



### **St. James' MISSION**

revised 2011

#### **is *Igniting Passion for Jesus Christ to Change Lives***

Led and empowered by the Holy Spirit we accomplish this mission by

- focusing on Jesus
- growing disciples
- reaching out
- cultivating Christ-like community

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revised 2016

We seek to follow Jesus Christ, in a community that:

1. Recognizes our utter dependence upon the grace of God.
2. Uses creative ministries and programs to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ and others.
3. Lives out the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ in every area of our ministry and lives.
4. Seeks to share the good news and hope of Jesus Christ with all people, particularly through the example of our lives and actions.
5. Welcomes all people, whoever they are and wherever they are in their journey of faith.
6. Cares for those in the community of St. James' and beyond so that no one endures pain, trials or tribulations alone.
7. Relies on the power of the Holy Spirit through prayerful discernment, to guide and direct the leaders, ministries, and direction of the church.
8. Practices and recognizes the power of prayer, mutual encouragement, and personal integrity.
9. Praises and gives thanks to God continually.
10. Accepts all people as sacred, who carry the presence of God, and are gifted by the Holy Spirit to do the work of Jesus Christ.
11. Works together to identify, to affirm, and to strengthen the gifts given to each member by the Holy Spirit, and encourages the use of those gifts in the church and beyond.
12. Believes that lives can be changed, people freed from oppression, and social injustices confronted through the work of the Church.
13. Embraces and acts on the truth that everything we have, as a church and individually, comes from and belongs to God. Freely gives time, talents and money to support and grow the Kingdom of God in and through St. James' Church.