



"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning, Fellowship, and Service."



Ring Out - Week of Nov. 10, 2024

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

Download Bulletin



Sunday Worship 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 Live Stream

On the Calendar...

THIS WEEK

The Week Ahead

Sunday, November 10

Final Western NC Relief Offering

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

Monday, November 11

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, November 12

12:00 pm Lively Leisures

SUNDAY

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Nov. 10 Margaret Garrison

Nov. 17 Barbara Albright

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

Nov. 10 Kim Haberman

Nov. 17 Samantha Hillegass

ACOLYTES

Nov. 10 [Volunteer](#)

Nov. 17 [Volunteer](#)

6:00 pm Congregation
Council

Wednesday, November 13

5:30 pm Handbells
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 15

7:00 pm Youth Movie Night

Saturday, November 16

Leah's Hope Trailer

Sunday, November 17

*Operation Christmas Child
Boxes Due*

9:00 am Budget Q&A Session
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship
1:00 pm Youth Mini Golf

GREETERS

Nov. 10 Samantha Hillegass
Nov. 17 Barbara Albright

VIDEOGRAPHER

Nov. 10 LeeAnn Miller
Nov. 17 Chris Miller

USHERS

Wendell Overby, Frank Irvin,
Tony Folino, Nick Lovelace,
Jason Pittard

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Elizabeth Hurley

ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov. 10 Dale Merrell
Nov. 17

Coming Up:

Sunday, November 24

11:00 am Congregational Meeting
6:00 pm Thanksgiving Service & Pie Party

[Online Calendar](#)



Happy Birthday!

10 Nov. - Orietta Grady, Bradley Propst

**11 Nov. - Jazmin Harward, Ben Kuly, Erin Kuly, Lillian Parks,
Tom Ridenhour**

14 Nov. - Kim Johnson

15 Nov. - Douglas McAnulty

16 Nov. - Karen Parks, Heidi Patterson, Noah Pittard

Volunteer!

Please consider volunteering for a Sunday ministry or special event!



Lectors



Communion Assistants



Videographers



Altar Flowers

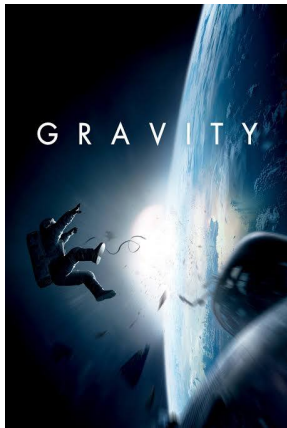


Special Events



Acolytes

Announcements



Youth Group Movie Night

Friday Night at the Movies!

Hey Middle and High School Youth! Join us for a fun movie night at St. James in the Flex Room on **Friday, November 15, from 7:00 – 9:15 p.m.** We'll have pizza, a game of Cornhole, and a screening of "Gravity" (PG-13)! Bring a friend, kick back, and enjoy the evening! [RSVP](#)

The Youth Heading to Jocko's

Youth Mini Golf Outing at Jocko's!

Middle and High School Youth, get ready for a fun afternoon at Jocko's Mini Golf on **Sunday, November 17, at 1:00 p.m.!** Enjoy a round of mini golf with friends—at no cost to you! Parents are welcome to stay and join the fun too. Bring a friend and meet us there for a great time. See you at Jocko's!
[RSVP](#)



Experience Bethlehem at the Farm!

Sunday, Dec. 8 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Far Fetched Farm
835 Bradford Dr.
Concord, NC 28025



Join us for Bethlehem at the Farm! - a magical evening for the whole family! Step back in time and immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of ancient Bethlehem.

Meet the shepherds and townspeople, and explore the bustling marketplace filled with crafts, treats, and hands-on activities. Warm up with a cozy cup of hot chocolate as you journey through a guided story of Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth.

Be sure to stop by the stable for a viewing of the manger! All are invited to celebrate!

Reserve your time at the link:

<https://bit.ly/ExperienceBethlehem>

Save the date! - Tree Lighting Dec. 1st

A promotional poster for a Christmas Tree Lighting event. The background is a photograph of a large, decorated Christmas tree at night, with people gathered around it. The text is overlaid on a dark teal background on the left side of the image. The text includes the event title, date, and times. There are decorative snowflake icons scattered throughout the poster. A small circular inset in the bottom left corner shows a close-up of a red ornament with the word 'Noel' written on it. In the bottom right corner, there is a white icon of a cross above a shell-like shape.

Christmas Tree Lighting
DECEMBER 1ST
5:00 PM - Making Ornaments
6:00 PM - Lighting & Liturgy

Noel

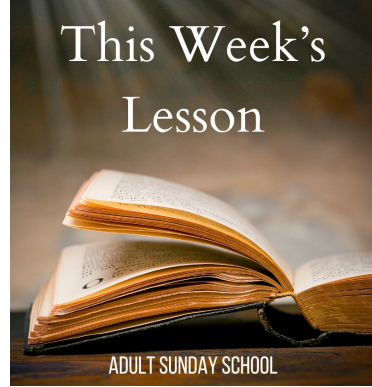
Ministries

Adult Sunday School Lesson

Songs of Praise - Psalm 146 & 150

The book of Psalms ends with five psalms of praise; Psalm 146 & 150 bookend this final grouping but have distinctive elements: 146 exhorts the reader to praise God, and rely on Him alone; 150 is a simple call to praise God for His mighty deeds!

Do we take blessings for granted as though they were given to us by nature, and not a loving God? Psalm 146 & 150 exhort us to praise God for all the great deeds he has done and continues to do for us. We'll discuss how to find more joy in our lives, even in trying circumstances, when we focus on our Heavenly Father. Hope to see you then!



Volunteer opportunities



2025 Sign-Ups Available!

Please consider signing up for an upcoming Sunday ministry. Dates for 2025 are now available! Refer to the Volunteer section of this email or, [visit the website](#).

In Case You Missed It

Council Nominees & Congregational Meeting



Congregation Meeting

Sunday, November 24 after Worship

Budget & Council Elections; Potluck lunch

The Nominating Committee reports that at least five voting members of St. James Lutheran Church will stand for election to a three-year term of service on Church Council. In alphabetical order they are:

Jeff Gilbert
Bill Hardister

Travis Nesbit
Lori Pittard
Cheryl Webb

Four seats will be elected. In addition to these five nominees, any voting member may nominate any voting member to stand for election. Please complete the form available from the office or in the narthex and return it to the office. You may also email info@sjnc.net. Please do not nominate an individual without securing their permission. Nominations close at the end of worship on November 10th.

Debbie Davis, Frank Irvin, Elizabeth Hurley and Dee Pieschel will conclude their term of service on Church Council.

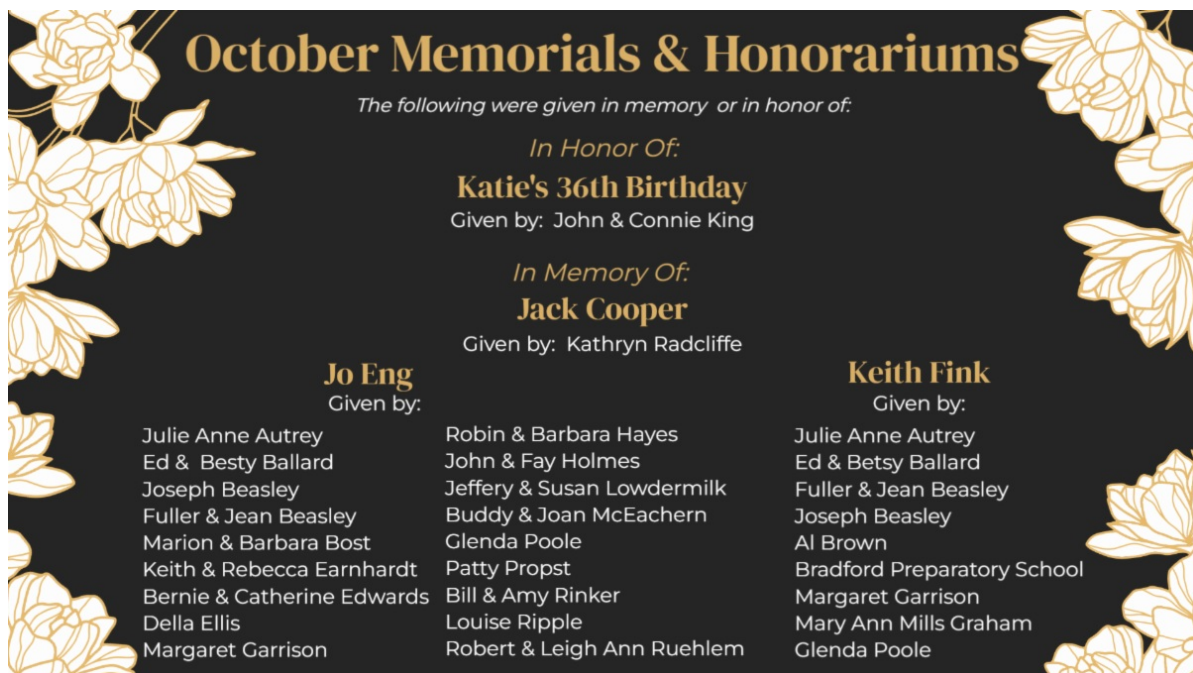
AND NOW FOR SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT:

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 24th following worship, not prior to worship. We will gather for a pot-luck lunch in the fellowship hall. Yep, a Potluck. We eat what we bring. During lunch we will pause to conduct two items of business. They are (1) to act upon the recommended 2025 budget and (2) to conduct the church council election. A budget informational Q&A will be held at **9am on November 17th** in either the Fellowship Hall or Flex Room.

[Click here the 2025 proposed budget.](#)

[Click here to download the Church Council Election Nomination Form.](#)

Memorials & Honorariums



October Memorials & Honorariums

The following were given in memory or in honor of:

In Honor Of:
Katie's 36th Birthday
Given by: John & Connie King

In Memory Of:
Jack Cooper
Given by: Kathryn Radcliffe

Jo Eng Given by:		Keith Fink Given by:
Julie Anne Autrey	Robin & Barbara Hayes	Julie Anne Autrey
Ed & Besty Ballard	John & Fay Holmes	Ed & Betsy Ballard
Joseph Beasley	Jeffery & Susan Lowdermilk	Fuller & Jean Beasley
Fuller & Jean Beasley	Buddy & Joan McEachern	Joseph Beasley
Marion & Barbara Bost	Glenda Poole	Al Brown
Keith & Rebecca Earnhardt	Patty Propst	Bradford Preparatory School
Bernie & Catherine Edwards	Bill & Amy Rinker	Margaret Garrison
Della Ellis	Louise Ripple	Mary Ann Mills Graham
Margaret Garrison	Robert & Leigh Ann Ruehlem	Glenda Poole

Reminders:

Support Operation Christmas Child



Help bring joy to a child in need this holiday season by packing a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes are available in the portico area, along with easy-to-follow instructions for packing and sponsoring a box.

Grab a box. Fill a box. Pray. Return by Nov 17.

GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.

Please remember to return your unsealed shoebox by **Sunday, November 17th**. Let's share God's love through this simple yet powerful act of giving!

Acolytes Needed!

Please consider signing up to acolyte at an upcoming service.

All may serve - youth or adult! Just need to be able to carry the cross.

[Click here to sign up for an open date!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV. 24 Congregation Meeting
After Worship (Budget & Council Elections)

NOV. 24 Thanksgiving Worship
6pm; Pie Party to Follow

DEC. 1 Advent Tree Lighting
5pm - Ornament Making
6pm - Lighting of the Christmas Tree

DEC. 8 Bethlehem at the Farm
4pm - 7pm
Volunteers Needed!

St. James Lutheran Church
sjnc.net | 704-786-0166



THANKS GIVING
Service

 NOVEMBER 24
6PM

Join us for a special Thanksgiving Service at
6pm followed by a Pie Party
in the Fellowship Hall!

 104 UNION ST. S.
CONCORD, NC
28025

 704-786-0166

sjnc.net 

Videographers Needed!

We need volunteers to assist with YouTube streaming for the remaining Sundays of 2024. It's simple—just a few steps at the laptop to start the stream, and you can control the zoom from your seat using a tablet (though zooming is optional). At the end of the service, you'll stop the recording and streaming and return the tablet.



If you're interested, we can arrange a time to walk you through the process, or you can shadow someone during an upcoming service. [Click here to sign up!](#)

This is a wonderful way to support our homebound members this holiday season!



Volunteers Needed!
Bethlehem at the Farm
Sunday, Dec. 8, 4pm – 7pm

In need of townspeople
Arrive at 3:30pm
Costume to be provided!

Scan QR Code

or visit: bit.ly/VolunteerBATF



Prayers & Considerations

IN OUR PRAYERS

Brad Baker
Joyce Beaty (*Friend of the Marlow's*)
Angie Buchanan
Mike & Debbie Cagle
(*Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis*)
Noah Clifton
Bruce Coffey (*Friend of Mark Murphy*)
Karey Conrad (*Friend of Dee Pieschel*)
Margaret Fink
Anne Fridlund
Ed Frost (*Friends of the Marlow's*)



Tim Gibson (*Friend of Deb Black*)
Tom Grady
Linda Jones
(*Family of Barbara & Dale Merrell*)
Annaleah, Michael, & Preston Morrow
(*Friends of Shannon Nesbit*)
Tom Ridenhour
Geoff & Pam Seige
(*Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis*)

Member Meal Train Opportunity

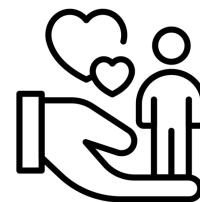
[Click here to support a meal train for Jay Clemmer.](#)



Meal Train®

Overnight Sitter Opportunity

Debbie Davis is looking for a sitter for the overnight hours for her mother. Paid position. Contact Debbie at 704-795-8743.



Online Giving

You can manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and 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.



Ways to Give

Keep in touch!



Follow St. James on [Instagram](#)
& [Facebook](#)!

Be sure to tag [@stjamesnc](#) when
posting so we may share!

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