on the opposite side by the baptismal font. We offer confidential prayer to anyone who asks. If you would like to know more about our Sunday morning Peace Altar Prayer Team, speak with Michael Brown or Nancy Graham and we will gladly talk with you about the ministry.

The Spirit of St. James'



Did You Know? By Emma Cowley



With spring in the air I know I am looking forward to being outside and enjoying the sunshine with a delicious cocktail in hand. If you are looking for some spirits or wine why not support and try some Black-owned brands. There are many tasty options! WINES:

Maison Noir Wines maisonnoirwines.com Ashanta Wines ashantawines.com La Fete Du Rose lafeterose.com McBride Sisters mcbridesisters.com Sun Goddess by Mary J. Blige sungoddesswines.com

SPIRITS:

Anteel Tequila teeqspirits.com Read Rose Vodka reddrosevodka.com Guidance Whiskey guidancewhiskey.com Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey unclenearest.com Hidden Spirits Cocktails hiddenspiritscocktails.com Equiano Rum equianorum.com Ten to One Rum <u>tentoonerum.com</u>



Here are some distributors that carry these Black-owned brands and many more! Take a look at all the options and do some shopping. Spring is here!

Reserve Bar

reservebar.com/collections/black-owned-wine-spiritsbusinesses

Drizly

drizly.com/article/buying/support-black-owned-brands-ondrizly/e-3c8ab817

The Kitchn

thekitchn.com/best-black-owned-beveragebrands-23298654

Hear the tales of Story Quilts by fiber artist and storyteller Vanessa Johnson

Noon, June 11 in Parish Hall Travel with her on the Underground Railroad. Hear the stories of the cloth made for African Kings. Listen to the legend of Onondaga Creek. Help a turtle win a tug of war with a lion. Come help tell these stories and pass around touchable quilts in this interactive event for all ages. More about the artist: Vanessa Johnson has been guilting for over 20 years and has exhibited throughout Central New York including at the SUNY Oswego Metro Centro Tyler Art Gallery and Syracuse University's Community Folk Art Center. Johnson has been a professional storyteller since 1999 and has performed throughout CNY. She has performed at Syracuse University, The Red House Arts Center, the Schweinfurth Art Center, throughout the Onondaga



County Library system and at many other K-12 schools and colleges throughout Central New York. National engagements include Bethune-Cookman University in Florida, University of Indiana, Miami University in Ohio, and at the Annual Underground Railroad Conference at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY. She founded the

Harabee Youth Tent, an interactive visual art and music space in the Pan African

Village at the New York State Fair and has acted as coordinator for the past 16 years. As the Education Director of the Onondaga Historical Association she founded their youth theatre program.



This program is sponsored by the Racial Justice & Reconciliation Commission. More information, visit StJamesSkan.org.



Building Gardens and Rebuilding Lives

"... I was in prison, and you visited me... Truly I tell you, when you did this to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." Matthew 25: v. 36 and v.40.

As I look outside my kitchen window, I see robins, chickadees, blue birds, woodpeckers, sparrows, and a number of tiny birds I cannot identify. They are gathering the dried vegetation I just raked off my flower beds for their nests. The birds are rebuilding, regenerating.

Spring is a time of regeneration and rebuilding. Rebuilding my gardens each spring amongst the birds, bees, bugs and weeds brings me a sense of joy, peace and accomplishment.

A new collaborative ministry between St. James' Episcopal, Skaneateles; Grace Episcopal, Syracuse; and the



Episcopal Diocese of CNY, aims to bring that same joy, peace and sense of accomplishment to youth who are incarcerated at the Onondaga County Hillbrook Juvenile Detention Center.

The project, *Gardens and Pollinators at Hillbrook Detention Center*, involves teaching the youth to build raised-bed vegetable gardens and plant a pollinator flower garden. The project will also include a Monarch butterfly garden and a hoop house to lengthen the growing season.

Our parishes are partnering with Helping Hands Urban Farm Garden, an organization established by Mike Atkins (Grace Episcopal Church) in collaboration with the Syracuse City School District. Helping Hands has successfully operated a community garden at the Dr. King Elementary School for the past six years. I met

Mike in February, during the Diocese-sponsored Sacred Ground Pilgrimage to the heart of the Civil Rights Movement – Selma, Montgomery, and Birmingham, Alabama.

With the encouragement of the Diocese, we are applying for a 2023 Ministry Grant from the Diocese to help support the project. We are also applying for a 2023 CreationCare Grant from the national Episcopal Church.

The project is already underway with the support of the administration at Hillbrook. Students from Syracuse University's School of Architecture are preparing the designs for the raised beds, pollinator garden and hoop house. We are working with Hillbrook to coordinate initial preparation of the outdoor space where the gardens will be built. Mike Atkins will soon be meeting with Hillbrook youth to select a group of 15 participants.

So, what can members of St. James' parish do?

- 1. We are looking for two people who would like to be part of the steering committee. The role of the steering committee is to coordinate with our counterparts at Grace Episcopal and to work with the youth at Hillbrook in building, maintaining and harvesting the gardens.
- 2. We plan to ask members of St. James to donate some small garden tools and Dickman's gift certificates during our Month of Community Service in May.
- Most important: Pray for the youth whom we hope to touch. Our goal is to teach life-skills through gardening; to rebuild lives and to share hope, joy and peace.

God's Peace

Judy Holmes, St. James' Episcopal (judyholmes76@gmail.com or 315-378-3535) Mike Atkins, Grace Episcopal





Last month I shared the moral imperative of divesting from fossil fuels. This month I encourage you all to "Invest in our Planet", which was the theme for Earth Day on April 22, 2023. Go to https:// **www.earthday.org/** to find more information to join an action or event. Investing in our planet demands that we pay attention to the two centers of power large enough to make a real difference in the global climate fight: the federal government and the financial industry. This past Earth Day was the biggest day of coordinated climate arts-based action ever. The first Earth Day in 1970 was instrumental in establishing the EPA, and only 2 months later! Citizens can make a difference! So I encourage you to make your

voice heard by writing letters to big banks and/or your congressional representatives expressing your disappointment in their fossil fuel investment, cutting up big bank credit cards, or posting posters which you can get at **Peoplesearthweek.org.**

Also GreenFaith will be hosting a workshop for faith based persons on May 8-11 on Zoom to learn about how banks and asset managers continue to invest in the fossil fuel industries that are destroying communities in the U.S. and around the world - and then find out how to hold these financial institutions accountable. Join at greenfaith.org I thank all of you who have cared to read this column and pursue ways to care for our abundant and precious world. (This will be my last column, since Becky and I are moving to Rhode Island soon.)

To make a positive difference on our land, air, and water, I leave you with encouragement to:

- Recycle, so less material ends up in the landfill
- Reuse, to limit what goes in your trash
- Avoid plastic containers and single use plastic
- Buy and/or support solar panels, EV cars, and windmill technology
- Compost with **CNYcompost.com** so your food scraps don't produce methane in landfills
- Buy local use the Skaneateles Farmer's Market, shop at **The Savage Homestead** who refill your personal care products in glass containers, so no plastic goes in the trash
- Support regenerative farming at **Elderberry Pond Farm restaurant and store, Twin Brook Camillus Farm,** and <u>taprootfields.com</u>.
- Buy grass fed meat and dairy products
- If you are over 60, consider joining **ThirdAct.org**, a group of retired people determined to build a better tomorrow.
- And finally simply talk to people about what your are doing to reduce your carbon footprint, and remind others of the importance of each of us caring how we impact God's creation.

If you want to learn more about how human activity is setting off dangerous warming loops that are pushing the climate to a point of no return, and how we can address that reality, watch **Earth Emergency on PBS & YouTube.** There will be a talk on **Monday, May 8, at 6:30 in the Library by Dr. Mary Beth Carlburg** on how our dietary decisions can have a profound impact on our climate. Support the **Skaneateles Village Environmental Advisory Committee**, who are working to get NY State grant money available to fund more "green" initiatives in our community.

I leave you with a quote from environmentalist John Muir - "When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he/she finds it attached to the rest of the world."

Blessings!

Kip

A special thank you to Kip Coerper for his dedication to protecting and informing the community on the immense importance of caring for God's creation. You have made a difference!























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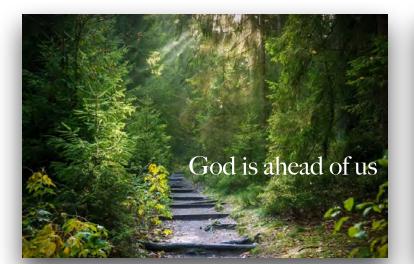


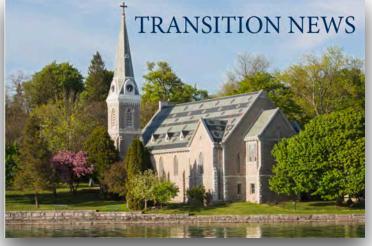












Behind the scenes, St. James' Wardens & Vestry are working hard to seek an interim rector to begin in September as well as a new organist/choirmaster. A detailed ministry profile has been created and shared across the search resources. Currently there are two interested interim candidates for consideration. Additionally, there are ongoing interviews for the organist/choirmaster position. Because our Rector organized and scheduled clergy for the entire summer, St. James' leadership can take time to make the best decision and fit for our needs. A transition web page is in production that will be a resource for both parishioners and potential rector candidates. Be watching for the launch of that page. On May 14, Bishop-elect Carrie Schofield-Broadbent will be sharing updates from the diocese during all three service announcements. Know that Becky, Kip and the entire St. James' staff continue to maintain the high standards of worship, service and mission we are known for in the community. A search commission will be formed after Becky and Kip have retired. St. James' is in a good position. Change is always a bit scary however this parish is prepared and organized to receive the person or people God is leading to us.

More than anything, your committed support and participation at St. James' will show any perspective clergy that this would be a blessed place to call home. God is ahead of us preparing the right person to lead St. James' on its path ahead. So far everything in this process has gone smoothly. As sad and scary it is for our parish family to say good-bye to Becky and Kip, it is quite reasonable to be excited for the next phase for St. James'.

Remember we are an active church family with a diverse congregation open to learning and walking the word of Jesus. Where other churches across the nation are scaling down, St. James' is continuing to ramp up with more worship opportunities, programs, service projects, children and youth initiatives, and working to enhance CreationCARE and Racial Justice. Our online presence is reaching across the country. Website traffic is growing. Now is the time to be exhilarated by the immense possibilities that God has for St. James'. Communication will be ongoing and transparent. Be sure to look at the weekly newsletter and website. If you have questions or concerns, the members of the Vestry are always available to speak with you.

Ushers Wanted for All Services

To allow people to have vacations and more flexible schedules, please consider ushering at the service you prefer. It is the perfect opportunity to meet people and show how welcoming St. James' is to visitors & parishioners. If interested in training, contact Laura Posecznick at laura@stjamesskan.org.

Sunday June 18 to Recognize Dads & Grads

Each year, St. James' likes to recognize all the fathers and parents along with graduates of every level. If you have a child or know someone who is graduating high school, college, or any educational program, please email Laura Posecznick (<u>laura@stjamesskan.org</u>) with the name and degree.

Lakeside Services to Begin on June 11 at 10:45 a.m.

Time is fast approaching for worship to go outside! Soon, you can bring your chair, blanket and dog to relax lakeside and soak in sun and God's word.

To make Lakeside Worship happen, it takes a team. If you would like to be a member of the Lakeside Crew Team, please contact Laura Posecznick at laura@stjamesskan.org. Set up is at 9:30 a.m. and clean up directly follows worship. Even if you can only commit to 2 or 3 Sundays, please sign up to help. The current team is well-trained and experienced for several years. You will be trained and appreciated.

Remember weather is a factor so watch for emails and Facebook messages Sunday mornings.

A Celebration Weekend of the Ministries

of Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper & Kip Coerper, Organist/ Choirmaster

Party & Fellowship on June 3, 2-4 p.m.

Please RSVP for this event by May 15 online (found on your invitation or e-blast) or call the Parish Office at 315-685-7600.

This event will include a program of memories, prayer, gifts, music, refreshments and fellowship. Personal cards and gifts are welcome and can be dropped at this event or make a time to meet with Becky & Kip before they leave.

To contribute to the purse, please make be sure to clearly mark any envelope and/or check with "purse" Questions, contact Nicole Bova in the parish office.

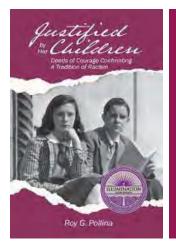
Final Worship with Becky & Kip, Sunday June 4 at 10 a.m. in the Nave

As this final day is poised to be an extraordinary experience, St. James' wants its entire family to be together for one worship service. This one-of-a-kind service will include both traditional and contemporary music along with some "surprises" for our honored retirees to show our love and appreciation.

This weekend will surely bring laughter, tears, and most importantly memories the family of St. James' can hold for years to come. Any questions, please direct to Laura Posecznick at Laura@stjamesskan.org.

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened. Dr. Seuss

Dive Deeper Bible Study to Continue Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. There is always room for you to join the weekly Bible study of the upcoming Sunday readings. Rev. Chuck Stewart facilitates this no pressure, deep discussion with a group of diverse parishioners. Readings are emailed to the group and posted on StJamesSkan.org prior to the study. This is a great program to add to your spiritual journey. It also allows you a greater understanding of scripture before the Sunday sermon and worship service. You can attend every week or when it works with your schedule. To join Dive Deeper, contact Rev. Chuck Stewart at cnstewartsyr@gmail.com or the Parish Office.



Adventure Book Club June Discussion Moved to June 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Toppie Bates Lakeside Room (Zoom is also available)

Book to be discussed: Justified by her Children: Deed of Courage Confronting a Tradition of Racism by Roy G. Pollina Questions: Contact the Parish Office

Laura Posecznick to Change Title to Communications Director & Children's Ministry Team Leader

Since the pandemic began, Laura Posecznick, Director of Congregational Life & Children's Ministry Team Leader added the role of communications to her workload. This segment has grown into the priority of her job description. This title change better reflects the main emphasis of Laura's role at St. James'. She will continue to be front line availability for parishioners, administrative & staff support, as well as Children's Ministry Team Leader. The volunteer coordinator portion of her position will be taking a more minor emphasis. Moving forward into the future months, the focus on communication and transparency will be vital to the continued success of St. James'. Any questions, please feel free to contact Laura or a member of the Vestry.







Children's Ministry Looking Back

Saints In Training Sunday School will have its last class for the season on May 14. It has been a whirlwind of a year. The class has learned foundational themes of love, kindness, prayer, communion and faith through epic Bible stories. The class has seen an increase in children from the pageant to the end of the season. The children's ministry added some new initiatives. The class joined worship at the peace time to experience communion in action. On Easter, a new event Story Song & Seek was a huge success with 30 children participating. On May 7, there will be a storytime geared for the younger children in between services 10:15-10:40 a.m. in the Saints class room. This year was filled with learning and fun with more students joining the class with the ease of the pandemic. The future is bright and exciting for Children's Ministry. There are so many initiatives in the works so be sure to visit <u>StJamesSkan.org</u> for news on programs on the horizon.

A note from Children's Ministry Team Leader, Laura Posecznick

St. James' is blessed to have a growing children's program. As I outlined in my Annual Meeting address, the time is now to put energy, personal and funding behind our children. I believe we are already seeing the rewards. Clearly this season "took a village." First, thank you to the parents and families who support the children's ministry by bringing your children to church. Without you, there is no program! I want to also express a big thank you to my team assistants of graduated Saints: Ethan Echols, Lily Sveen and Paige Posecznick. This mentor-style class help was invaluable! Also my team partner Teaching Assistant Kristen Baleno has been incredible! Her calm, caring and balanced approach offered the children a consistent loving leader in the class. My position is changing a bit next year as more programs are incorporated. I will be putting most of my time into organizing and supervising the entire program, scheduling and curriculum lesson planning. To keep consistency for the children as so many changes are being made at St. James', Kristen and I will be part of the sixmember teaching team for Saints next year. This time of year I always feel tired but very blessed to be able to spend time with these truly loving, vivacious, and creative children. Thank you for allowing me this gift. If you have any questions, please contact me at laura@stjamesskan.org.

Sincerely, Miss Laura



Children's Ministry Looking Ahead

The Children's Ministry Commission has been working over the past months to research, survey and create innovative programming for next teaching season. Some things to look forward to:

- Story time schedule for younger children with parish volunteers as readers
- Stay & Play session of free play & crafts in between services on Sundays
- Kid Communion Series
- Six-member Teaching Team for Saints in Training
- Music & Motion incorporated into all ages
- Mo Allyn, Auburn Public Theater administrator, educator, and as events support will be leading "pressure free" bonding times with Middle & High School youth beginning in the Summer!

The future is bright with the youth programming at St. James'. There are more families, more volunteers and more energy creating a wave of the Holy Spirit for our children. Be sure to keep watching the Weekly newsletter and <u>StJamesSkan.org</u> for dates and times coming ahead. If you want to be a part of this growing Children's Ministry, please contact Laura Posecznick at laura@stjamesskan.org.

St. James' Church Skaneateles Month of Community Service May 2023



DONATION DROP-OFF

Saturday, May 20 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. St. James' Church

If you can't bring your donations to church on this day, please drop off to church prior to May 21. May is St James' Month of Community Service. There are many opportunities to donate to a charity, participate in a project, make deliveries and acts of kindness. Sign Ups are ONLINE and projects can be done anytime during the month of May.

This May the focus will be on projects/donations for:

Chapel House in Auburn Interfaith Works Matthew House Habitat for Humanity Samaritan Center The Thrift Shop SS Peter & John Soup Kitchen Gardens & Pollinators for Hillbrook Merriman Circle (Rescue Mission) Ronald McDonald House Skaneateles Food Pantry Projects to help local parishioners

How do you get involved? Visit **StJamesSkan.org** and click on the banner for *Community Service*, which will link directly to the online sign-up. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Quattrociocchi at 607-727-9827, Chris Davis at 315-751-5412, or leave a message on the church voicemail at 315-685-7600. You can review the service options and sign up for as many as you would like. A project coordinator will be in contact with you to help with details. Projects can be done anytime during the month of May. Any help makes a difference! **Thank you!**

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St. James' Mission

To ignite passion for Jesus Christ to change lives, and to welcome all who to seek, to share, to serve and to celebrate God's love and forgiveness.



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2023 St. James' Vestry

Wardens

Susanne Rynkiewicz (2023-2024) Bill Spalding (2023-2025)

Vestry Members

Amy Allyn (2021-2024) Vargie Amberge (2022-2025) Michael Brown (2022-2025) Barbara Burton (2021-2024) Nancy Corl (2021-2024) Judy Holmes (2023-2026) Marie Hughes (2023-2026) Diane Steckel (2022-2025)

A PRAYER FOR TIMES OF TRANSITION

Lord, we praise You for Your unchanging love.

You sent Jesus to us, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

We thank You for walking beside us wherever we go, leading us into Your plans and purposes for us.

Lord, set us free from all that holds us back so that we can move forward during seasons of change.

Help us ask the hard questions and open up to the changes You want to make inside of us.

Help us to remember how deeply You love us and how faithful You are. In Jesus' Name, Amen.