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WEEK OF November 19, 2023

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and

wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

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Announcements

Congregational Meeting
this Sunday, November 19th at 9:50 am before Worship for the purpose of election of Council Members, Synod Delegates, and approval of the 2024 Budget.

Tree Lighting at St. James
- Sunday, December 3rd at 5:00 pm to make ornaments and Tree Lighting Liturgy at 6 pm with snacks and drink to follow.

Children's Sunday School is back! SS starts at 9:30 a.m. With the return of Sunday School, the Children's Sermon and Children's Church will cease. The nursery will be for children up to and including age 5.



Sunday Worship for will be live-streamed on YouTube beginning at 9:45 on Sunday morning. An email with the link will be sent on Sunday morning. You can also watch a recorded version later by visiting our [YouTube Page](#). You can open or print the bulletin and follow along with the service.

[WATCH THE LIVESTREAM](#)



**ON THE CALENDAR
THIS WEEK & BEYOND**

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Sunday, November 19

9:15 am Parish Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
9:50 am Cong. Meeting
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Families to make
Nativity Blocks (pizza)

Monday, November 20

10:30 am Quilting Group
6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, November 22

7:00 pm Parish Choir

Thursday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving
(church office closed)

Sunday, November 26

9:15 am Parish Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship

Pastor Bill's Teaching Debut An Advent Journey - The Birth Narratives of Luke and Matthew

Mondays November 27 and
December 4, 11, 18 @ 6:30
p.m.

Bring your bible, your sense of humor and your questions. Do we have a coffee pot (asks the new guy??) If we do, we'll put it on. By then, you will have too many holiday sweets in your kitchen. *Bring some with you*

We will go no more than an hour. It's possible we'll finish in less than four weeks. If we go longer than four weeks,

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

19-Nov LeeAnn Miller
20-Nov Ralph Barnhardt
Pat Merriott
21-Nov Brynlee Green
Ian Tonog Cashion

PLEASE NOTE:

Families will make Nativity Blocks after worship this Sunday, November 19, and will have pizza.

Scouts will be selling Boston Butts for Thanksgiving

Scouts will be in the Portico area before Worship Sunday, November 19, to take orders - \$40 each. Pick-up will be on Wednesday, November 22nd, the day before Thanksgiving, between 9-10 a.m. in the St. James portico area. You may also order by calling Eugene @ 704-918-7200.

Salvation Army Ringing of the Bells at Sam's Club at Northlite Shopping Center in Kannapolis - Thursday, November 30 and Wednesday, December 13.

you'll simply have to show up on Monday, December 25th. By 6:30 p.m. on the 25th, you will have had enough of your family.

With sufficient interest, Pastor Bill will run a brown bag matinee.

With sufficient need expressed, we will try for child care.

No guarantees.

To the Saints of God at St. James Lutheran Church:

I am grateful to Debbie Wilkinson for returning to St. James as our part-time Office Administrator. Debbie retired from this position in 2019. Debbie has agreed to continue working with me (and us) for the next six months with a check in at the three-month mark. Six months gets us through Easter and shall allow enough time for a plan to emerge for how the office "is going to work" moving forward.

Debbie is working part-time. Her primary job responsibilities are limited to basic church secretarial duties and those are the priorities to which I have asked her to devote her time. In her part-time capacity those are tasks that I have asked her to prioritize over anything else. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

Sign up times run from 10 am until 7 pm. The last shift ends at 8 pm sign up sheet is in Portico area.

Second Annual Blood Drive in memory of Carole Grady

is scheduled for Sunday, December 3rd.

Appointments are available from 11 am until 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall of St. James.

Please use this link

<https://donorportal.oneblood.org/donate-now/donation-centers-list-select-time?driveID=1349825>

to reserve your donation time. For more information, please contact Anne Eury at 704-201-5070.

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias can be ordered by filling out this attached form and mailing back to the church office, drop in offering plate, or you may bring by the church office.

Deadline for ordering is December 4th.

[Click here for form](#)

Lively Leisures

Peace, *Pastor Bill*

**HEY! "WE" NEED SOME
HELP**

Ok, I need some help. Do you have experience in public relations? Do you have skills in helping organizations to communicate more effectively and efficiently. Do you have experience in helping organizations improve their ability to communicate with its members and the wider community?

Does St. James need a communication team tasked with building more effective and efficient communication across the make up of our community? This is a worthy question, I think the answer is "yes, yes we do."

I am not asking for any individual to make an infinite commit from which you will never be paroled. I am seeking folks who would be willing to sit for a brief period of time around the question "ok, this is how you can get started and this is what you need to begin addressing this concern."

I hope that has a little more clarity than mud. Thanks!

Peace, *Pastor Bill*

The next Lively Leisures luncheon and program will be Tuesday, December 12.

The program will be presented by Bella Voche Choir.

My Father's House

St. James and St. Johns will host My Father's House Ministry December 11, 12, and 13.

SUNDAY MINISTERS

LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

Nov 19 Barbara Albright
Nov 26 Margaret Garrison

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Nov 19 Margaret Garrison
Nov 26 Christine Ruff

ACOLYTES

Nov 19 Noah Dixon
Nov 26 Noah Pittard

GREETERS

Nov 19 Judy Benz
Nov 26 Anne Hodges

VIDEOGRAPHER

Nov 19
Nov 26

NOVEMBER USHERS

Mike Downs, Al Brown, Jr., Sid Hughes, Bill Hardister, Hunter Huss

FLOWERS

Nov 19 Jo Eng
Nov 26 Jill & Michael Strahl

CHURCH NEWS



Family and Friends

- Steve Conrad, Lauri Lyn Hodges (friends of Al and Dee Pieschel)
- Jerry Kiser (nephew of the Marlows)

Members of St. James

- Patsy Black
- Tom Grady
- Tom Ridenhour
- Noah Clifton

CHURCH RESOURCES

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allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions or make a one time contribution and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. In a few short minutes, you can make a one-time gift or set up a donation that will process automatically on a recurring basis. Recurring donations are convenient and provide our church with much needed consistent support throughout the year.



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