

## CALENDAR THIS WEEK

### **Monday, November 6**

10:30 am Quilting Group  
6:30 pm Scouts

### **Tuesday, November 7**

10-2 pm F. Hall reserved  
10:30 am Mary Magdalene Circle - Flex Room  
5:00 pm Executive Comm  
6:00 pm Property Comm

### **Wednesday, November 8**

7:00 pm Parish Choir

### **Thursday, November 9**

6:00 pm Handbells

### **Sunday, November 12**

9:15 am Parish Choir  
9:30 am Children's SS  
10:00 am Worship

## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION 10am**

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

### Church Calendar for 2023/2024:

If you have an event or meeting scheduled for the balance of 2023 and going into 2024—please let the church office know as to create a reservation for that space—[info@sjnc.net](mailto:info@sjnc.net)

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

06-Nov: Ed Ballard, Sr., Summer McDaniel  
07-Nov Brittany Wilson  
08-Nov Debbie Bradshaw, Shannon Nesbit, Joss Rafiee  
09-Nov Winton Faircloth, Chip Harward, Jr.  
10-Nov Orietta Grady, Bradley Propst  
11-Nov Scott Foppiano, Jazmin Harward, Ben Kuly, Erin Kuly, Lillian Parks, Tom Ridenhour

### Pastor Bill's Teaching Debut...

#### An Advent Journey—The Birth Narratives of Luke and Matthew

Mondays November 27 and December 4, 11, 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

*Bring your Bible, your sense of humor and your questions. Do we have a coffee pot (asks the new guy??) If we do, we'll put it on. By then, you will have too many holiday sweets in your kitchen. Bring some with you.*

*We will go no more than an hour. It's possible we'll finish in less than four weeks.*

*If we go longer than four weeks, you'll simply have to show up on Monday, December 25th. By 6:30 p.m. on the 25th, you will have had enough of your family.*

*With sufficient interest, Pastor Bill will run a brown bag matinee.*

*With sufficient need expressed, we will try for child care. No guarantees.*

### SAINT JAMES STAFF

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#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday from 10am-2pm.



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## **ALL THE OTHER STUFF ...**

**Today @ 4:00 p.m.**

**We will celebrate a festive liturgy of Holy Communion with the Rite of the Installation of a Pastor. This is an occasion to formally acknowledge Pastor Bill's arrival to St. James. Yeah Team. Go Team. Fight Team.**

### **TODAY'S PLAYBILL**

**Lector/Intercessor:** Beth Huss

**Communion Assistant:** Kim Haberman

**Acolyte/Crucifer:** Noah Dixon

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

**Greeters:** Barbara Albright

### **PRAYER LIST**

.. Patsy Black

.. Tom Grady

.. Tom Ridenhour

.. Deb Black & Family

.. Linda Hartsell

### **Children's Sunday School/Nursery**

Children's Sunday School is back! A parent driven conversation resulted in a new SS plan. Beginning today, Sunday, November 5th, SS will start at 9:30 a.m. With the return of Sunday School, the Children's Sermon and the Children's Church will cease.

Beginning today, November 5th, the nursery will be for children up to and including age 5.

### **FLOWERS**

The altar flowers are given by Nita and Jeff Jones to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Helen and Kyle Fincher and in loving memory of Carole Grady and Richard Jones.

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP**

**Contributions/Receipts for Oct 29 2023: \$4,304.38** (*\$7,371.00 needed weekly*)

**In-Person Attendance: 111**

### **Salvation Army; Ringing of the Bells**

We will ring at Sam's Club at Northlite Shopping Center in Kannapolis—Thursday, November 30 and Wednesday, December 13. Sign up times run from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. The last shifts ends at 8. Sign up sheet located in portico...



1 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!  
 2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;  
 3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,  
 4 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!



A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.  
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;  
 who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own:  
 A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,  
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:  
 they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:  
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:



their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.  
 our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.  
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!  
 their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

## THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
 C Thanks be to God.

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Christ, Who Makes Us Blessed*

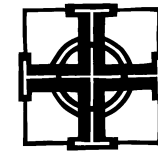
*Johann Seb. Bach*



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## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION

### Gathering



## Chimes of the Trinity and Welcome

## Opening Voluntary

*Elegy in B-flat*

*George Thalben Ball*

**Please stand.**

## THE INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
 C Amen

## THE ENTRANCE HYMN IS SUNG.

*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

*Lasst uns Erfreuen*



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:  
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:  
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!  
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



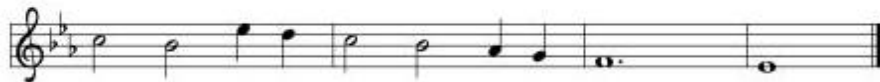
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,  
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:  
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:  
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:  
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**THE APOSTOLIC GREETING IS SHARED.**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**THE DIGNUS EST AGNUS IS SUNG.**



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

**COMMUNION MOTET**

*O Sacred Feast*

*Healey Willan*

**Please stand.**

**THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING IS OFFERED.**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER IS SAID.**

P Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Silence for reflection.*

**Sending**



**THE BENEDICTION IS RECEIVED.**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

**THE SENDING HYMN IS SUNG.**

*Rejoice in God's Saints*

*Laudate Dominum*

**Please sit.**

## THE AGNUS DEI IS SUNG.



☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Q: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

A: Instituted by Christ himself, it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, given to us Christians to eat and to drink.

Q: What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

A: We are told in the words “for you” and “for the forgiveness of sins.” By these words the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament, for where there is forgiveness of sins, there are also life and salvation.

*-Luther's Small Catechism Part V*

*Jesus bids all the baptized to feast at his table. Please come by way of the center aisle and return by the side aisle.*

*If you need help figuring out where and when to go, an usher or fellow worshiper will help you. At one time we too were confused.*

*For those unable to partake of wine, white grape juice is available. Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar, the pastor will bring communion to you at your seat. Please advise an usher.*



☐ Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo- ple of God. Pow- er and rich- es and wis- dom and



strength, and hon- or and bless- ing and glo- ry are his.



This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God. Al- le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo- ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless- ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



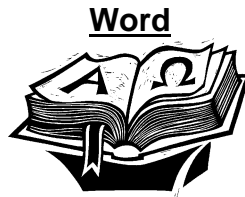
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY IS SAID.

P Let us pray . . . (A brief silence is kept before the prayer.)

C Amen.

**Please sit.**



## THE LESSONS ARE READ.

### Revelation 7:9-12

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

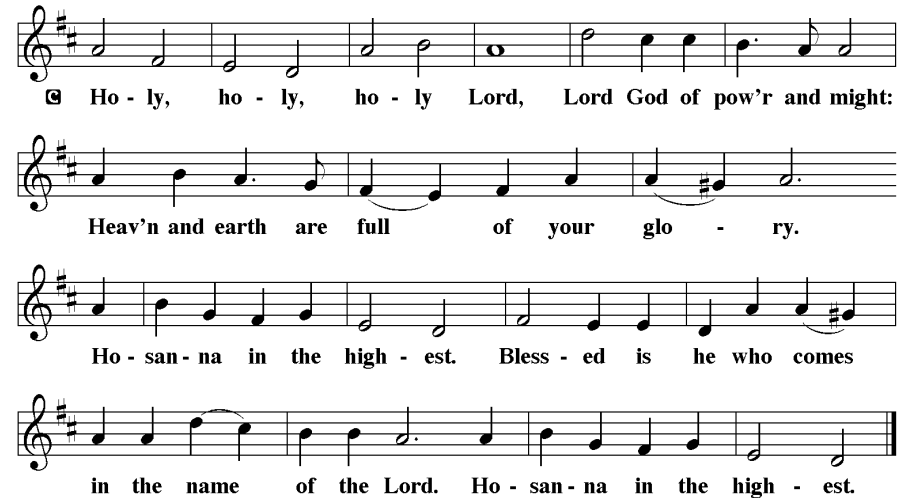
<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### I John 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.



P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PAYER IS SAID.

P Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE PEACE IS SHARED.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C And also with you.

*Please sit.*

## THE ANTHEM

*Souls of the Righteous*

*T. Tertius noble*

## THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED.

### Table



*Please stand.*

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER IS SAID.

P Blessed are you,  
C **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**  
P It is indeed right ... join their unending hymn:

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION IS SUNG.



## THE HOLY GOSPEL IS READ.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

## THE SERMON

***Please stand.***

## THE HYMN OF THE DAY IS SUNG.

*For All Your Saints, O Lord*

*Festal Song*



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,  
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,  
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,  
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new  
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.  
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.  
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.  
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.  
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED IS CONFESSED.

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## REMEMBRANCE of the FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We give thanks for the faithful witness of all your saints who now rest from their labors and dwell in your eternal light. With affection and love we remember those dear to us who have died. As we light these candles that shine with the light of your love and unfailing promises, we give you thanks for the lives of those saints who have entered the Church Triumphant during the past year. Especially we remember:

*A candle is lit and a chime is tolled in remembrance of the life of each of these faithful departed as their names are read. Family members are invited to come forward and light a candle.*

**Ralph Alexander Barnhardt, Jr.  
Donald James Faggart, Sr.  
James Ervin Summers, Jr.  
James Clary Phillips  
Norma Lee Litaker Mosley**

**Martha Walter Summers  
James Luther Propst  
Edward George Rand  
Marvene Rose  
Leonard Bunn McEachern, III**

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses. Strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ARE SAID.

*(Kneel or sit, as able)*

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Each portion of the prayers concludes:*

A Lord, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
C **Amen.**