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175 Years  
& Beyond



## WORSHIP

Sundays

10 am

Live & via  
Zoom

&

Wednesday

7pm

Share the  
welcome.

Invite a  
friend.

Zoom link  
found at our  
website:

[www.stjames  
folsom.org](http://www.stjamesfolsom.org)



# THE VOICE OF ST. JAMES



## Thoughts from Pastor

The Word Christmas has such significance. In one Word we know of God's Gracious Action. As I ponder the word these are things that come to mind.

**Cherished by God**

**Held in Love**

**Rejoice**

**Immanuel**

**Savior**

**To Us Given**

**Majestic Grace**

**Alleluia**

**Sent to us**

May you feel the wonder of  
God's love this holiday

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season. Take time to come up with your own Anagram. Share it with us. I would love to see what you think of as you ponder Christmas.

Peace, Pastor Pam



## **BLUE** *Christmas* **SERVICE**

Thursday, December 21st  
12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

A SERVICE OF REFLECTION AND  
REMEMBRANCE FOR THOSE WHO  
ARE GRIEVING AND HURTING..

A TIME FOR HEALING AND  
HOPE AS WE PONDER  
THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.



# Christmas Eve Services

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**

**10:00 AM**

**MORNING WORSHIP**

**5:30 PM**

**YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

**11:00 PM**

**TRADITIONAL  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**





**29th - Fred and  
Suzanne Tichy**



**3rd - Nicole  
Morgan**  
**5th - Erika Warriner**  
**7th - Patti Zellers**  
**9th - Gannon Dilks**  
**16th - Sally Costa**  
**20th - Emily  
Reichenbach**  
**20th - Jessica Lee  
Caglianone**  
**31st - Diane Eby**  
**31st - Jonah Moran**



**JOIN US FOR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Classes are on  
Sunday Mornings  
at 9:00 AM

***December***  
***3rd & 17th***

***January***  
***7th, 14th, & 21st***

***February***  
***11th & 18th***

Future dates will be  
posted, if there are any  
changes in the dates  
listed above, you  
will be notified.



# December Worship Volunteers



**3rd - Debbie  
Caglianone**  
**10th - Sally Costa**  
**17th - Dolores Fiori**  
**24th - Linda Kisby**  
**31st - Judy May**



**3rd - Volunteer Needed**  
**10th - Volunteer Needed**  
**17th - Volunteer Needed**  
**24th - Volunteer Needed**  
**31st - Volunteer Needed**



## Communion Assistants

**3rd - Volunteers Needed**  
**10th - Volunteers Needed**  
**17th - Volunteers Needed**  
**24th - Volunteers Needed**  
**31st - Volunteers Needed**



**Dec. 3rd - Volunteer Needed**  
**Jan. 7th - Volunteer Needed**

Volunteers are needed to help support our in-person worship. We could not do it without your help! If you are willing and able, you can sign up in the



# December



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

3 9am SS/ Confirmation  10am Worship	4	5	6  7 pm Worship	7	8 DINE OUT 5 pm Meet at church 6 pm Crab Trap	9
10 8:45 am Pancake Breakfast 10 am Worship 11 am Decorate	11	12	13 1pm God's Stitchers  7 pm Worship	14	15	16  5:30 PM Family & Friends Fun Night
17 9am SS  10 am Worship	18  7pm Council	19	20  7 pm Worship	21  12 pm & 7pm Blue Christmas Service	22	23
24 10 am Worship  5:30 & 11 pm Christmas Eve Wor- ship	25  	26	27 1pm God's Stitchers  7pm Worship	28	29	30
31 10 am Worship						AA Groups Tue - 7pm Wed - 7pm (Women) Fri - 8 pm Sat - 6:30pm Sun - 7:30pm



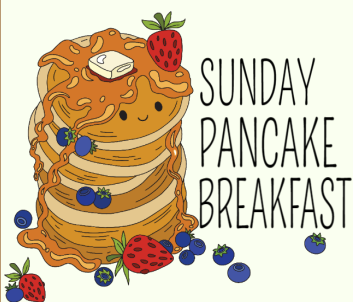


That's right, we are back at it again! As soon as we finish the Thanksgiving Outreach, we need to begin work on our Christmas Outreach baskets. Please take a card from the board in the narthex for any item you would like to donate.

Donations needed include:

Canned Sweet Potato	Powdered Drink Mix
Brown Sugar	Brownie Mix
Canned Pineapple	Bisquick
Canned Green Beans	

***Thank you to Thrivent Financial for their donation to purchase the hams!***



The St. James Anniversary Committee would like to invite you all to a Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, December 10th  
8:45am - 9:45am**

Join us for a delicious breakfast to start your day, made with love from the St. James Anniversary Committee. Pancakes, sausage, coffee, and orange juice.

**Join us after breakfast for worship at 10:00 am**



# Giving TREE

This year we are  
collecting \$10  
WaWa gift cards to assist  
Hammonton Manor  
residents for Christmas.



# ST. JAMES FAMILY & FRIENDS NIGHT

SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 16

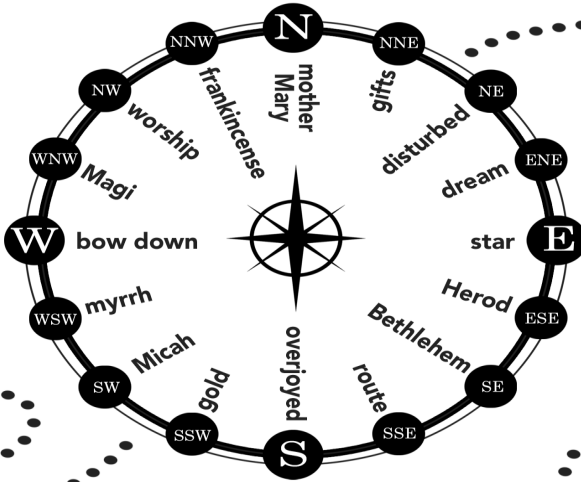
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED,  
HOLIDAY THEMED NIGHT!  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY  
AND FAVORITE SNACK.

PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED!



# Puzzle!



Use the compass guide (and read Matthew 2) to answer questions about special visitors to young Jesus.

- Who was king at the time of Jesus' birth? \_\_\_\_\_ (ESE)
- Who came from the East to worship the one born king of the Jews?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (WNW)
- How did King Herod feel about Jesus' birth? \_\_\_\_\_ (NE)
- Which prophet did the chief priests and teachers of the law quote when King Herod asked where the Christ would be born? \_\_\_\_\_ (SW)
- In what city would Christ be born? \_\_\_\_\_ (SE)
- King Herod lied to the wise men, telling them to search and report back so he, too, could do what to Christ? \_\_\_\_\_ (NW)
- What did the Magi see in the east and follow to find Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_ (E)
- When the star stopped, how did the Magi feel? \_\_\_\_\_ (S)
- Who else did the Magi see with Jesus? His \_\_\_\_\_ (N)
- Before they worshiped the child, what did the Magi do? \_\_\_\_\_ (W)
- Name the three treasures the Magi brought for Jesus.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (SSW) \_\_\_\_\_ (NNW) \_\_\_\_\_ (WSW)
- These three treasures were all brought for Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_ (NNE)
- What warned the Magi not to return to Herod? A \_\_\_\_\_ (ENE)
- The Magi had to return to their country by another \_\_\_\_\_ (SSE)



Please complete this form and  
place in the offering plate  
along with the money  
**no later than December 10th**

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Attached is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (#)  
poinsettia(s) at \$12.00 each.

**Please make check payable to St. James Church.**

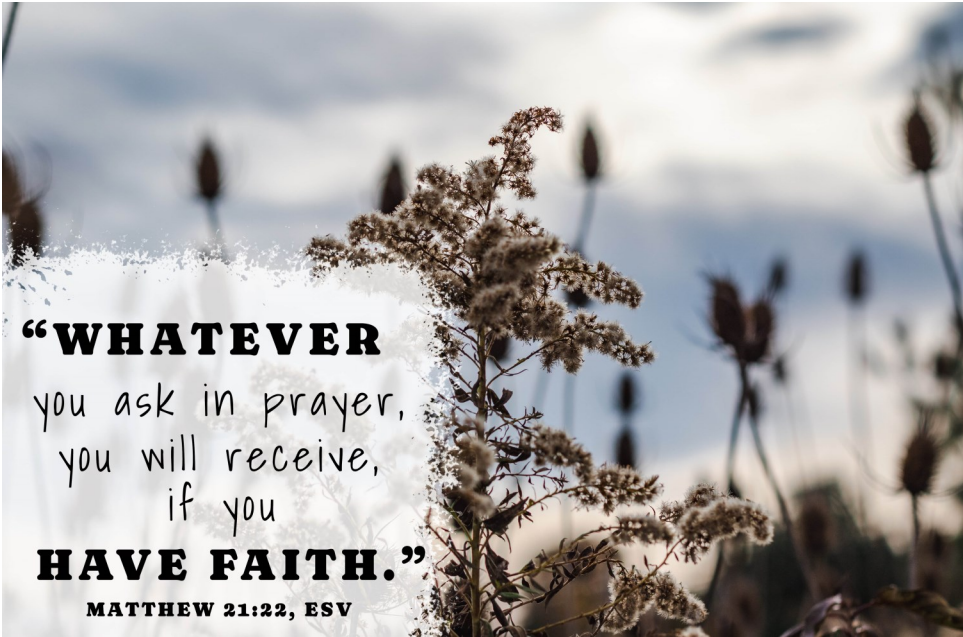
Dedicate your poinsettia by completing the following  
information:

**In Memory**  
of \_\_\_\_\_

**In Thanksgiving**  
of \_\_\_\_\_

**To the Glory of**  
**God** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Celebration**  
of \_\_\_\_\_



**“WHATEVER**  
you ask in prayer,  
you will receive,  
if you  
**HAVE FAITH.”**

**MATTHEW 21:22, ESV**



Jennifer Johnson, Dolores Fiori,  
Laura Librizzi, Joan & Marx Heller,  
Diane Eby, Winnie Ziegler,  
Hannah Bonchi, Margaret Rea,  
Rita Ricca, Claire Gilmore, Lee Phillips,  
Don Haines, Henry Butterhof,  
Bette Jackson, Maggie Rider, Marlene Triggian,  
Catherine Sabatini, Sharon Schwabs, Edythe Aselta,  
Toni Marinelli, Fran Penza, Bob & Ellie Frietag, Ed Shine,  
Christina Spahn, George Cappucio, Karin Cerrato,  
Heather Lang, Betty Haines, Madilynn Rose Powell,  
Jessica Lewis, Dawn Hatch, Dan P., Louie Rider,  
Tom Dixon, Arlene Calletta, Ed Volpa, Mike Fountas,  
Gwen Forbes, Jen, Craig Denelsbeck, Liam, Dominique,  
Nick Pobletti, Donald Ferredico, Blue Clark, Arlene Deptula

For the NJ SYNOD, our Bishop and staff, and the ELCA  
and its ministries.

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## CHURCH COUNCIL

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Fred Tichy - Vice President Jayne Carmen  
Regina Moschik Judy May

**Worship - Sundays 10 am**  
**Live and Via Zoom**  
**Link on [www.stjamesfolsom.org](http://www.stjamesfolsom.org)**

## Our Mission

Welcoming all people to abide in Christ,  
to experience God's love, and  
to do God's work in the world around us.



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