

Welcome of New Communicants

Member of Vestry: Rector, I present to you these persons who have transferred their membership or have simply chosen St. James' as a community in which they wish to be a part. They have entrusted themselves to our Christian care and love.

Rector: Do you now in the presence of God, and of this congregation, affirm the promise which we make at Baptism to follow Jesus Christ?

Answer: I do.

Rector: Are you willing to support the work of Christ inside and outside of these walls, as carried forward by this congregation, with your time, your efforts, your energy, your concern, your prayers, and your money?

Answer: I am willing and intend to do so.

Rector: Will you make known to the appropriate persons in the congregation your praise, suggestions, and complaints, and if you decide to leave, will you declare, to the appropriate person and/or the congregation, your reasons for doing so?

Answer: With God's help, I will.

Rector to the Congregation: Will you, who are members of this community, receive these persons as fellow workers with Christ, and care for and assist them so long as they shall be among our company?

Answer: We will, God being our helper.

Rector: On behalf of the people of St. James' I welcome each of you into this community.