



Cathedral Voices

OCTOBER 2007

Voice of the wardens

Marianne W. Culver | Senior Warden
Robert D. Black | Junior Warden

This issue of *Cathedral Voices* sounds repeatedly the issue of accessibility, both physical and spiritual. With this regular column we'd like to bring a new kind of accessibility to the governance of St. James—a sort of political accessibility.

In each issue, we will report on recent Cathedral Chapter activity, the questions the chapter is expected to turn to in coming months, Executive Committee concerns, or our musings generally, if we believe they are of interest to the wider St. James community. This month's column will focus on the Cathedral Chapter.

OPEN MEETINGS

First, we'd like to remind you that chapter meetings are open to the entire cathedral community. If you want to know exactly what happens at chapter, please come. We generally meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in Room 308 of the Diocesan Center. (This month, however, we meet on the third Tuesday, October 16.)

INFORMATION

Have you seen the Cathedral Chapter web page? You can find

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■ **At the Cathedral** *An afternoon on the plaza labyrinth*

Working to make St. James accessible

The Very Rev. Joy E. Rogers | Provost of the Cathedral

Improving access for persons with disabilities is a clear priority for this congregation and one that set a primary goal for the redevelopment work that is soon to begin. But making St. James accessible is a notion that holds a larger vision and will take more than an elevator and ramps.

The poet Annie Dillard likens cathedrals to physics labs—both are trying to raise a peep out of anything that isn't us, she writes. "Are they not both saying: Hello?" So access to God and God's access to us is focused here, made more intentional

and visible by the worship and music and sacraments and prayer that happen within this holy space.

It is not just people in wheelchairs that can be challenged by barriers to access. So now our lovely chapel is open on weekdays for a few hours, so that passersby who need a quiet interlude and a godly space might stop and pray awhile. And they do.

I delight in watching how people are welcomed on Sunday mornings by so many of our members—friends and

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Share the good news about St. James Cathedral

We're one of Chicago's best-kept secrets, but word is getting out. You can help make it happen! One of the most effective ways to spread the news is word-of-mouth.

Tell your friends about St. James Cathedral. As you meet people who may be interested in our liturgies and programs, invite them to a concert, the October 9 "Rush Hour Conversation," or a Sunday morning service. Bring them by sometime to look around. You can even arrange a tour through business manager Tom Patterson at (312) 751-3573 or tpatterson@saintjamescathedral.org.

Need to brush up on your knowledge of St. James Cathedral? Need up-to-date information? Visit our website, www.saintjamescathedral.org, and stay in touch through our e-mail newsletter. (If you're not receiving it, just send an e-mail to Vicar Peter Siwek at psiwiek@saintjamescathedral.org and ask to be added to the list.)

You'll find a wealth of printed information in the narthex on every

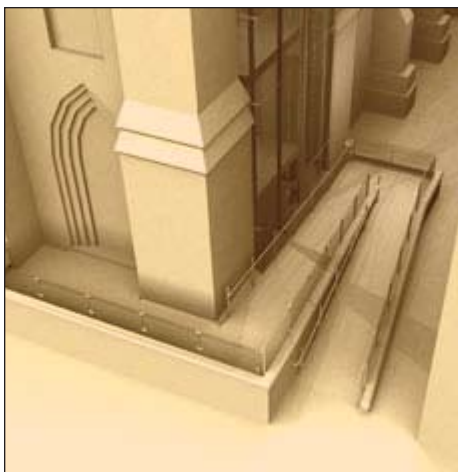


subject from parish history to the most current peace and justice initiatives. Bulletin and pulpit announcements keep you informed on upcoming events and current programs. And now, *Cathedral Voices*, our newest printed publication, provides you with an excellent overview of cathedral news, issues and features.

We want more people to share in the life of our vibrant parish community; to experience our stately liturgies and magnificent music; to join us in reaching out to the surrounding community; to grow with us into a deeper faith.

Help us spread the word about St. James Cathedral! ■

West end accessibility ramp, elevator improvements begin



Accessibility was a top priority for the St. James community, according to feedback gathered from focus groups and congregational meetings over the past two years. If one of our missions is to demonstrate outrageous hospitality, we must make our buildings easily accessible to everyone.

To that end, the cathedral renovations that began in September will include an

Artist's rendering of the new wheelchair ramp added to the Wabash Street entrance



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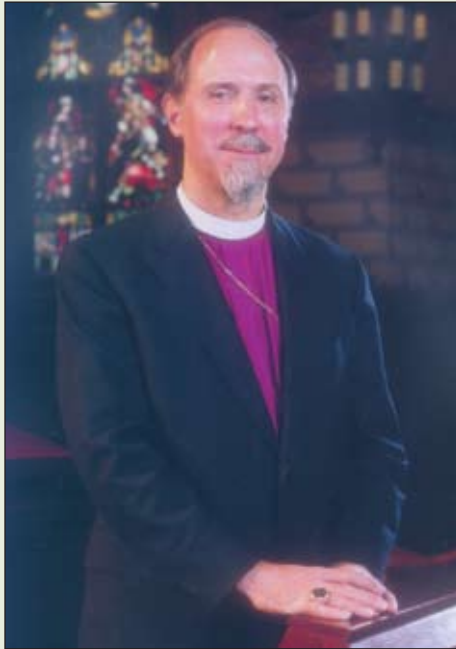
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Cathedral Wardens

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ADA-approved access ramp attached to the south end of the cathedral through the south garden, leading to the southernmost door on Wabash Street. It will be built with stone from the same quarry as the west façade.

Once inside the narthex, an elevator to the right of the stairs leading to the nave will take passengers up 18" to the nave, to the Guild Hall above and to the undercroft below. At last, all levels of the cathedral will be accessible. The project is to be completed by March 2008. ■



Bishop William D. Persell

All Saints choral evensong to celebrate Persell ministry

Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 4 at 4:00 p.m., when the Diocese of Chicago and St. James Cathedral will honor Bishop William and Nancy Persell at a choral evensong for the Feast of All Saints. The Cathedral Choir will sing music by Herbert Howells, William Harris and Paul Thompson. The Rev. Jay Risk will preach. A festive reception will be held immediately following the service.

Bishop Persell has served the Diocese of Chicago since March 1999. Under his leadership, an important five-year strategic plan was adopted by the Diocesan convention in 2002. He also led the successful negotiations for the redevelopment of the Diocesan Center at 65 East Huron. Bishop Persell served as president of the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago and has been a strong supporter for an inclusive Episcopal Church.

Bishop Persell leaves his position as Diocesan Bishop of Chicago on February 2, 2008, when a new bishop is consecrated to succeed him. Bill and Nancy are moving to Cleveland, Ohio, to begin the next chapter in their life of service to the God.

“Seek and Serve” selected as theme for 2007 Diocesan annual convention

Act now to register for the Diocese of Chicago’s 170th annual convention, held Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10 at the Westin Hotel and Conference Center in Wheeling, Illinois. The theme for this year’s convention is “Seek and Serve.”

The event is open to all to participate in learning opportunities, worship, resolution hearings and a Friday night banquet honoring Bishop Persell. An exhibit hall, which we hope will include a St. James Cathedral booth, will be open both days. Youth and children’s programs are also provided during the convention.

Cathedral clergy and delegates Scott Bruner, Bill Cospser and George Culver, who were elected at the cathedral’s annual meeting in January 2007, will officially represent the cathedral at the convention. Alternate delegates are Jessica Abell, Bruce Barber and Robert Black. Lay delegates and clergy will

debate and vote on resolutions, elect Diocesan officers (including Diocesan representatives to our own Cathedral Chapter), and participate in learning opportunities.

The registration fee of \$35 can be paid by following the convention links at www.episcopalchicago.org. Please call Juleigh Ruby, registrar of convention, at (312) 751-4214, for instructions on how to register off line. The Friday night dinner is an additional fee but is an incredible community experience, followed by music and dancing well into the night. Seating for dinner is limited, so register soon!

Convention to elect new Chicago bishop

In addition to conducting the usual business of the Diocese, the convention will elect the 12th Bishop of the Diocese on Saturday, November 10. Clergy and lay delegates of the Diocese of Chicago

will elect the successor to Bishop Persell, who has served as Bishop of Chicago since March 1999.

After the majority of standing committees of the other dioceses of the Episcopal Church and bishops with jurisdiction have given their consents to the election, the new bishop will be consecrated on Saturday, February 2, 2008. The new bishop will be seated in the *cathedra*, or bishop’s chair, at the cathedral during a choral evensong service on Sunday, February 3, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

Profiles of the candidates are available at www.bishopforchicago.org. The nominees will be introduced at a series of presentation gatherings around the diocese from October 21 to 27. More information on places and times will be posted on the cathedral website and in News & Events as they are made public. ■

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strangers alike are gathered in. We try hard to make our bulletins helpful to newcomers and visitors. Our ushers help visitors navigate the intricacies of our Eucharistic dance to and from the altar.

But there are other questions for us now. Would we make God more accessible

to more people if we designed and offered other opportunities and modes of worship? Are we providing adequate resources to help veterans and novices alike deepen their spiritual lives, ponder the meaning of scripture and develop a rich life of prayer?

The way a faith community orders its life for ministry and mission is a powerful sign to others of how we

understand God and how we are willing to be accessible to one another, as well as a hurting world. We need to consider how people have access to information, access to the conversations that shape our vision, our goals, and even our budget, and access to the decision-making processes that implement and evaluate our Kingdom work. We need organizational structures that give our members access to ministries that will focus their passions, use their gifts, call forth their creativity and allow them to invest themselves in the company of others for the sake of the Gospel.

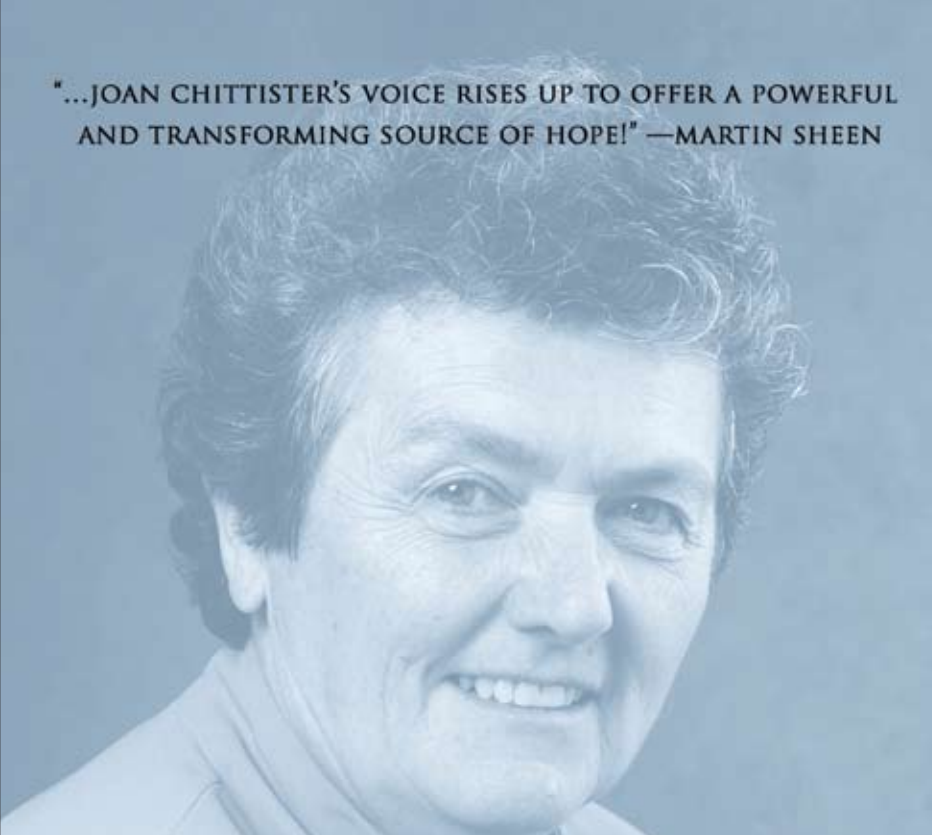
Making St. James more accessible is, I think, our work for the foreseeable future—for all of us. We have made a beginning with a reconstituted Hospitality committee and in conversations with parents and youth leaders and Sunday school teachers. The Cathedral Chapter is working on reshaping how we work together and how we might better and more broadly attend to the governance of an institution, using more effectively the gifts of all our chapter members. We are looking to redevelop a parish council that will do the same for ministry arenas, and that will make leaders, lay and ordained, more accessible to each other and more aware of how all our programs are in service of a common vision for this place.

Making St. James accessible is probably a feisty, sometimes messy, way to go—but a way filled with new possibilities, new insights, new friends and most of all new ways and means to open up our access to God. ■



Provost Joy Rogers

“...JOAN CHITTISTER’S VOICE RISES UP TO OFFER A POWERFUL AND TRANSFORMING SOURCE OF HOPE!” —MARTIN SHEEN



**A RUSH HOUR CONVERSATION
JOAN CHITTISTER**

October 9, 2007 – 5:45 p.m.

St. James Cathedral
Wabash at Huron in Chicago

5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Reception
5:45 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Conversation
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it on the St. James website under “Who We Are.” The page includes a calendar of meetings, a list of chapter members and a link to the minutes of the chapter’s meetings. If you cannot attend meetings in person, you can read about them in the minutes.

ISSUES FOR CHAPTER TO CONSIDER

The Cathedral Chapter functions as the governing body of the cathedral—a board of directors. It has in its care matters of property, finance and administration for the cathedral community, as well as issues surrounding our role as cathedral to the Chicago Diocese. Program and liturgical matters belong with our clergy and staff, various ministries and ministry leaders.

If you would like to bring an issue to the chapter, contact one of the wardens or any other member of the chapter. Please note that the wardens or senior cathedral staff need to know about your issue at least six days before the next chapter meeting so that it can be put on the agenda for that meeting.

RECENT CHAPTER DECISION

This summer, the chapter voted unanimously to make changes to the cathedral constitution and by-laws, chiefly respecting the election of wardens. We will provide a more complete summary of the changes before St. James’ next annual meeting, but for now, we want anyone who may be thinking about serving as a warden to know:

- The changes permit wardens to be elected from the cathedral community-at-large; no longer must a warden first be a member of the chapter.
- Each warden will serve for two years, and the wardens’ terms will be staggered, so that both wardens will not be new in any given year.



St. James Wardens Past & Present (Front row, left to right) Provost Joy Rogers, Ann Meuse, Fummi Olopade, Chuck Hamilton, Marianne Culver, Janet Wolter Grip; (Back row, left to right) Tom Patterson, Frank Hicks, John Bross, Robert Black.

- One warden will oversee administrative matters, and the other will oversee the real assets of the cathedral.

We believe these changes will provide for better organization and continuity in lay leadership at St. James. We can choose wardens for their gifts, as well as for their commitment to the community, and each warden will serve long enough to be able to accomplish goals, not merely set them.

For the changes to be effective, the St. James community must ratify them at the next annual meeting, and we dearly hope you will do so. In the meantime, if you think you would like to serve as a warden or the chapter member next year, please see the box below to learn more about elections.

We look forward to next month’s column, when we’ll be able to tell you about what the chapter is planning for the coming year-end. ■

Nominations sought for wardens, Cathedral Chapter elections

The St. James Cathedral Nominating Committee is being formed and will be seeking candidates for the two wardens and three members of the Cathedral Chapter. A slate of candidates will be presented to the Cathedral Chapter in December, to be elected at the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, January 27, 2008. (See “Recent Chapter Decision” on this page for information about changes to the way wardens are elected.)

Under the changes to the cathedral’s by-laws and constitution, wardens will be elected for terms of two years. Because the terms will be staggered, we will implement the change by electing a warden for administration in 2008 for a two-year term and a warden for real assets in 2008 for a one-year term, with eligibility to serve a second two-year term. Members of the Cathedral Chapter are elected for three-year terms.

If you are interested in serving as a warden or member of the chapter, please contact junior warden Robert Black at rblack@csec.org or (773) 562-8800.



St. James Team organizing to fight hunger, poverty in annual CROP Walk

Chris Plotner and Nicole Schall are recruiting a St. James Team to walk with them (and about a thousand other good-hearted folk) from the University of Illinois Chicago to Millennium Park on Sunday afternoon, October 21, for the annual 10K CROP Walk.

“CROP is an acronym for ‘Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty,’” Nicole said. “Funds help address hunger and poverty on both global and local levels.”

In fact, 25% of money they raise in Chicago stays in Chicago. The balance goes to international areas facing the harsh realities of poverty, both dire emergencies (e.g., people who literally are starving) and longer-term projects aimed at sustainability (e.g., infrastructure to transport clean water, organic farming tools and seeds).

The goal targeted by the St. James Team is 25 walkers who will raise at least \$2,500. They’ll have sign-up materials

for walkers and sponsors available on Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. service, or they can be reached by e-mail: Chris (crp@periphrastic.com); Nicole (nicole_schall@hotmail.com).

“This CROP Walk is a great way to practice our Gospel mission, to get involved in outreach in a meaningful way, all while we have a great time walking with friends, old and new,” Chris said. “CROP has made it easy for all of us, too—walkers and sponsors alike.”

St. James Team sponsors can make tax-deductible donations by clicking the red “Help CROP Stop Hunger” stop sign on CROP Walk’s secured website, www.ChicagoCropWalk.org, then clicking on the St. James Team link. CROP qualifies for many employers’ donation-matching programs, too. ■

Seabury Dean joins roster of assisting clergy

The Very Rev. Dr. Gary R. Hall recently accepted Provost Joy Rogers’ invitation to join St. James Cathedral in the role of assisting clergy. He is dean and president of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, from which both Provost Rogers and Vicar Siwek were graduated. Before

Chris Plotner and Nicole Schall invite all to join in the fight against hunger and poverty through CROP Walk.

coming to Seabury, Dean Hall served Episcopal churches and educational institutions around the country, both as parish priest and educator.

“My wife Kathy and I have visited the cathedral often this year. We’ve been moved by the superb liturgy and music, by the community’s diversity, as well as by how warmly we’ve been welcomed. Exciting changes lie ahead for all of us, on both physical and spiritual levels. It is a wonderful time to be in partnership with the people of St. James.”

Dean Hall looks forward to building a new synergy between Seabury and St. James, too. “Our missions both

center around how faith communities pose and respond to the big questions of life, belief and mission as posed by the Gospel. We bear a living tradition in a changing world, and we seek both to educate and to be informed by those who come to learn, work, and pray with us. We have much to offer one another.” ■



Dean Gary R. Hall

Fr. David H. Fisher accepts expanded cathedral role

The Rev. Dr. David H. Fisher, a frequent guest preacher at St. James over the past year, has accepted Provost Joy Rogers’ invitation to join the roster of cathedral assisting clergy.

Fr. Fisher is a professor of philosophy at North Central College, Naperville, where he teaches ethics, philosophy of law and history of ideas. While teaching full time, Fr. Fisher has served a wide array of parishes, as assistant, interim, and priest in charge, since his ordination in 1976.

Choral Evensong and Blessing of the Animals
 Sunday, October 7
 4:00 pm

“Both Sally and I are happy to become more regular members of the cathedral community, especially at this important juncture. It’s a time of essential rebuilding—of



Fr. David H. Fisher

community as well as institutional structures—which calls on us for great clarity about our identity and our mission. That clarity comes from thinking and talking and praying together; it identifies what makes us who we are and defines to whom we address ourselves. What’s particularly interesting is that the Chicago Diocese and the National church itself are processing exactly these questions, at exactly the time we do so at St. James

“It will take a lot of patience, care and faith. But from what I’ve seen, St. James has everything it needs to meet those challenges. It strikes me as a very caring, compassionate community of people—who are good at listening to one another, not just talking at one another—with gifted leadership that is wise, skilled and kind. It will be a joy for us to be in your midst in this adventure.” ■

CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

October 2007

SUN, OCT 7	12:00 pm	After Hours Group Lunch (meet in narthex)
	4:00 pm	Choral Evensong and Blessing of the Animals
TUE, OCT 9	5:45 pm	Rush Hour Conversations with Joan Chittister (Reception at 5:15 pm)
SAT, OCT 13	10:00 am	Diocesan Hispanic Liturgy at the Cathedral
TUE, OCT 16	5:30 pm	Cathedral Chapter Meeting (Room 308)
SUN, OCT 21	9:15 am	Sandwich Sunday (Diocesan Center Lobby)
	2:15 pm	CROP Walk Chicago—10K Walk
	4:00 pm	Cathedral Concert Series: Mozart <i>Requiem</i> The Cathedral Choir & Orchestra

November 2007

SUN, NOV 4	12:00 pm	After Hours Group Lunch (meet in narthex)
	4:00 pm	Solemn Choral Evensong honoring Bishop Persell
TUE, NOV 6	5:45 pm	Aesthetics/Enhancement Committee Meeting
TUE, NOV 13	5:30 pm	Cathedral Chapter Meeting (Room 308)
SUN, NOV 18	9:15 am	Sandwich Sunday (Diocesan Center Lobby)
	4:00 pm	Cathedral Concert Series: Masterworks for Solo Piano, Mark Valenti, piano
TUE, NOV 20	5:45 pm	Arts & Music Ministry Meeting (Room 200)

For updates and more information, visit www.saintjamescathedral.org.

CATHEDRAL BUDGET

through August 31, 2007

Operating Budget

Income	\$ 514,119
Expense	\$ 552,113
Net Deficit	(\$ 37,994)

2007 Pledges

Total Pledged	\$ 323,848
Expected to date	\$ 206,667
Received to date	\$ 186,365
Net Deficit	(\$ 20,302)

For more information, contact business manager Tom Patterson at (312) 751-3573 or tpatterson@saintjamescathedral.org.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Ronald Krueck Michael Hook	20	Pamela Johnson
2	Frances Seifert Louise Golland	22	Mary Anne Bell
4	Vinnie Orpen Frank Lopez	23	Nickey Jefferson Matthew Bowne
6	Sue Harmon	25	Michael Leppen Leland Culver
11	Callie Coburn	26	Thomas Eley IV
14	Tamara Trittschuh	27	Joseph Fakuade
15	Ronald Morgan	28	Chris Wallace
16	Marion Faldet Fran Madsen	29	Suzanne Flandreau Mary Milano Paul Staisiunas
19	Kerry Ferrantella		



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SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday

8:00 am
 Said Eucharist (St. Andrew Chapel)

9:15 am
 Faith Formation (Burrill Hall)

10:30 am
 Choral Eucharist (Cathedral)

4:00 pm, October–June
 Choral Evensong (Cathedral)

Wednesday

5:30 pm
 Said Eucharist and Healing Service
 (St. Andrew Chapel)

Thursday/Friday

12:10 pm
 Said Eucharist (St. Andrew Chapel)

See the **Cathedral Calendar** on page 7
 for upcoming events.

St. Andrew Chapel now open for prayer on weekdays

St. Andrew Chapel is now open every weekday from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. for prayer and meditation. Thursday and Friday, there is a Eucharist at 12:10 p.m. Our hope is to increase the hours in the future and find ways to open the cathedral as well.

If you would like to volunteer on a regular basis to be a cathedral docent, please contact Tom Patterson at (312) 751-3573 or tpatterson@saintjamescathedral.org. ■

Music at the Cathedral



3RD ANNUAL
MozartFest

AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

Sunday, October 21, 2007 • 4:00 pm

Join us for the third annual MozartFest at St. James Cathedral—this year featuring two of the composer’s most celebrated works—*Serenade for Strings in G Major* “*Eine kleine Nachtmusik*” and *Requiem Mass*.

Carole FitzPatrick, *soprano* Pamela King, *mezzo-soprano*
 Mark Goodrich, *tenor* Brandon Mayberry, *bass*

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR and
 THE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA of ST. JAMES

Requested Donation: \$15

Mission Statement of St. James Cathedral We are a community of evangelists, called to proclaim the transforming love of God in Christ through worship, spiritual formation, outreach, social action, and radical, outrageous hospitality.