

## Welcome to St. James

Isaiah 11:16, "The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them."

As we have found out this year, we can easily edit this verse by saying "together apart" or "apart together". As followers of Jesus, we know that the Christ Child was born to lead us. No one ever said it was going to be easy, but Presiding Bishop Michal Curry reminds us that it is up to us to "bear joy in this aching world". This pandemic has made it hard to see joy and it is up to us to be that joy for our neighbors. This is hard work, but again, no one said it was going to be easy. It is not simply saying "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" Being the joy for our neighbors also means fighting fiercely for peace on earth and goodwill towards men. The song, "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (and let it be made with me), was written in 1955 shortly after the end of the Korean War. This shows that this pandemic is not the only time in our history where we have been called to be the ones to be the joy in the world. This pandemic will pass, but our call as followers of Christ will not. We are the ones charged to bring joy to the world. We may not be physically together right now, but we all have the manger in our heart.

Bob Klassen  
Senior Warden

# December 24, 2020

## Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by:

Terri Beck in thanksgiving for her family:  
Sarah, Will, Mara, Luca, Cooper, Randa, Chris, Gail, Deidre, Pam and Roni

Joan Besonen In loving memory of Gary Besonen

Diana Bowie in loving memory of her father, Arthur

Janet Hermstein in loving memory of John and Tammy, her daughter

Deacon Robin & Roy, Don & Whitney Hollis to the Glory of God &  
in thanksgiving for the health & safety of family and friends

Mary & Jack Hovden in honor of our children, grandchildren & loved ones  
and in loving memory of our parents

Carol Justice in loving memory of Keith Justice and her parents, Norman & Lucille



## Meditation Verse

"The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light"

Isaiah 9:2

## Around the Community



**COMMUNION 'ON THE GO'** will be given before the service today from 4:30 to 5:30 pm in the south parking lot.

**TONIGHT'S SERVICE:** The service will be live-streamed at 6:00 pm and we will celebrate the lighting of the Christ candle in the advent wreath. No services are scheduled for Christmas Day.

**SAVE THE DATE** for our Annual Meeting which will be held on **Sunday, January 31st, 2021**. Look for more details regarding time and format in the next few weeks. Our amended bylaws can be viewed on the St. James website.

**YOUR 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED** and are available for pick up from the church office. Please put your name on your envelope *especially if giving cash*. 2020 Contribution Statements will be emailed the 3rd week of January.

**JUST A REMINDER** - We must receive your final gifts for the 2020 tax year before December 31st. Thank you for your generosity.

### WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP OR ANSWERS....

Pastor Andrea\* is available to answer your questions, to respond to pastoral concerns, to offer support and counseling, and, most of all, to listen. You can reach her at the office, or by email at [rector@stjamestemple.org](mailto:rector@stjamestemple.org).

Officers of St. James: Bob Klassen, (480) 225-3342 or [bob.klassen@gmail.com](mailto:bob.klassen@gmail.com); Larry Kenyon, (571) 212-3180 or [lbkenyon4@verizon.net](mailto:lbkenyon4@verizon.net); and Gerry Carlston, (480) 678-2710 or [pgcarlston@cox.net](mailto:pgcarlston@cox.net).

Prayer Chain: & Pastoral Care: Please call the office, (480) 345-2686.

Godly Play/Children & Youth Ministries: Eileen Flock, (480) 586-1124 or [eflock@cox.net](mailto:eflock@cox.net).

### Music Teams:

8:30 Worship: Lali Breen, [lb.dbstrings@gmail.com](mailto:lb.dbstrings@gmail.com); or (480) 205-5635;  
10:30 Worship: Audrey Spence, [audrey\\_d\\_spence@accountant.com](mailto:audrey_d_spence@accountant.com) or (480) 460-3259.

Parish Nurse: Patricia Maybee, [pmaybee@gmail.com](mailto:pmaybee@gmail.com).