



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



Ring Out - Week of Nov. 17, 2024

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in

baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

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 17

*Operation Christmas Child
Boxes Due*

9:00 am Budget Q&A Session
(No Adult Sunday School)

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

Monday, November 18

SUNDAY

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Nov. 17 Barbara Albright

Nov. 24 Kim Haberman

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

Nov. 17 Samantha Hillegass

Nov. 24 Margaret Garrison

ACOLYTES

10:30 am Quilting
6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, November 20

5:30 pm Handbells
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 24

9:00 am Adult SS
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Congregational Meeting
6:00 pm Thanksgiving Service & Pie Party

Nov. 17 [Volunteer](#)
Nov. 24 Joshua Rinker

GREETERS

Nov. 17 Barbara Albright
Nov. 24 Sylvia Corl

VIDEOGRAPHER

Nov. 17 Chris Miller
Nov. 24 Annette Propst

USHERS

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

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Elizabeth Hurley

ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov. 17
Nov. 24 Elizabeth Hurley

Online Calendar



Happy Birthday!

**17 Nov. - Jane Craver, Alexander DeGrace, Michael Korinko,
Buddy McEachern Jr.**

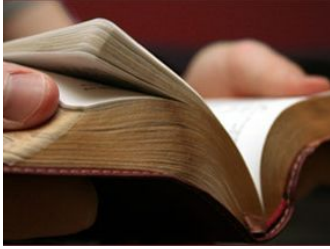
18 Nov. - Emerson Baker

19 Nov. - LeeAnn Miller

20 Nov. - Ralph Barnhardt

Volunteer!

Please consider volunteering for a Sunday ministry or special event!



Lectors



Communion Assistants



Videographers



Altar Flowers



Special Events



Acolytes

Announcements

Poinsettia Orders

This Christmas season, you have the opportunity to give a beautiful red 6 1/2" poinsettia as a gift to the church. These gifts help adorn our worship space during this holy season and can be given in memory or honor of loved ones.

Each poinsettia is \$20. A list of donors and those being memorialized or honored will be included in the gift list. Please print clearly to ensure names are displayed as intended.



[Click here to order online](#), or complete and return the order form in Sunday's bulletin.

The deadline to order is Monday, December 2nd.

Register to Ring!

Spread Christmas cheer while making a difference! St. James is proud to once again partner with the Salvation Army to ring bells



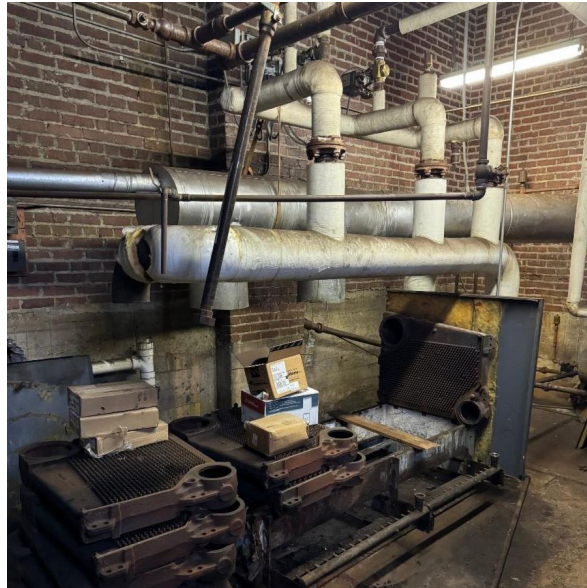
and support those in need in our community. Join us on **Thursday, December 5** and **Thursday, December 12** for this meaningful tradition.

One-hour time slots are available from 10:00am to 7:00pm. Click below to sign up!

[Register to Ring!](#)

Is it chilly in here?

The boiler that heats the sanctuary is undergoing untimely repairs. No one plans for the boiler to go down on the cusp of the heating season. The Property Committee is working diligently with the boiler company to restore heat as soon as possible. Please thank them for the extra time, energy and stress they are offering on our behalf. When the boiler was dismantled, more damage was found that necessitated the ordering of more parts. The original goal for restoration was "by Thanksgiving." Now, this will be completed "as soon as possible." Thank you for your patience and understanding over a matter beyond anyone's control. Your support helps make essential repairs like these possible.



Thanksgiving Service

America's Day of National Thanksgiving is better thought of being a distinctly national occasion as opposed to a liturgical one. Thus, our Thanksgiving service includes readings from historical-national texts that reflect the American impulse of thankfulness that transcends boundaries. Even in our current tumultuous times, there is indeed much about our nation and the free lives which we live that are worthy of thanks on the fourth Thursday of November.

Come at 6pm on November 24 for this service of thankfulness and stay for PIE! Pie Party follows the service.



Mission Fund Committee Fourth Quarter Update



The Mission Fund Committee met on October 28, 2024, awarding \$7,500 in grants.

Funding Highlights:

Elder Orphan Care: Supported their Christmas stocking program which expects to provide 1,000 handmade stockings (filled) for distribution in Cabarrus, Rowan, Western NC, and Romania.

Salvation Army Angel Tree Program: Contributed toward canned hams and food boxes for families in need.

Concord Bible Teaching Association: Assisted with funding a Bible class teaching position.

UNCC Niner United: Supported this campus ministry serving students of all faiths addressing spiritual needs with worship, service, and leadership programs.

The Mission Fund reflects our commitment to supporting diverse and impactful ministries.

Budget Q&A Session in Lieu of Adult Sunday School



The Budget Q&A Session will take the place of this week's Adult Sunday School class at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.

In case you missed it...

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>

Reminders:

Congregational Meeting



A congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 24th following worship**, not prior to worship. We will gather for a potluck 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.

On Sunday, November 17th, a 2025 budget informational Q&A will be hosted by the Finance Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 9am.

No further nominations for church council were received. Therefore, Jeff Gilbert, Bill Hardister Travis Nesbit, Lori Pittard and Cheryl Webb remain the five nominees for election to a three-year term on church council. Four seats are open for election. The election will be by written ballot. Voting members are confirmed members who have communed and made a contribution of record over the preceding twelve months.

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

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.](#)

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



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!](#)



*Christmas Tree
Lighting*

DECEMBER 1ST

5:00 PM - Making
Ornaments

6:00 PM - Lighting &
Liturgy

Noel

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!

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*)

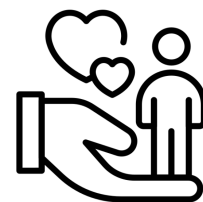
Member Meal Train Opportunity

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



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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