



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

Week of July 12, 2026

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, July 12

9:00 am Choir
10:00 am Worship

Monday, July 13

10:30 am Quilting

Tuesday, July 14

6:00 pm Congregation Council

Saturday, July 18

8:30 am Leah's Hope Trailer

Sunday, July 19

9:00 am Choir
10:00 am Worship

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Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

July 12 Barbara Albright

July 19 Kim Haberman

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

July 12 Kim Haberman

July 19 Samantha Hillegass

ACOLYTES

July 12 [Volunteer](#)

July 19

GREETER

July 12 Samantha Hillegass

July 19 Barbara Albright

VIDEOGRAPHER

July 12 Jeff Gilbert

July 19

USHERS

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

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Jeff Gilbert

ALTAR FLOWER

July 12

July 19

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

Happy Birthday! 🎂

July 15 - Margaret Ford, Mark Weisel

July 16 - James Hughes, Jr., Beth Huss, Janice Klauss, James Weisel

July 18 - Reggie Hardister, Sid Hughes, Sr.

Announcements



📅 Save the Date: Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us during worship on **Sunday, August 9** for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks as we pray for students, teachers, and school staff as they begin a new school year. After worship, stay for a congregational lunch. All are welcome!



🌱 Save the Date: Stewardship Luncheon

Save the date and join us for a special Stewardship Luncheon after worship on **Sunday, August 23**. Enjoy a catered lunch and fellowship as we discuss the mission of St. James.



VBS Meeting & Decorating Kickoff

VBS volunteers, a friendly reminder that our VBS informational meeting and decorating kickoff will be held on **Sunday, July 19**, immediately following worship. Lunch will be provided for those able to stay and help decorate.

The VBS Committee will also be at the church each morning beginning July 20 until decorating is complete. If you're available to lend a hand, we'd love to have your help then as well!

Memorials & Honorariums

JUNE 2026

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The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor.

In Memory of:

Rev. Dr. Tom Ridenhour

Given by:

Nancy Faggart
Margaret Garrison
Mitchell Hagler
Joanne Peterson
Charles Sigel
Wayne & Libby Williams

John Northup

Given by:

Al Brown

George Patterson

Given by:

Margaret Garrison

Bill Fisher

Given by:

Margaret Garrison

Randy Robbins

Given by:

Fuller & Jean Beasley
Al Brown
Nancy Faggart
Lex, Laura, & John Patterson

Jill Strahl

Given by:

Nancy Faggart
Margaret Garrison

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In Memory of:

Thomas Myers Grady

Given by:

Lynn Arts
Greg & Julie Anne Autrey
Col. & Mrs. Ernest Beall
Fuller & Jean Beasley
Joseph & Christine Beasley
Fisher & Alice Beasley
Suzanne Reeves Brooks
Al Brown
Jeff & Kelley Carpenter

Mary Paige Carpenter
Caroline, Lynn, Lynno & Ben
Clyburn
Bill & Joyce Connolly
Wayne & Margaret Dabbs
Richard Farley
Don & Joanne Fowler
Winslow & Lonnie Galloway
Jeff & Deedee Gilbert
Will & Ann Gillon

Kim Haberman
Lowrance Harry
Timothy Hawkins
Robin & Barbara Hayes
Dee & Anne Hodges
Jerry and Nancy Hopkins
Kim McLaughlin
James L. Propst Family
Langley & Debbie Joyner

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The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor.

In Memory of:

Thomas Myers Grady

Given by:

Doug & Cheryl Kelling
Fred & Dianne Lambert
Steve & Jenny Linebarrier
Thomas & Sandra Long
Bob & Pat Lowrance
Susan Miller
Jim & Dot Monroe

Mary Jane Myers
Norman & Penny Negre
Wade & Carol Nesbit
Steve & Kathy O'Brien
Lex, Laura, & John Patterson
Glenda Poole
Charles & Sarah Reeves
Marty & Betty Richwine
Julian & Lynn Robinson

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Richard Sauser
Ann Schrader
Jean Stanhope
Drs. Fred & Jill Trull
Wayne & Libby Williams

Reminders



Kerr St. Ministry Meal - Servers Needed for Tuesday, July 14

Social Ministry is helping serve the Kerr St. Ministry Meal on Tuesday, July 14.

We are looking for 5 people to help serve about 45 - 50 people in need. Helpers would arrive by 5:30pm to assist in meal distribution.

The meal is already being provided; volunteers will just be helping to serve it.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Samantha Hillegass: 914-523-3430.



ISO 🔍 - Props needed for VBS

Vacation Bible School is looking for props to help decorate for this year's theme, Snowball Mountain Challenge!

Needed Props:

- Sleds 🛷
- Skis 🛷
- Ski poles 🎿
- Inflatable snow tubes ❄️
- Snow discs/saucers 🏠
- Artificial Christmas trees 🌲

Items may be dropped off in the Flex Room and picked up following the final night of VBS (July 28). Please label all items before dropping them off.



Youth Service Opportunity - Extended through July!

Rising 6th–8th grade youth are invited to serve with The Salvation Army this summer by helping pack fresh food boxes for local families in need. This is a great way to gain services hours!

Volunteers will serve **Thursdays in June and July from 12:00–2:30pm** at The Salvation Army, located at 216 Patterson Ave SE, Concord, NC 28025.

Youth will help sort, pack, and load food boxes alongside Salvation Army staff and adult volunteers from St. James.

Please RSVP through SignupGenius and complete a volunteer form. **Volunteer forms may be downloaded** or picked up from the church office. Completed volunteer forms should be brought to Cheryl Webb.

For additional information call or text Cheryl Webb: 832-275-8872.



Register for VBS!

Registration for VBS 2026 is open!

Vacation Bible School will be held **Sunday, July 26–Tuesday, July 28**, beginning each evening at 5:30 p.m.

 **Register by June 30 to guarantee a t-shirt!**

If you are available to volunteer, please check to make sure your *Safe Gatherings* background check is current. If you are a first-time volunteer, please email holly@sjnc.net to begin the process.

❄️ This year's theme: Snowball Mountain Challenge! ❄️

In Our Prayers

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)
Family of Michael Black
(Nephew of Patsy Black)
Patsy Black
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)
Catherine Durst

Hunter Huss
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)
Buddy McEachern

(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)

Margaret Garrison

Ginger Gibbs

(Friend of Deedee & Jeff Gilbert)

Jeff Gilbert

Nancy Haney (Loved one of Betsy Ballard)

Ryan Hardister

(Son of Bill & Reggie Hardister)

Maureen Hollmeyer

The Hopkins Family

Jason Matthews

Barbara Merrell

Deb & Roger Myers

(Friends of Deb Black)

Dave Olsen (Friend of Patsy Black)

Mason Overby

Stan Parnell

(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

Becky Phillips

Al Pieschel

Corinne Robbins

Lori Ruff (Mother of Christine Ruff)

Jessica Seeley

(Cousin of Christine Ruff)

Ruby Tyer

(Niece of Beth Huss' Friend)

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

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

Jill Irvin, Financial Administrator [Email](#)

Dr. Kevin Estes, Director of Music Ministries & Organist [Email](#)

Holly Sloop, Communications Coordinator [Email](#)

Kathryn Radcliffe, Nursery Coordinator [Email](#)

Teresa Honeycutt, Custodian [Email](#)

Kim Haberman, Congregation President [Email](#)

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