



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

Week of Jan. 11, 2026

The Baptism of Our Lord
The First Sunday after the Epiphany

Introduction to Worship

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

Watch the Live Stream:



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, Jan. 11

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Monday, Jan. 12

10:30 am Quilting

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Kerr St. Ministry Meal
Noon Lively Leisures
6:00 pm Congregation Council

Thursday, Jan. 15

6:30 pm Choir

Saturday, Jan. 17

8:30 am Leah's Hope Trailer

Sunday, Jan. 18

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

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Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Jan. 11 Christine Ruff
Jan. 18 Barbara Albright

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Jan. 11 Kim Haberman
Jan. 18 Samantha Hillegass

ACOLYTE

Jan. 11 Joshua Rinker
Jan. 18 Noah Pittard

GREETER

Jan. 11 Samantha Hillegass
Jan. 18 Barbara Albright

VIDEOGRAPHER

Jan. 11 Debbie Davis
Jan. 18 [Volunteer](#)

USHERS

Chip Popovici, Jimmy Harris, Jeff Jones, Jeff Gilbert, Phil Tesh

BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Wendell Overby

ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan. 11
Jan. 18

Happy Birthday! 🎈

Jan. 11 - Aspen MacFarlane, Henry Mostek, Teddy Mostek

Jan. 12 - David Trott

Jan. 14 - Lex Patterson

Jan. 15 - Craig Conover

Jan. 16 - Judy Benz, Fred Lambert

Jan. 17 - Mike Graham, Becky Phillips

Announcements



Lively Leisures - Tuesday

Please join us for this month's Lively Leisures on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be taking a look back at our journey together by watching the St. James 175th Anniversary video.



Did we miss your call?

We recently discovered an issue that was preventing voicemail messages from being received. We believe the problem has now been resolved. If you do not hear back from us in a timely manner, please don't hesitate to follow up.

We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.



Meal Train for Jay Clemmer

During seasons when extra support can make a difference, one of the ways our church family cares for one another is by sharing meals.

The Meal Train for St. James member Jay Clemmer is ongoing, and volunteers are invited to sign up for dates that work best for them.

If you are able to help, please [click here](#) to learn more and sign up to provide a meal.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Week's Lesson...

Repentance and Faith - Luke 15:11-24; Acts 2:38-39

Today's lesson covers a well-known parable, the Prodigal Son, and the day of Pentecost in the book of Acts. In the first passage, the Father has lost his son, who wants to go and spend his inheritances as he sees fit, which ends in financial ruin and his job of feeding pigs! The son admits he has sinned against Heaven and his father and repents of his selfishness and returns home hoping his father will let him work as a hired hand. His father is elated that his son has returned and holds a huge banquet to celebrate it!

This parable mirrors the Lost Sheep, and the Lost Coin told previously in Luke 15. In Acts, Peter captures the New Covenant for all believers: through Baptism, we receive the forgiveness of sins because of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit! Baptism gives us eternal life now and forever!

In Case You Missed It...



Volunteers Needed: Kerr Street Ministry Meals

Each quarter, our Social Ministry serves meals with Kerr Street Ministry Meals for our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

The next service date is **January 13**, with a need of three volunteers to serve.

Volunteers arrive at 5:30pm; meal service runs 6:00–7:00pm. Volunteers will be serving only.

Contact Samantha Hillegass to participate.

In Our Prayers

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)
Family of Michael Black
(Nephew of Patsy Black)
Patsy Black
Caroline Bost
Betsy Boynton (Friend of Tommy Propst)
Patrick Bryn
(Son of Kirby & Sondra Bryn)
Angie Buchanan
Mike & Debbie Cagle

Jeff Gilbert
Tom Grady
Harriett Huss Hodge
Maureen Hollmeyer
Mary Frances Johnson
(Cousin of Francie Davis)
Karen Johnston (Friend of Judy Benz)
Ruth Lawler
(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)

(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)
Noah Clifton
Karey Conrad
(Friend of Dee Pieschel)
Jennifer Cook
(Friend of Fonda Shumate)
Catherine Durst
(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)
Nadine Filipak
(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)
Ed Frost (Friends of the Marlow's)

John Ledford (Brother of Deb Black)
Barbara Merrell
Deb & Roger Myers
(Friends of Deb Black)
Dave Olsen (Friend of Patsy Black)
Stan Parnell
(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)
Becky Phillips
Al Pieschel
Lori Pittard
Tom Ridenhour

Reminders

Volunteers Needed!



Our 2026 Sunday Worship Volunteer Opportunities are now open! We're looking for Ushers, Communion Assistants, Lectors, Acolytes, and Videographers to help on Sundays.

Altar Flower dates are also available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Not sure where to start? Email us at info@sjnc.net for more information, training, or to connect with a volunteer team leader.



2026 Offering Envelopes Available

Offering envelopes for 2026 are ready for pick-up on the table behind the sacristy (office hallway). If you did not receive a box and would like one, contact [Jill Irvin](#).



Partner Initiatives: Amazing Grace

1. Blessing Box in Rotary Square

Amazing Grace's Life Skills Lab program will be helping to keep the Blessing Box stocked every Tuesday and Thursday in partnership with the 1CAN Organization. You can join in this ongoing effort by donating non-perishable food or hygiene items. The red Blessing Box collection bin will remain on the Portico Counter and serve as a year-round ministry opportunity.

2. Children's Coat Drive

In partnership with the Cabarrus Partnership for Children, Amazing Grace will be collecting new or gently used winter coats for children in need. Coats can be placed on the couch in the Amazing Grace room on the 3rd floor through January.

Secure Online Giving

Supporting your church is just a few clicks away! With [online giving](#), you can make a one-time gift, set up automatic recurring donations on the date you choose, and view your complete giving history.

Automated recurring gifts are a convenient way to provide our church with much-needed consistent support throughout the year. Thank you for your faithful generosity.



Ways to Give

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