



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

Week of Dec. 28, 2025

The First Sunday of Christmas

Introduction to Worship

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the "holy innocents" of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, Dec. 28

9:00 am Choir
10:00 am Worship

Monday, Dec. 29

10:30 am Quilting

Thursday, Jan. 1

New Year's Day - Office Closed

Sunday, Jan. 4

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

[Church Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Dec. 28 Amy Griffith
Jan. 4 Kim Haberman

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Dec. 28 Margaret Garrison
Jan. 4 Elizabeth Hurley

ACOLYTE

Dec. 28 Ben & Ryan Kuly
Jan. 4

GREETER

Dec. 28
Jan. 4 Laura Patterson

VIDEOGRAPHER

Dec. 28 Ann Blackwelder
Jan. 4 [Volunteer](#)

USHERS

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

BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Wendell Overby

ALTAR FLOWERS

Dec. 28
Jan. 4

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Lector

Communion
Assistant

Acolyte

Videographer

Altar Flowers

Happy Birthday! 🎈

Dec. 28 - Beth Downs

Dec. 29 – Bobby Clary, Barbara Merrell, Joshua Monk

Dec. 30 – Nell Hoekstra

Dec. 31 – Catherine Nivens

Jan. 2 – Eric Olsen

Jan. 4 – Susie Kartheiser

Announcements



Sonshine Backpacks - Final Call for December Drive 🥫

St. James is continuing its partnership with Sonshine Backpack Ministry to provide weekend food for Cabarrus County children in need with a quarterly food drive.

Requested items for December: shelf-stable milk, cereal/oatmeal, mac & cheese, canned pasta/soup/veggies/fruit, granola bars, juice, popcorn, pudding.

Please place nonperishable items on the back kitchen counter by Sunday, Dec. 28.

Contact Sylvia Corl or Gretchen Walker with questions.

Memorials & Honorariums

The flyer has a black background with a decorative border of white line-art flowers. At the top, it says "DECEMBER 2025" in white. Below that, "Memorials & Honorariums" is written in large, bold, white serif font. Underneath, in a smaller white font, it says "The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor." Below this, the text "In Honor Of:" is underlined in white. Then, "Beth Huss & LeeAnn Miller" is written in bold white. Below that, "Given by:" is written in white, followed by "Jim & Barbara Adams" in white. Then, "In Memory Of:" is underlined in white. Below that, "David Propst" is written in bold white. Finally, "Given by:" is written in white, followed by "Al Brown", "Nancy Faggart", and "John & Liz Propst" in white on separate lines.

Reminders



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](#).



Volunteer in 2026!

Our 2026 Sunday Worship Volunteer Opportunities are now open! We're looking for 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.



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.

Prayers & Considerations



Member Meal Train Opportunity!

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

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 (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)

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)

John Ledford (Brother of Deb Black)

Barbara Merrell

Deb & Roger Myers

(Friends of Deb Black)

Stan Parnell

(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

Becky Phillips

Al Pieschel

Lori Pittard

Tom Ridenhour

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

St. James Staff

Rev. Bill Ridenhour, Pastor [Email](#)

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