



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

Week of March 29, 2026

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

Introduction to Worship

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

Watch the Live Streams:

Palm Sunday (Mar. 29) | 10:00AM



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Maundy Thursday (April 2) | 7:00PM

Good Friday (April 3) | NOON



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday 🌿

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 9:00 am Choir
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship
- [Easter Flower Orders Due](#)

Monday, March 30

- 10:30 am Quilting

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday 🍞

- Noon Spoken Liturgy (*not live-streamed*)
- 7:00pm Worship (with Choir)

Friday, April 3

Good Friday ❤️

- Noon Worship Service (with Choir)

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday †

- (No Adult Sunday School)
- 9:00 am Choir
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
- 9:45 am Prelude Music
- 10:00 am Easter Worship

[Church Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

March 29 Margaret Garrison

April 2 (noon)

April 2 (7pm)

April 5 Kim Haberman

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

March 29 Kim Haberman

April 2 (noon) Christine Ruff

April 2 (7pm)

April 5 Elizabeth Hurley

ACOLYTE

March 29 Joshua Rinker

April 5 [Volunteer](#)

GREETER

March 29 [Volunteer](#)

April 5 Amy Griffith

VIDEOGRAPHER

March 29 [Volunteer](#)

April 2 (Maundy; 7pm) Ann

Blackwelder

April 3 (Good Friday; Noon) [Volunteer](#)

April 5 Joseph Beasley

MARCH USHERS

Al Brown, Bill Hardister, Hunter Huss

APRIL USHERS

Robert Davis, Samantha Hillegass, Dale Merrell

MARCH BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Kim Haberman & Kenny Propst

APRIL BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Jeff Gilbert & Chip Popovici

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 29 (Palms) Ann & Chip

Blackwelder

(Palm Crosses) Elizabeth Hurley

April 5 St. James Choir

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[Communion
Assistant](#)

[Acolyte](#)

[Videographer](#)

[Altar Flowers](#)

Happy Birthday!

March 29 - Jerry Hopkins

March 30 - Anne Hodges, Joe Propst, Jr.

April 1 - Jeff Gilbert

April 4 - Kathryn Craver, Austin Hoadley

Announcements



Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM

Good Friday

12 Noon

EASTER SUNDAY

9:45 Prelude Music
10:00 Worship Service
with orchestra, organ and choir

Join us in worship and song!

Holy Week & Easter Sunday


*A place for you...
to find God's peace.*
Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.


Holy Week at St. James
March 29: *Palm Sunday*

April 2: *Maundy Thursday*
Noon - Spoken Liturgy
7 pm - Worship with choir and organ

April 3: *Good Friday*
Noon - Worship with choir and organ

April 5: Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord - Festival Worship
with brass, organ, strings, timpani & choir
Prelude at 9:45AM | Worship at 10AM

As we enter the sacred season of Holy Week, we invite you to a meaningful journey through the final days of Lent and the celebration of Christ's resurrection.

Our Music Ministry will help lead us in worship, enhancing each service with moving selections that deepen the experience of this holy time.

We hope you will make plans to join us for part—or all—of this special week.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday – March 29
10:00 AM – Worship

Maundy Thursday – April 2
Laying on of Hands/Stripping of the Altar
12:00 PM – Spoken Liturgy
7:00 PM – Worship with choir and organ

Good Friday – April 3
The Death of Our Lord
12:00 PM – Worship with choir and organ

Easter Sunday – April 5
The Resurrection of Our Lord
9:45 AM – Music Prelude
10:00 AM – Festival Holy Communion featuring brass, organ, strings, timpani, and choir



🌿 Final Call for Easter Flower Orders 🌿

Celebrate Easter by honoring your loved ones while helping to adorn our sanctuary with beautiful lilies and geraniums. Tribute names will be listed in the Ring Out newsletter and in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Order Deadline: March 29, 2026

Cost: \$25 each

Place your order online or complete the insert in Sunday's bulletin.

Payments can be mailed to the church (PO Box 684, Concord, NC 28026), dropped off at the church office, or **made online**.

Please pick up your flower of choice after Easter worship on April 5.

YouTube Streaming Update

We are pleased to share that our **YouTube** streaming is back up and running!



This week's lesson...

Waiting for God's Peace

Scripture for the Lesson: Isaiah 2:2-4, Acts 17:26-28

Background Scripture: Isaiah 11:6-10, John 18:28-38, Ephesians 4:4-6, 13-19

War is a constant part of the human condition. The prophet Isaiah warns the people, the Judeans, (and us too) that they will have no lasting peace with other nations, or even among themselves, until they first accept the terms of God's perfect peace. Isaiah calls on the people to repent amid warnings of judgement ... and also provides a message of hope. In the second lesson context's, the apostle Paul engages his Athenian listeners in classical debate explaining the origin of the nations and the Divine reason behind this history to further spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Adult Sunday School will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

Reminders



Sonshine Backpack Food Drive

We're continuing our quarterly partnership with Sonshine Backpacks to provide weekend food for local children in need.

Requested items:

- Shelf-stable milk
- Cereal / oatmeal
- Mac & cheese
- Canned pasta, soup, vegetables, fruit
- Granola bars
- Juice
- Popcorn
- Pudding

Please place donations on the back kitchen counter by Sunday, March 29.

Questions? Contact Sylvia Corl or Gretchen Walker.



March Supply Drive to Support Humane Society

St. James Social Ministry Committee is launching a supply drive throughout the month of March to support the Humane Society of Concord & Greater Cabarrus.

Needed items:

- Paper towels
- Blankets (not stuffed or quilted)
- Canned chicken breast
- Dawn dish soap
- Liquid Tide detergent

Place donations on the counter under the Animal Shelter board in the portico. Questions? Contact Samantha Hillegass.

In Our Prayers

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)

Family of Michael Black

(Nephew of Patsy Black)

Patsy Black

Caroline Bost

Patrick Bryn

(Son of Kirby & Sondra Bryn)

Angie Buchanan

Mike & Debbie Cagle

(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

Noah Clifton

Karey Conrad

(Friend of Dee Pieschel)

Jennifer Cook

Maureen Hollmeyer

Hunter Huss

Dale Johnson (Friend of Dale Merrell)

Mary Frances Johnson

(Cousin of Francie Davis)

Karen Johnston

(Friend of Judy Benz)

Mary Anne Lanahan

(Aunt of Francie Davis)

Ruth Lawler

(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)

John Ledford (Brother of Deb Black)

Family of Don Matkins

(Friend of Fonda Shumate)

Catherine Durst

(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)

Nadine Filipak

(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)

Phyllis Freeman

(Mother of Fonda Shumate)

Ed Frost (Friends of the Marlow's)

Jeff Gilbert

Tom Grady

Ryan Hardister

(Son of Bill & Reggie Hardister)

(Brother-in-law of Margaret Garrison)

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

Lori Ruff (Mother of Christine Ruff)

Ruby Tyer (Niece of Beth Huss' Friend)



Meal Train Opportunity

The Meal Train for St. James member Jay Clemmer is ongoing. Volunteers are invited to [sign up for dates](#) that work best for them.

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](#)

Volunteer!

Assisting in Worship

[Sunday Worship Volunteer Opportunities](#) are now open! We're looking for Ushers, Greeters, 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.

St. James Staff

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