



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



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## **Ring Out - Week of Oct. 20, 2024**

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*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to

tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

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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

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### On the Calendar...

THIS WEEK

#### The Week Ahead

##### **Sunday, October 20**

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

##### **Monday, October 21**

10:30 am Quilting  
6:30 pm Bible Study  
6:30 pm Scouts

##### **Wednesday, October 23**

SUNDAY

#### Sunday Ministries

##### **LECTOR/INTERCESSOR**

**Oct. 20** Kristin Rinker  
**Oct. 27** Gretchen Walker

##### **COMMUNION ASSISTANT**

**Oct. 20** Samantha Hillegass  
**Oct. 27** Christine Ruff

##### **GREETERS**

**Oct. 20** Nancy Faggart  
**Oct. 27** Gretchen Walker

5:30 pm Handbells  
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, October 27**

9:00 am Adult SS  
9:00 am Choir  
9:30 am Children's SS  
10:00 am Worship  
**4:30 pm Trunk or Treat!**

**VIDEOGRAPHER**

**Oct. 20** John Patterson

**Oct. 27** Jean Beasley

**OCTOBER USHERS**

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

**BUILDING SUPERVISOR**

**October:** Glenda Poole

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

**Oct. 20** Jeff Koenig

**Oct. 27**

Online Calendar



**Happy Birthday!**

**20 Oct.** - Katie King

**22 Oct.** - Calen MacFarlane, Joyce Smith

**23 Oct.** - John Eury, Nancy Faggart

**24 Oct.** - Naomi Lovelace

**Volunteer!**

Please consider volunteering for one for the remaining 2024 dates.



Lector



Communion



Videographer

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## Altar Flowers



Please consider placing flowers at the altar this year!  
Cost is \$100 to cover the two arrangements.  
Click below for open dates.

[Sign Up for Altar Flowers](#)

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## Announcements

### Trunk or Treat!

Join us on **Sunday, October 27, 2024** at our rear portico parking lot from 4:30pm - 6:00pm for St. James' annual Trunk or Treat event! Enjoy candy, popcorn, music, and games! If you would like to host a "trunk" or help run a game, please let us know: [info@sjnc.net](mailto:info@sjnc.net).

**Candy Donations Welcome! - See basket at portico door!**

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
CANDY, POPCORN, MUSIC, GAMES!  
**OCTOBER 27TH**  
**4:30PM-6:00PM**  
104 UNION ST. S.

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**Save the Date!**

**Nov. 2, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.**



# A CONCERT OF CELEBRATION!

featuring

The St. James Parish Choir and Orchestra  
under the new leadership of conductor  
Dr. Kevin Estes, Director of Music

Alex Wilborn, trumpet

Kirsten Olson, oboe d'amore

Keith McNabb, organ

Music of J. S. Bach and Handel, including the Orchestral Suite No. 3,  
individual concertos for trumpet, oboe d'amore and organ,  
and featuring Cantata No. 129, *Gelobet sei der Herr*

November 2, 2024



7:00 pm

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### This Week's Lesson

Praise for Deliverance - Isaiah 25:1-10a

Today's lesson text comes from a section of Isaiah often called "The Isaiah Apocalypse". At this time, Jerusalem is about to be destroyed by a large foreign nation, things appear to be hopeless! While confrontation of sin was a critical part of the prophet's task, it was not their only task. The Prophets also provided Hope! When darkness overwhelms, you can cry out to God for deliverance. When we experience God's rescue, we naturally do what? That's a question that we will discuss and use to grow in spiritual maturity. Hope to see you there!

### Salvation Army Meal Week

Salvation Army Meal Week is coming up! **St. James is committed to covering dinners Sunday 10/27 through Saturday 11/2.** The Salvation Army Night Shelter (located at the 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 home made or purchased, should be delivered to the shelter by 6PM, and sponsors have the option of staying to help serve or drop offs. Reimbursement for some or all the meal costs is available through the Social Ministry Committee. **[PLEASE sign up to sponsor one of these meals.](#)** *Thank you in advance!*



# Support Operation Christmas Child

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.



Grab a box. Fill a box. Pray. Return by Nov 17.

**GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.**

Please remember to return your unsealed shoebox by **Sunday, November 17th**. Let's share God's love through this simple yet powerful act of giving!

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## Reminders

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCT. 27** **Trunk or Treat**  
Candy & Activities

**NOV. 2** **A Concert of Celebration**  
Choir and Orchestra Concert

**NOV. 17** **Congregation Meeting**  
After Worship Lunch

**NOV. 24** **Thanksgiving Worship**  
Pie Party to Follow

**DEC. 1** **Advent Tree Lighting**  
Lighting of the Christmas Tree

**DEC. 8** **Bethlehem at the Farm**  
Details TBA

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# Volunteers Needed! Bethlehem at the Farm

Sunday, Dec. 8, 4pm – 7pm

In need of townspeople

Arrive at 3:30pm

Costume to be provided!



Scan QR Code

or visit: [bit.ly/VolunteerBATF](https://bit.ly/VolunteerBATF)



## Join The Bells of St. James!

The Bells of St. James invite you to join in on the fun!  
Have an interest in playing chimes or handbells?  
Consider joining - no experience is needed!

Handbells/Chimes practices are **Wednesdays from 5:30pm - 6:30pm** in the History Room. You don't have to have any experience to make beautiful music!  
For more information contact [Brad Davis](#).

## Prayers & Considerations

### IN OUR PRAYERS



Brad Baker  
Tom Grady  
Tom Ridenhour  
Noah Clifton  
Angie Buchanan  
Keith & Margaret Fink  
Anne Fridlund  
Mike & Debbie Cagle  
Geoff & Pam Siege  
*(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)*  
Linda Jones  
*(Family of Barbara & Dale Merrell)*  
Joyce Beatty & Ed Frost  
*(Friends of the Marlow's)*  
Bruce Coffey  
*(Friend of Mark Murphy)*  
Tim Gibson  
*(Friend of Deb Black)*  
Annaleah, Michael, and Preston Morrow  
*(Friends of Shannon Nesbit)*  
Karey Conrad *(Friend of Dee Pieschel)*



### Member Meal Train Opportunity

(one date remaining)

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



## WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA RELIEF!

Make an offering to our neighbors in Western NC.

Gifts will be sent to the [NC Synod Disaster Fund](#) which assists our sister congregations with recovery needs.

Offerings received through **Sunday, Nov. 10** will be forwarded the following week.

Please note **“HELENE RELIEF”** on your gift.



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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!



Follow St. James on [Instagram](#) & [Facebook](#)!

Be sure to tag [@stjamesnc](#) when posting so we may share!



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