



### Welcome to St. James' in the City!

We're happy to have you with us this morning. We hope you find our parish to be a place of welcome and invitation. After the service, come have a cup of coffee and visit our welcome table, where you'll find out more of what St. James' has to offer.

Remember to join our 15 minutes of prayer time in the church before the services for the life and ministry of this congregation.

### Be Awake!

In 1934 Christian theologians in Germany like Karl Barth, Martin Niemöller and Dietrich Bonhoeffer spoke out against the Nazi take-over of churches under the Hitler regime. They created a document called the *Barmen Declaration* which confessed that the Church was not to be an arm of the state and that the basic tenants of Christianity were not to be hijacked (my word) by oppressive agendas. This was a time when a German Christian movement also sought to gain power by fusing Christianity with National Socialism in order to capitalize on the nationalistic fervor of the times despite the cruel Nazi agenda. (It is reported that Hitler at one point replaced bibles in the churches with *Mein Kampf* and that banners with swastika's hung over altars). While our churches aren't being taken over by the government, we must be alert to signs of how Christianity is being subjugated by a distorted vision.

In the spirit of the *Barmen Declaration*, two weeks ago over 100 Christian leaders met at the historic Old South Church in Boston and signed what is called *The Boston Declaration*. The declaration begins like this:

*[As followers of Jesus, the Jewish prophet for justice whose life reminds us to, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31) we hear the cries of women and men speaking out about sexual abuse at the hands of leaders in power and we are outraged. We are outraged by the current trends in Evangelicalism and other expressions of Christianity driven by white supremacy, often enacted through white privilege and the normalizing of oppression. Confessing racism as the United States' original and ongoing sin, we commit ourselves to following Jesus on the road of costly discipleship to seek shalom justice for the least, the lost, and the left out. We declare that following Jesus today means fighting poverty, economic exploitation, racism, sexism, and all forms of oppression from the deepest wells of our faith.]*

We must not be asleep to a twisted cross of oppression that supplants the true Cross of Christ which was given for all. Jesus implores us to "be alert" and to "stay awake".

Blessings, Jenifer+

### Preparing for Christmas

Please support the Christmas Flowers and Music program this year. Donation forms are included in your bulletins today. You are encouraged to dedicate your donation to loved ones. These dedications will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

On Sunday, December 17, after the 8am service, we will have a quick PEW PATROL to load up the pews with offering envelopes, fresh pens and welcome cards to be ready for December 24th. If you would like to be a part of the patrol, please contact Lauren in the Parish Office, 213-388-3417, x102.

### ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS



On Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 4:30PM, the Choir of St. James' sings an **Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols**. The style of this service originated at King's College, Cambridge, England, in 1934 and was composed by Dean Eric Milner-White, who had also been responsible nine years earlier for beginning the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas Eve. In his Preface to the Advent service, Dean Milner-White wrote: "In the old English liturgies, the Advent Offices made a preparation for the coming of our Lord to the earth far more vivid and eager than those of our present Prayerbook." One purpose of this service is "not to celebrate Christmas, but to expect it."

Musical selections include the Great "O" *Antiphons*, chanted in plainsong by the choir, and the congregational singing of the hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel*, a recapitulation of these antiphons in poetic form. Additional music represents composers from throughout the history of western church music: Praetorius, Gibbons, Mathias, Howells, Tavener, and living composers Randall Svane, Bob Chilcott, and Los Angeles composers Sean McDermott and Morten Lauridsen.

### Christmas Eve and Day

On Christmas Eve, beginning at 10:30PM, the Choir of St. James' sings a *Prelude of Carols* concluding with the Solemn Eucharist beginning at 11PM. An ensemble of woodwinds and harp enrich the musical settings for this service.

On Christmas morning, at 10:30AM, the Gentlemen of the Schola Cantorum of St. James' sings the Gregorian Chant setting of the *Missa de Angelis* and the Spanish traditional carol *Riu, riu, chiu* as well as the famed *Ave Maria* by Franz Biebl.

### Rector Search Update

On Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, your search committee met with Canon Joanna Satorius as she 1) gave us the files of the final 22 candidates and 2) explained, in detail, what is expected in the Rector search process. Your search committee decided our next meeting will be on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. This date will give us time to carefully read through each file, evaluate each candidate and be prepared to discuss our evaluations and then move forward with scheduling the interviews. It is exciting to be able to move our search forward.

Please continue to keep your search committee in your prayers.

*Ingrid Finley-Scott*

Chair of the Search Committee and Vestry Member

## CALENDAR

SUNDAY *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent* 3 DECEMBER

Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Church	8:00AM
Sunday School	Sunday School Rm	10:30AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	10:30AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II <i>Korean Language</i>	Church	12:15PM

MONDAY 4 DECEMBER

Young Adult Prayer Group		7:30PM
<i>Please call the church office for location.</i>		

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER

Food Pantry Prep <i>(volunteers welcome)</i>	Street Lvl	8:00AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Chapel	12:15PM

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

Food Pantry Distribution <i>(volunteers welcome)</i>	Street Lvl	7:30AM
Centering Prayer	Chapel	9:15AM

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

Soup Kitchen Prep	Parish Hall Kitchen	2:00PM
Soup Kitchen Meal	Parish Hall	5:00PM
Soup Kitchen Chapel	Chapel	6:00PM

SUNDAY *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent* 10 DECEMBER

Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Church	8:00AM
Family Service	Church	9:30AM
Sunday School	Sunday School Rm	10:30AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II <i>Worship Together with Korean Congregation</i>	Church	10:30AM
Lessons & Carols	Church	4:30PM

## SAVE THE DATE

Advent Lessons & Carols	Church	December 10
Dec 24 (Advent 4)	8AM, 10:30AM, 12:15PM (Korean)	
Christmas Eve Family Service (& Pageant)		4:00PM
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service		10:30PM
Christmas Day Gregorian Chant Service		10:30AM
Christmas Day Korean Service		12:15PM



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## St. James' Giving Tree

Donations of \$20 gift cards to Ralphs or Target and money donations are still being accepted. Or, visit the Christmas tree in the Parish Hall to get a tag containing a gift request. Volunteers will be available to answer questions. Donate online: Make a donation online at [stjla.org/givingtree/](http://stjla.org/givingtree/).

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers that adorn the altar today are given to the glory of God by the Ola and Alice Thomas & family in celebration of Ola's birthday.

Please consider signing up to sponsor Altar Flowers. Supporting our Altar Flower program is a great way to honor your loved ones and beautify our Altar at the same time. The sign-up calendar is located in the Parish Hall. Suggested donation: \$125.

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Many thanks to Ifeanyi Nwoko and Bridget Iserhien for hosting the 8:00 coffee hour; and thanks to Margaret and Viceroy Andrews for hosting the 10:30 coffee hour today.

Providing coffee hour refreshments is a wonderful way to support St. James' in offering hospitality and welcome to our fellow parishioners and visitors. Please sign up for a Sunday – the sign-up calendar is located in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your generosity.

## ST. JAMES' PRAYER LIST

*Supporting Our Brothers and Sisters with Prayer*

We ask you to hold the following friends and parishioners of Saint James' close to your heart and in your prayers: the Rev. Charles Saquety, Helen Nelson, Kay Wiley, Eric Nelson, Shirley Perez, Bill Wasson, Ogechi Ogbunamiri, Freddie Wright, and Harold Ahaiwe.

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