



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



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## **Ring Out - Week of Dec. 29, 2024**

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*The First Sunday after Christmas*

### **Introduction to Sunday's Worship**

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." It is Christmas, still.

## 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, December 29**

9:00 am Choir  
9:30 am Children's SS  
10:00 am Worship

#### **Monday, December 30**

10:30 am Quilting

#### **Wednesday, January 1**

*New Years Day*  
Church Office Closed

#### SUNDAY

#### Sunday Ministries

#### **LECTOR/INTERCESSOR**

**Dec. 29** Christine Ruff  
**Jan. 5** Kim Haberman

#### **COMMUNION ASSISTANT**

**Dec. 29** Christine Ruff  
**Jan. 5** Margaret Garrison

#### **ACOLYTES**

**Dec. 29** Samantha Hillegass  
**Jan. 5**

**Sunday January 5**  
9:00 am Choir  
9:30 am Children's SS  
10:00 am Worship

**GREETERS**

**Dec. 29** Esther Circle  
**Jan. 5** Judy Benz

**VIDEOGRAPHER**

**Dec. 29** Laurie Miller  
**Jan. 5** Annette Propst

**DECEMBER USHERS**

Mike Downs, Al Brown Jr.,  
Sid Hughes, Bill Hardister,  
Hunter Huss

**JANUARY USHERS**

Dale Merrell, Gretchen Walker,  
Robert Davis, Lex Patterson,  
Samantha Hillegass

**DECEMBER BUILDING  
SUPERVISOR**

Wendell Overby

**JANUARY BUILDING  
SUPERVISOR**

Kenny Propst

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

**Dec. 29** Jean Beasley  
**Jan. 5**

[Online Calendar](#)



**Happy Birthday!**

**29 Dec. - Bobby Clary, Barbara Merrell, Joshua Monk**

**30 Dec. - Nell Hoekstra**

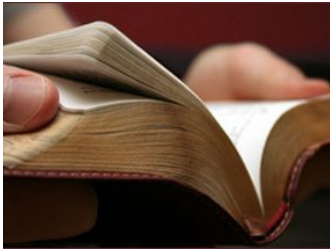
**31 Dec. - Catherine Nivens**

**4 Jan. - Susie Kartheiser**

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**Volunteer!**

Please consider volunteering for a Sunday ministry or special event!



Lectors



Communion  
Assistants



Videographers



Altar Flowers



Special  
Events



Acolytes

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## Announcements

### Salvation Army Meal Week 2025

The first Salvation Army Meal Week of 2025 is coming up! St. James is committed to cover **Sunday 1/19/25 through Saturday 1/25/25, 7 dinners**. The Salvation Army Night Shelter (located at intersection of Patterson Ave and Ashlyn Dr here in Concord) feeds, rests and showers some 40 homeless members of our community, many of them partial or entire families, 7 days a week. As part of our local benevolence and mission, St. James members sponsor evening meals at the shelter for these folks in need. These meals, whether homemade or purchased, should be delivered to the shelter by 6PM, and sponsors have the option of staying to help serve or drop off. Reimbursement for some or all the meal costs is available through the Social Ministry Committee.

**[PLEASE sign up to sponsor on of these meals.](#)**



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**Youth Friday Night @ The  
Movies - Jan. 10**



Middle and High School Youth!

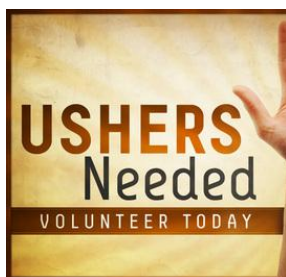
Join us for a fun movie night at St. James in the Flex Room on **Friday, January 10, from 7:00 – 9:15 p.m.**

We'll have pizza, cornhole, and screen a movie - TBA!

Bring a friend, kick back, and enjoy the evening! [RSVP](#) to help us plan!

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## Reminders:



### Ushers Needed for 2025

We have few teams of ushers that are still in need of people. If you are able and willing to serve as an usher in 2025, please reach out to [Gretchen Walker](#).

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## 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](#).

### Volunteer opportunities



## 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!](#)

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## Prayers & Considerations

New Dates Added!

### Member Meal Train Opportunity

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



Meal Train®

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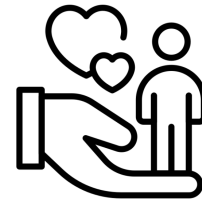
Brad Baker  
Joyce Beaty (*Friend of the Marlow's*)  
Angie Buchanan  
Mike & Debbie Cagle  
(*Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis*)  
Noah Clifton  
Bruce Coffey (*Friend of Mark Murphy*)  
Karey Conrad (*Friend of Dee Pieschel*)  
Emma DePaulis  
Anne Fridlund  
Ed Frost (*Friends of the Marlow's*)  
Tim Gibson (*Friend of Deb Black*)



Tom Grady  
Linda Jones  
(*Family of Barbara & Dale Merrell*)  
Annaleah, Michael, & Preston Morrow  
(*Friends of Shannon Nesbit*)  
Jan Phillips  
(*Family of Brownie Brown*)  
Tom Ridenhour  
Kristin Rinker, Jeanie Martin &  
the Martin Family  
Geoff & Pam Seige  
(*Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis*)

## 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.



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## 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

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## Keep in touch!



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