



Welcome to everyone who is here today sharing this joyous occasion. We're delighted you're able to be present. St. James the Less has been a part of the Ashland community for 150 years sharing the Gospel in word and deed. The town is a kinder place because of the love shown forth by this community of God's people. The people who have gone before us have left us this church as their legacy, and it is ours to strengthen and leave to the generations to come. We have known good times and hard times, yet through all 150 years the Spirit has sustained us. As we step into our next 150 years, it is fitting that we celebrate our Sesquicentennial on Trinity Sunday when we ponder the fullness of God as Creator, Redeemer and, Sustainer for this is how we have come to know God at St. James the Less.

We especially welcome our guest preacher, the Rev. Canon Patrick J. Wingo, Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Virginia. In this role, Pat is responsible for assisting and supporting the bishop in areas of episcopal ministry, including disciplinary matters, prevention of sexual misconduct training, congregational development and the discernment process. Pat graduated from the University of Alabama in 1982 and from the Seminary of the Southwest, and served as rector of churches in the Diocese of Alabama. Pat helped begin the Cooperative College for Congregational Development in Province IV, and is trained in Conflict Mediation for Congregations through the Lombard-Mennonite Peace Center. He and his wife, the Rev. Sara-Scott Wingo, have three daughters.

Following church, we invite you to:

- Check out the beautiful Sesquicentennial display in the library as well as our Youth Groups' video montage, available on the library TV.
- Stop by our merchandise table to purchase a lovely church print, a set of notecards or a commemorative cup!
- Bring your little ones outside to play in the Bounce House set up in the back of the church.

We would like to thank all of those who have helped us plan and execute this fabulous celebration!

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to:

- The Rev. Canon Patrick J. Wingo for visiting with us and preaching on this special occasion
- The Rev. Claudia W. Merritt for her leadership, guidance, and input throughout this process
- Margaret Rush for her steadfast assistance on every aspect of the celebration...we could not have pulled this off without her!
- Paul & Joanne Robb, the Handbell Choir, the Adult Choir, and the St. Cecilia Children's Choir for their joyful noise
- The Festival Brass Quintet, for adding so much to our worship: John Scott, James Pennington, Elizabeth Miksovic, Robert Ellithorpe, & David Simmons
- Cami Stiles for her support and help with the budget
- The Vestry for their support and feedback throughout the planning process
- Bob May and Rusty Edwards for leading our BBQ Fundraiser and helping to raise sesquicentennial funds
- Katherine Tinker and Vicky Bickel for gathering artifacts and setting up the historical display (not to mention Vicky donating her lovely sketch for our prints and notecards)
- The High School Youth Group and their leaders for interviewing parishioners and creating the video montage to honor our 150th Anniversary
- All the numerous volunteers who have contributed their time to today's event, including Micah Eads and the Patrick Henry High School IB students: Tara Anderson; Jamie Doyle; Qasier Mahmood; Lauren Pearce; Josh Peck; Josie Riederer; Trista Roady; Sarah Sybert; Brendan White
- Arby's of Ashland for their donation of chicken tenders
- Keith Herald of The Butler's Pantry for his invaluable assistance with all of the food.
- Alex Damrath for his artistic and technical capabilities
- The Sesquicentennial Planning Committee, John Hoar, Thomas Leachman, Melissa Roberts and especially our wonderful co-chairs, Liz Chambers and Kris Holt, for all their hard work in planning and executing today's celebration

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of those who have helped sponsor today's event:

- Lee and Susan Chambers
- Liz and Todd Chambers
- Bob and Nancy Chamlee
- Margaret Georgiadis
- Melissa and John Hoar
- Lula Hopkins
- Yancey and Jane Jones
- Hilda Kelly
- The Rev. Claudia W. and Mr. Craig T. Merritt
- Tanya Reagan
- Kristina Raney
- Betsy Snipes
- Cami Stiles and Alex Carter
- Paul and Anita Tarbox
- John and Gayellen Wagner

Some notes about the music today:

With a few exceptions, all of the music texts and tunes used this morning existed and could have been used in 1866. The hymns are all found in the authorized Episcopal hymnal of 1826 or its 1865

supplement. *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* is a text written by Isaac Watts in 1719. The tune, *Duke Street* was first published in 1793 and was named for the street on which the composer, John Hatton, lived. *Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove* is also a Watts text that dates to 1707. The tune by John Bachus Dykes was published in *A Hymnal for the English Church* in 1856. The Presentation Hymn is found in the Doxologies section of the 1865 Episcopal hymnal supplement. The text by Thomas Ken dates to 1674 and the tune, *Old Hundredth* is even older appearing in the *Genevan Psalter* of 1551.

The offertory anthem text was written by Charles Wesley in 1750 and is now found in over 850 hymnals. Wesley draws on God's directive to the people of Israel in the book of Leviticus that every 50 years be a "Year of Jubilee" in which debts are forgiven, slaves set free and property returned to the rightful owner. The beginning of the year was marked by the sounding of a loud trumpet throughout the land. Wesley believed this to be a metaphor for God's redemption and salvation through Jesus Christ. This anthem arrangement of *Blow Ye the Trumpet* begins with Isaiah 61:1-2: "He has sent me to bind up the broken of heart, to comfort those who mourn, to give sight to the blind, release the oppressed, to bring freedom for the captive, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" It is not mere coincidence that this hymn was number 1 in the supplementary hymnal approved by the Episcopal House of Bishops in October of 1865.

The text of our final hymn was also written by Charles Wesley in 1744. The anthem arrangement we are singing begins by quoting Psalm 33. See the bulletin for the full text. To the 35 founding members of St. James the Less, this Psalm had to have been a source of comfort and hope to a people in a time of great uncertainty.

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GRADUATIONS Do you have a student graduating from high school, community college, college, and/or graduate school this spring? Please let the office know his or her name and future plans if they have them settled, by May 26.

CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF CLAUDIA on Sunday, June 5, we will bid a fond farewell and celebrate the ministry of Claudia W. Merritt with a reception following 10:00 church.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP service will be June 12, at 10:00 am. We'll present the graduating seniors with a gift from the parish, recognize Sunday school teachers and youth group leaders. The St. Cecilia Children's Choir will sing. We will bless the High School seniors. Following 10:00 church, we'll gather together for the parish picnic.

SOCIAL GROUPS THE RED HATS meet on Tuesday, May 24, 11:30 am, at Westminster Canterbury; RSVP to Mary Anne Harris, 264.6413. **ROMEOS** also meet on Tuesday, May 24, 11:30 am, at Trackside; RSVP to Jim Carson, 798.1782 or George Field, 752.6384. And **ADVENTURERS** get together for their last gathering of the season on Friday, May 27, 4:00 pm, at the home of Lyde Longaker.

OUTREACH CARITAS - VAN DRIVER & RIDER VOLUNTEERS WANTED - Our neighbors at St Ann's will host CARITAS guests from June 4 thru June 18. As a collaborative effort, Duncan Memorial and St. James the Less will partner to provide St. Ann's CARITAS guests transportation to the YMCA and laundramat. Monday - Thursday, each church will donate their church van with a voluntary driver and rider. Volunteer sign-up sheets are available at Information Central, or contact Erik Helsley, 434-760-1111 or erik.a.helsley@gmail.com.

PRAYER LIST - May 22, 2016

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: PRAY for the congregations and clergy of St. James' Leesburg; Good Shepherd Burke; St. Mary's Goochland

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: PRAY for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico The Most Revd Francisco Moreno Presiding Bishop of La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico & Bishop of Northern Mexico

For our parishioners requesting our prayers: **GUS** Miller, **CONDÉ** Hopkins, **MAUD** Brumback, **PAT** Funk, **DICK** Harman, **HENRY** Mayer, **MOYA** Parmele, **ERIN** Yagla, **MEGAN** Rodman, **LAURIE** Rodman, **STEWART** Dishman, **TRUMAN** Parmele; **DON** Jones; **CHARLIE** Thompson, **JESSE, RAVEN & NATE** Blaisdell, **NED** Stiles, **TIM** Holt

For those serving in the diplomatic corps and military: **KEMPER** Jones, **HUNTER** Fines, **GREG** Ericksen, **ANDREW** Walton, **ROBERT** Ham, **MATTHEW** Thomas, **PHILIP** Morison

Relatives & Friends: (*people added this week are in italics*) **MAC** Pace (father of Steve Pace), **ANNE MARIE** Fisher (friend of the Jones family), **TRAVIS** Williams (friend of the SJTL Parish), **PATRICIA** Reppert (aunt of PK Kinser; friend of the Meyer family); **GINNY** Walker (niece of Karl Meyer), **ARLENE** Davis (mother of Dawn Davis); **WILL** Holman (friend of the SJTL Parish), **SANDIE** Litsinger (friend of the Shirey's), **WILLIAM** Micou (friend of Ron & Conde Hopkins), **ANNE** Folsom (mother of Meg Helsley and Emily Folsom), The Rev. **RACHEL** Lewis (friend of the Spagna family), **JOHN** Murphy (father of Erin Murphy), **PATRICK** Morris (friend of Harry & Doris Hassell), **BETH** Mallory (friend of Beth Markwood), **JANE** Markwood (mother of Tim Markwood), **RHONDA** Lewis (friend of the Tharrington family), **NANCY** Margie (friend of Aleta Meyer), **ANNETTE** Wisniewski (friend of Doris Hassell) **MARY & JIMMY** (family of Tammie & Bob May), **ORIANA** Hargrove (friend of Bobbi & Tom Street), **ALICE** Wallace (mother of Beth Markwood), The Rev. **NANCY** Cox (friend of the Meyer family), **JUANITA** Wightman (sister-in-law of Jane Howard), **LYNN** Forehand (cousin of Joyce Blunt), **GWEN** Bennett (sister of Hilda Kelly), **VICKI** Snelgrave (cousin of Joyce Blunt), **MELANIE** Watkins (niece of Bobbie Street)

The flowers on the altar today are from Steve & Naomi Pace in celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary, AND from the Sesquicentennial Committee, to the glory of God and in celebration of today.