



March 2024

# THE WAYFARER

A PUBLICATION OF ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:30 am	H.E. Rite I
9:30 am	Adult Christian Ed
9:30 am	Choir
10:30 am	Children's Church
10:30 am	H. E. Rite II

## STUDY SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY

10:30 am	Bible Study
3:00 pm	Kid's Connection
5:30 pm	Lenten program and supper
6:30 pm	Choir

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## Holy Week 2024

This year, our Holy Week and Easter observances fall in March, but just barely. They are in the last week of March, so you have plenty of time after reading this to make plans to attend.

Holy Week begins March 24 with the Sunday of the Passion. We will start the service, weather permitting, in the courtyard with the Liturgy of the Palms. This liturgy commemorated our Lord's "Triumphal Entry" into Jerusalem. It is a joyful occasion that turns on a dime as we approach the doors to the church and the emphasis shifts to the Passion theme. We go from shouting "Hosannah!" to shouting "Crucify him!" It is jarring, and that is by intention. The crowd turned on our Lord in a very short time, persuaded by nefarious persons in the religious leadership who perceived our Lord not as a Savior but as a threat.

Holy Week continues on Wednesday with the Stations of the Cross. Pilgrims to the Holy Land would follow Jesus' path from Gabbatha to Golgotha and the grave. We will simulate this journey going around the nave, making stops at points both biblical and traditional. At each station, there is a short meditation and prayer as we contemplate our Lord's journey to the cross.

On Thursday we will observe Maundy Thursday. There is a three-fold emphasis to this day: (a) the institution of the Holy Eucharist; (b) the law of love, symbolized by the washing of feet; and (c) the beginning of the celebration of the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Paschal Triduum.

The Triduum continues on Good Friday as we gather at noon to remember the Crucifixion of our Lord. This can be a very moving and powerful service, and I encourage all who possibly can to attend.

Saturday is the Great Vigil of Easter. This is the focus of the entire liturgical year. We will begin at 7:30 PM in the courtyard as the sun sets. We light a new fire and from it the Paschal candle. We process into the darkened nave by its light. The ancient hymn, the *Exsultet*, is chanted as the light of Christ spreads through the darkened nave. We hear readings from the Old Testament teaching about God's salvation. Next, if we have a candidate, we will have a baptism. If there are no candidates, (*continued on page 2*)

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## IN OUR CHURCH

(continued from page 1) we will simply renew our baptismal vows. Then we turn up the lights, rings bells, and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. It is a glorious service. The celebration will be followed by a gala reception in the parish hall.

Holy Week and Easter are the high points of the liturgical year, and I encourage you to come to as many services as you can.

Peace,  
Fr. Brandt+



## Lenten Schedule

Wednesdays during Lent: Mar 6 – Mar 20  
5:30 pm – Supper & Program



Don't forget to set your clocks forward before you go to bed Saturday, March 9.



The next ECW luncheon will be Tues., Mar 12 at noon at the Greenville Country Club.



**MEN of  
ST. JAMES**

The Men of St. James will enjoy breakfast on Thurs. March 21, at 7:00 a.m.

## Next Dates for Baptisms

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is appropriately administered within the Eucharist at the chief service on a Sunday. The next dates for Baptism are Easter Vigil, Mar 30, The Day of Pentecost, May 19, and All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 3. To schedule a baptism, please call Betsy at the Church Office or speak to Father Brandt.



## HOLY WEEK

Mar 24 – Palm Sunday H.E. Rite I 8:30 am  
Mar 24 – Palm Sunday H. E. Rite II 10:30 am  
Mar 27 – Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm  
Mar 28 – Maundy Thursday H. E. Rite II 6:00 pm  
Mar 29 – Liturgy of Good Friday noon  
Mar 30 – Easter Vigil 7:30 pm followed by reception  
Mar 31 – Easter Sunday H. E. Rite II 10:30 am  
Followed by Easter Egg hunt

## Revenue & Expenses January 2024

Total Revenue	\$100,491.88
Total Expenses	\$44,498.84
Net Total	\$55,993.04



## Easter Lilies

The Easter Memorial Flower List is on the hall table. Please check the list and highlight the names of loved ones you would like to remember. If a name needs to be added, please PRINT the name on the attached legal pad. Minimum donation is \$30.00. Deadline for memorial names is **Mar 24**

## Souper Supper



Each Wednesday evening during Lent we will have supper and discussion beginning at 5:30 pm. If you would like to help with a simple meal one evening, please sign up on the hall bulletin board. This year's topic will center on *Episcopalians: What Makes Us Us?* This will also serve as instruction for those who wish to be confirmed, were recently confirmed, or anyone at all who needs a refresher on our church, our faith, and our common life together.

## Good Friday Offering

Each year our plate offering on Good Friday goes to The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Episcopal Church has been in partnership with the diocese of Jerusalem for a very long time. Since 1922 the Good Friday offering we collect helps the ministries of healing, feeding and teaching among the dioceses of the Province. While there is not an "offertory" on Good Friday there will be a plate in the aisle for your donations. Please give generously for this worthy cause.



We will ring in the Great Fifty Days of Easter at the 7:30 pm Easter Vigil service on Saturday, Mar 30. Bring your bells to ring during the service.



## Flowering the Cross



## Easter Egg Hunt

Two of our favorite traditions will happen Easter morning – the children's flowering of the cross and the Easter egg hunt. Children may put flowers into the cross during the sequence hymn. The egg hunt will be immediately after church in the yard. Don't forget to bring your Easter basket and flowers!!



## The Annual Day School Rummage Sale will be held in July!

As you are doing your spring cleaning, please remember we are accepting donations at the church daily from 8-12. If you need to drop off items at another time, please contact Liz Weissinger.

Remember, we are not accepting clothing or outdated electronics.

The Day School has an account at the Corner Closet resale shop for all clothing donations.



## SERVICE MINISTRIES AND MISCELLANEOUS

### Service Ministries for Sunday, Mar 3

**8:30 AM Worship Leader:** Brister Lee

**10:30 AM Worship Leader:** Ashley Hines

**LEM:** Noel Harris

**Lector:** Ruby Edwards

**Ushers:** David Cochran

**Vestry Assignment:** Brister Lee, Beth Naaman

### Service Ministries for Sunday, Mar 10

**8:30 AM Worship Leader:** Jim Martin

**10:30 AM Worship Leader:** Geoffrey Lewis

**LEM:** Finley Edwards

**Lector:** Ed Egger

**Ushers:** Bill Andrews

**Vestry Assignment:** Wesley Smith, Doug Wade

### Service Ministries for Sunday, Mar 17

**8:30 AM Worship Leader:** Betsy Alexander

**10:30 AM Worship Leader:** Dotti Lowe

**LEM:** Sonya Bixler

**Lector:** Lee Engel

**Ushers:** Ed Egger

**Vestry Assignment:** Finley Edwards, Brad Jones

### Service Ministries for Palm Sunday, Mar 24

**8:30 AM Worship Leader:** Brister Lee

**10:30 AM Worship Leader:** Ashley Hines

**LEM:** Noel Harris

**Lector:** Austin Frye

**Ushers:** Lee Engel

**Vestry Assignment:** Ginny Cochran, Ellen Frye

### Service Ministries for Maundy Thurs., Mar 28

**6:00 PM Worship Leader:** Geoffrey Lewis

**LEM:** Finley Edward

**Lector:** Deanna Harper

**Ushers:** Rak Koestler

**Vestry Assignment:** Noell Harris, Debi Hendrix

### Service Ministries for Good Friday, Mar 29

**12:00 PM Worship Leader:** Dotti Lowe

### Service Ministries for Easter Vigil, Mar 30

**7:30 PM Worship Leader:** Ashley Hines

**LEM:** Sonya Bixler

**Lector:** Robin Kelly

**Ushers:** Mickey Naaman

**Vestry Assignment:** Rak Koestler, Brister Lee

### Service Ministries for Easter Sunday, Mar 31

**10:30 AM Worship Leader:** Geoffrey Lewis

**LEM:** Noel Harris

**Lector:** Rak Koestler

**Ushers:** Peter Nimrod

**Vestry Assignment:** Beth Naaman, Wesley Smith

Diocese of Mississippi  
**ECW**  
Spring Conference  
2024  
Saturday, April 6, 2024



Hosted by the ECW of St. Peter's by-the-Sea  
1909 - 15th Street Gulfport, Mississippi  
Registration 9:00a.m. - 10:00a.m.

## How Faith Becomes JOY

Speaker: The Reverend Patrick Sanders  
Rector, St. Peter's by-the-Sea  
Registration - \$20 (includes Lunch)

**RSVP by March 17, 2024**  
eamlst@yahoo.com 601-479-7477  
stpetersbythesea@bellsouth.net

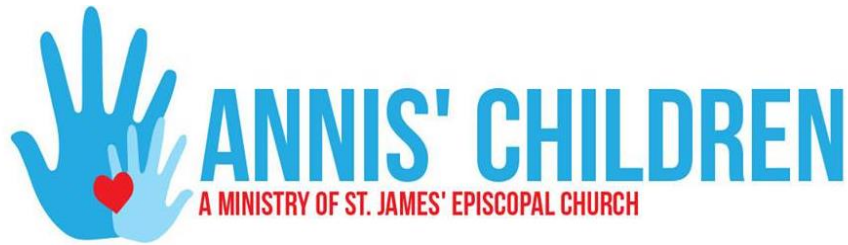
A limited number of rooms have been blocked for Friday, April 5 at the Courtyard Gulfport Beachfront  
1600 E. Beach Blvd Gulfport, MS 228-864-4310  
mariott.com/GPTCY Group Code ECWS Total Price: \$166.88  
In order to get this reduced price, reservations must be made by **March 6, 2024**



Priority Registration for 2024-25 school year has begun! Current students and parishioners will receive priority until March 6. Anyone interested in enrolling their children should contact the school office to receive an application.



**St. James'**  
EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL



Annis' Children was fortunate enough last year to receive a grant from the Kings Daughters and Sons Circle Number 2. This is the first time AC has applied for a grant and were delighted to receive \$15,000.00. The following report outlines how that money was spent.

School Uniforms for 250 at-risk children – 2 uniforms each	\$9,054.48
Coats for 65 foster children	\$2,332.10
Beds and Bedding for at-risk children: 10 sets of bunk beds with Comforter sets and pillows	\$6,148.72
Total	\$17,517.30

In addition, AC provided Christmas gifts (4 -5 gifts per child) for 65 foster children. The children and their foster families along with Washington County social workers were given a Christmas party including a meal and entertainment. We also provided filled Christmas stockings for 163 in-home children plus food vouchers for 50 families.

Grand Total of expenditures for 2023	\$33,756.12
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The following disbursements were made from the 2023 Bazaar proceeds for Outreach:

Bratton Green Special Camps .....	\$7,500.00
Camp Looking Glass .....	\$3,000.00
St. James' Day School .....	\$2,000.00
Delta Cotton Belles.....	\$1,500.00
Hearty Helpings Food Panty.....	\$1,500.00
Arms of Mercy .....	\$1,500.00
YMCA Scholarship Fund .....	\$1,000.00
St. Vincent DePaul .....	\$500.00
Honduras Medical Mission.....	\$500.00
Greater Greenville Habitat .....	\$500.00
Boys & Girls Club .....	\$500.00
Sacred Space of Greenville.....	\$500.00
TOTAL .....	\$20,500.00

## OUR PARISH FAMILY



**For parishioners:** Jimmy Sutherland, Sandy Welsh, Lynn & Bill Schaffarzick, Haley Holbrook, Jimmy Lee, Linda Owens, Dudley Stewart, Susan Sutherland, Elizabeth Smith

**For friends and family:** Sue Gordon, Jeannie Edwards, Rod Armstrong, Kenneth Culpepper, Mary Alice Davis, Jan Lester, Beverly Plunkett, Mischa Walker, Mary Louise Miller, Ruth Ellen Coffey, Roane Bland, Maria Sherman, Andy VonAntz, Jerry Alford, Linda Fratesi, Brittany Hill, Christin Fisher, Phil Lee, Jr., Millie Wright, Kaye Buchanan, Bob Jones, Penny & Rick Byler

**For those serving in the Armed Forces:** Jackson Mitchell, Tyler Owens, Nathan Thomas, Sean Williams, Thomas Griffin, Barry Jackson, Marcus Shoemaker, Beau Swain.

**For expectant couples:** Morgan & Casey Rorie, Cathy & Adam Tarr, Melonie & Thomas Sandidge

# MARCH



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Brandt Dick	3/01
Gayden Metcalfe	3/04
Amanda Cottingham	3/08
Lou Burle, III	3/09
Leigh Harris	3/10
Alexa Engel	3/12
Emma Jean McIntyre	3/13
Edie Weissinger	3/16
Marly Wells	3/18
Miriam Ables	3/22
Louise Loughran	3/25
Sandy McIntire	3/25
Minor Hawkins	3/26
Tré Sterling	3/26
Zach Dick	3/28
Ann Egger	3/30

Allison & Peter Nimrod	3/04
Sonya & Tim Bixler	3/08
Nan & Gary Hines	3/12

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mar 4	Pastoral Care Committee
Mar 6	Healing Service at noon
Mar 6, 13 & 20	Supper and Lenten Program 5:30 pm
Mar 9	Spring Forward!!
Mar 12	ECW Luncheon at noon @ CCGG
Mar 19	Vestry meeting 5:30 pm
Mar 21	Men's Breakfast 7:00 am
Mar 24	Palm Sunday
Mar 24	Deadline for Easter Name List
Mar 27	Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm
Mar 28	Maundy Thursday service 6:00 pm
Mar 29	Good Friday Liturgy at noon
Mar 30	Easter Vigil followed by reception 7:30 pm
Mar 31	Easter Sunday – one service at 10:30 with Easter Egg Hunt after








Deadline for articles for the next *Wayfarer* is Mar. 20.



# CALENDARS



2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> Clergy Sabbath	<b>2</b> 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
<b>3</b> 8:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:30 AM Adult Sunday school 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Children's Church 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II	<b>4</b> 12:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:30 AM Dayschool chapel 10:30 AM Bible Study 12:00 PM Healing Service  3:00 PM Kid's Connection 5:30 PM Supper and program 6:30 PM Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Clergy Sabbath	<b>9</b> 10:00 AM A.A. mtg 
<b>10</b> 8:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:30 AM Adult Sunday school 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Children's Church 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 12:00 PM ECW Luncheon @ GGCC	<b>13</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study  5:30 PM Supper and program 6:30 PM Choir	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Clergy Sabbath	<b>16</b> 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
<b>17</b> 8:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:30 AM Adult Sunday school 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Children's Church 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:30 PM Vestry	<b>20</b> 8:30 AM Dayschool chapel 10:30 AM Bible Study  3:00 PM Kid's Connection 5:30 PM Supper and program 6:30 PM Choir	<b>21</b> 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast	<b>22</b> Clergy Sabbath	<b>23</b> 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
<b>24</b>  <b>Palm Sunday</b> 8:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:30 AM Adult Sunday school 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Children's Church 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:30 AM Dayschool chapel 10:30 AM Bible Study  3:00 PM Kid's Connection 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM Choir	<b>28</b>  <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 6:00 PM H.E. Rite II, Stripping Altar	<b>29</b>  <b>Good Friday</b> 12:00 Noon Liturgy of Good Friday	<b>30</b> 10:00 AM A.A. mtg  <b>Easter Vigil</b> 7:30 PM: Easter Vigil & Reception
<b>31</b>  <b>Easter Sunday</b> 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II Followed by Easter Egg Hunt						