



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

Week of Feb. 22, 2026

The First Sunday in Lent

Introduction to Worship

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

Watch the Live Stream:



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, Feb. 22

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Social Ministry (Parlor)
11:00 am Lenten Family Event †

Monday, Feb. 23

10:30 am Quilting

Thursday, Feb. 26

Amazing Grace Spaghetti Fundraiser 🍝
6:30 pm Choir

Sunday, March 1

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

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 29 - Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday Worship
10am

Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday

Laying on of the Hands & Holy Communion
Noon - Spoken Liturgy
7pm - Worship Service (with Choir)

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday

The Death of Our Lord
Noon - Worship Service

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord
9:45am - Prelude Music with Instrumentalists
10am - Holy Communion

[Church Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Feb. 22 Margaret Garrison

March 1 [Volunteer](#)

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Feb. 22 Margaret Garrison

March 1 Elizabeth Hurley

ACOLYTE

Feb. 22 Noah Pittard

March 1

GREETER

Feb. 22 Amy Griffith

March 1 Jean Beasley

VIDEOGRAPHER

Feb. 22

March 1 Chris Miller

USHERS

Michael Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff

Koenig, Barbara Albright

MARCH USHERS

Al Brown, Bill Hardister, Hunter Huss

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Mike Rinker

MARCH BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Kim Haberman & Kenny Propst

ALTAR FLOWERS

Feb. 22

March 1 Deb & John Walker

Sign Up to Volunteer

[Lector](#)

[Communion Assistant](#)

[Acolyte](#)

[Videographer](#)

[Altar Flowers](#)

Happy Birthday!

Feb. 22 - Nina Folino, Travis Nesbit, Kelly Propst

Feb. 23 - Caroline Bestler, Connie Rezza

Feb. 25 - Margaret Garrison, Martha Matthews

Feb. 27 - Mary Propst

Feb. 28 - Joseph Beasley, Robert Beasley, Joel Crainshaw

Announcements



Meal Packing - Saturday!

UPDATE: We have 42 of our 60 volunteers for this event - Thank you!!

We are still seeking volunteers, so if you are able to join us, [please let us know!](#)

Join us on **Saturday, February 21st, at 10:00am** at Gibson Mill for a morning of service with Lifeline Christian Mission.

We're looking for 60 volunteers to help pack meals at various stations. The event will run from 10:00am to noon and all supplies including hairnets, gloves, and guidance will be provided.



† Lenten Family Event † - Feb. 22

Join us after worship this **Sunday, February 22** for a light lunch. After lunch we will create prayer chains and kindness cards to utilize throughout the season of Lent.



This week's lesson...

Stewardship and Mission - Acts 1:6-8; 2 Corinthians 8:3-9

The Bible reveals God's expectations regarding how people are to treat each other. One such expectation concerns meeting the needs of the poverty-stricken. Even so, money and its giving are touchy subjects at church, causing many to avoid discussing the topic! However, we must remember our generosity should result from first acknowledging the generosity of God. Our God is a giving God, demonstrated through his gift of salvation. When we show generosity to others, we are following God's lead. Our acts of generosity are acts of worship, bearing witness to our testimony of Christ and His great love for us!

Memorials & Honorariums

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Memorials & Honorariums

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

In Honor Of:

David Propst
Given by:
Lex & Laura Patterson

Bill Fisher
Given by:

Fuller & Jean Beasley	Thomas & Sandra Long	Betsy Hults
Al Brown	Bill & Susan Tome	Anne Reading
Jerry & Nancy Hopkins	Tim & Louise Brown	Louise Ripple
Lee Anne Lackey	Bill & Joyce Connolly	Joseph Beasley
Robin & Barbara Hayes	Frank & Jill Irvin	Lex & Laura Patterson
Joseph Hunter	Chris, Rex, & Molly Measmer (Wayside Family)	Steve & Robin Moore
Wayne & Libby Williams	Kristi Fuqua	Will & Ann Gillon
		Susan Miller

Reminders:



Amazing Grace Advocacy Spaghetti Fundraiser

We're excited to support [Amazing Grace Advocacy](#) and invite you to attend their Spaghetti Fundraiser on **Thursday, February 26**.

Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., with dinner from 4:00–7:00 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting an important mission. Proceeds benefit life and job skills programs for youth with disabilities.

[RSVP to assist with planning.](#)

Assisting in Worship

Our 2026 [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.



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

(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

Harriett Huss Hodge

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)

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

Ruby Tyer (Niece of Beth Huss' Friend)

Jesse Woodard (Son-in-law of Beth Huss)



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

St. James Staff

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