



WEEKLY Ring Out NEWSLETTER



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

Week of Oct. 26, 2025

The Festival of Reformation

Introduction to Worship

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Watch the Live Stream:



The Week Ahead

Sunday, Oct. 26

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
3:00 pm ☐ Trunk or Treat! ☐

Monday, Oct. 27

10:30 am Quilting
6:30 pm Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, Oct. 30

6:30 pm Choir

Sunday, Nov. 2

Salvation Army Meal Week
9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Coming Up

Events:

Nov. 2 - 8: Salvation Army Meal Week ☐

Nov. 8: Organ Concert ☐

Nov. 23: Congregational Meeting ☐

Nov. 30: Family Advent Event ☐

Dec. 13: Carols by Candlelight ☐ ☐

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

5:30pm: Family Service

9:30pm: Musical Prelude

10:00pm: Candlelight Service

Church
Calendar

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

October 26 Barbara Albright

November 2 Kim Haberman

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

October 26 Margaret Garrison

November 2 Elizabeth Hurley

ACOLYTE

October 26 Noah Pittard

November 2 Calen & Langdon
MacFarlane

GREETER

October 26 Nancy Faggart

November 2 Laura Patterson

VIDEOGRAPHER

October 26

November 2

USHERS

Brad Baker, Chip Harward, Taylor
Pruette, Al Pieschel, Jon Miller

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Tommy Propst

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 26

November 2

Happy Birthday! ☐

Oct. 27 - Michael Folino, Joan McEachern

Oct. 28 - Cliff Caffrey, Linda Hartsell, Riley Moran, Taylor Pruette

Oct. 30 - Adam Hartman, Jackson Propst

Nov. 1 - Juanita Fitts

Nov. 2 - Mary Elizabeth Stewart, Patricia Weisel

Announcements



Meal Packing Reminders for Tomorrow:

Thank you to everyone **volunteering** tomorrow, Oct. 25 at 9am for meal packing at Atrium Ballpark!

☐ **Check-in Info:**

Meet at Gate 1 to check in with Chris Miller (your team lead)

☐ **Bring with you:**

Hats/ties for long hair

Layered clothing (for cool weather)

Sunscreen/sunglasses

Phone

Debit/credit card (venue is cashless); no outside food/drink



Trunk or Treat! - This Sunday, Oct. 26

Join us this **Sunday, Oct. 26, from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm** in the rear portico parking lot for our annual Trunk or Treat event! Enjoy candy, popcorn, music, games and more!

If you would like to volunteer, **let us know!**



Salvation Army Meal Week Nov. 2 - 8

UPDATES:

Can you provide a side dish on Thursday, Nov. 6?

Martha Matthews has graciously signed up to provide the main dish (chicken nuggets) that evening and is inviting a family or two to join her by preparing a side, dessert, and/or bread to round out the meal.

If you can help, please text Martha at 704-787-2180.

Only one date left to cover! — Saturday, Nov. 8

Thank you to everyone who has already stepped up to support this important ministry!

About Salvation Army Meal Week:

St. James is signed up to cover seven evening meals for the Salvation Army Night Shelter from Sunday, Nov. 2 through Saturday, Nov. 8.

Groups or individuals can sponsor a dinner by preparing and dropping off 50 meals to 216 Patterson Ave., Concord, NC 28025 by 6:30pm on their selected date.

Meal expenses are reimbursable through Jill Irvin. Contact Chip Popovici with any questions.

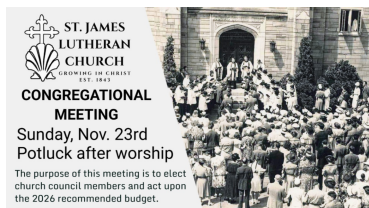


Organ Concert - Saturday, Nov. 8

Enjoy an inspiring evening of music for organ and timpani on **Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7pm.**

Featuring:

- **Brice Burton**, Principle Percussionist, *Charlotte Symphony Orchestra*
- **Dr. Kevin L. Estes**, Director of Music Ministry & Organist, *St. James*



Congregational Meeting - Sunday, Nov. 23

Make plans to stay after worship on **Sunday, Nov. 23** for a special Congregational Meeting. Like last year, we will gather for a potluck with the purpose of electing church council members and acting upon the recommended budget for 2026.



Family Advent Event - Sunday, Nov. 30

☐ **Save the date!** ☐

Join us **after worship on Sunday, Nov. 30** for a special Family Advent Event. We'll enjoy lunch and ornament making as we prepare our hearts (and our tree) for the Advent season!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Week's Lesson...

Changes Promised - Jeremiah 31:29-34; John 1:17

In his 40 years in prophetic ministry, Jeremiah constantly preaches to the nation of Judah to turn and repent from their unbelief or face God's judgement. In today's lesson, Jeremiah changes his tone to one of hope for the nation and the world through his prophecy concerning the coming Messiah. After the period of judgement, God will restore the fortunes of His people and turn the times of mourning into times of joy! Humanity will get a fresh start! The New Covenant doesn't rely on obedience to the Law but in terms of being saved through Jesus' atonement for our sins. Hope to see you then!

Partner News



Big Brothers Big Sisters Holiday Toy Drive

Each year, Big Brothers Big Sisters hosts a Holiday Gift Shop to help families in need choose gifts for their children. This year's event will take place Monday, December 15 at St. James and they are looking for both toys and volunteers.

If you are interested in assisting, visit links below.

[Volunteer to Sign Up](#)

[BBBS Holiday Amazon Wish List](#)

Reminders



Operation Christmas Child Underway

It's that time again! - Help bring joy to a child in need this holiday season by packing a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes are available in the portico area, along with easy-to-follow instructions for packing and sponsoring a box.

Please return your unsealed shoebox by **Sunday, November 16th**.

Questions? - Contact Samantha Hillegass



Carols by Candlelight

A congregational sing-along
with full orchestra, choirs and organ

Saturday, Dec 13 ~ 7 PM

*Visiting choristers are welcome
contact Church Office at 704-786-0166*

Tri-Tone Brass

featuring Juilliard Alumni and Charlotte
Symphony Orchestra members:

Alex Wilborn, trumpet
Andrew Fierova, french horn
Thomas Burge, trombone

Saturday, Sept 20 ~ 7 PM

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Saturday, Nov 8 ~ 7 PM

Rev. William C. Ridenhour
Senior Pastor

104 Union Street South
Concord, NC 28026

Dr. Kevin L. Estes
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Carols by Candlelight Dec. 13

Join us for a congregational sing-along of Advent and Christmas Carols accompanied by full Orchestra, Organ and the Parish & Bell Choirs of St. James Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 13th at 7pm.

In Our Prayers

Joyce Beaty

(Friend of the Marlow's)

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

Bruce Coffey (Friend of Mark Murphy)

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)

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](#)

Jill Irvin, Financial Administrator [Email](#)

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

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Teresa Honeycutt, Custodian [Email](#)

Kim Haberman, Congregation President [Email](#)

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