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WEEK OF OCTOBER 29

SUNDAY WORSHIP Reformation Sunday OCTOBER 29, 2023

Reformation Sunday

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.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER

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HOLY COMMUNION with RITE OF INSTALLATION of a PASTOR 4 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



Sunday Worship for 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.

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LIVESTREAM](#)**



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK & BEYOND

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Sunday, October 29

9:15 am Parish Choir
10:00 am Worship
Reformation Sunday
4:30 - 6:00 pm Trunk or
Treat (Parking Lot)

Monday, October 30

10:30 am Quilting Group
6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, November 1

5:30 pm Wednesday Night
Together
7:00 pm Parish Choir

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

30-Oct Adam Hartman
Jackson Propst
02-Nov Mary Elizabeth
Stewart
Patricia Weisel
03-Nov David Cruse
Kerri Kiker
04-Nov David Klein

COMING SOON...

Wednesday Night Together

Thursday, November 2

6:00 pm Handbells

Friday, November 3

4:30 pm Wedding
Rehearsal

Saturday, November 4

4:00 pm Fincher/Jones
Wedding

Sunday, November 5

9:15 am Parish Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship
4:00 pm Pastor Bill's
Installation Service

**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.

November 1st - 5:30 p.m.

Menu: Baked Spaghetti,
Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread,
Dessert and Drink
Sign up by calling the church
office or e-mail info@sjnc.net

Children's Sunday

School/Nursery

***Children's Sunday School is
back!***

A parent driven conversation resulted in a new Sunday School plan. Beginning next Sunday, November 5th, Sunday School 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 November 5th,
the nursery** will be for children up to and including age 5.

Samaritan's Purse

Operation Christmas Child

Boxes will be available this Sunday, October 29th - in the portico area. Take a box and follow instructions inside the box. Boxes must be returned no later than November 12th.

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

SUNDAY MINISTERS

LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

Oct 29 Kim Haberman
Nov 05 Beth Huss

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Oct 29 Christine Ruff
Nov 05 Kim Haberman

ACOLYTES

Oct 29 Noah Dixon, Jason Pittard, Noah Pittard, Joshua Rinker
Nov 05 Noah Dixon

GREETERS

Oct 29 Martha Matthews
Nov 05 Barbara Albright

VIDEOGRAPHER

Oct 29
Nov 05

OCTOBER USHERS

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

FLOWERS

Oct 29 Jo Eng

CHURCH NEWS



Family and Friends

- Family of Doris Francis, daughter-in-law of Martha Summers.
- Steve Conrad, Lauri Lyn Hodges, friends of Al and Dee Pieschel

Members of St. James

- Patsy Black
- Tom Grady
- Tom Ridenhour
- Deb Black and Family

Council Highlights October 10, 2023

Customary Review and Approvals of Minutes and Monthly Finance.

Heard brief update on Administrator Opening. No candidates to date. Interim, part-time Administrator Debbie Wilkinson is fabulous. Office is still functioning inefficiently.

Accepted report of Nominating Committee. Announcement of names standing for election to church council forthcoming.

Reviewed deadline dates related to November 19th congregational meeting for the purpose of acting upon recommended 2024 budget and church council elections.

Set Budget Workshop / Informational Meeting for November 12th. More details forthcoming.

Property motion to address damaged boiler burner tubes delayed by requirement to acquire multiple bids.

Forwarded proposed 2024 budget to the November 19th congregational meeting for its action. This was done after reviewing how Finance Committee struggled to balance the budget when anticipated personnel, property and ministry committee expenses exceeded anticipated income.

Heard off-agenda concern from Music and Worship emphasizing the need to replace the original 1928 organ electrical wiring.

CHURCHWIDE / COMMUNITY

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS (BBBS)

of Cabarrus County whose offices are housed at our Parish is looking for male mentors. There is an immediate need for a male mentor and an overall need in general for male mentors. The obligation is approximately one hour a week to meet with a child at lunch. The Program Director, Elizabeth Hutchins, can provide you with additional information. Elizabeth can be reached at 704-562-1144 and her e-mail is Elizabeth.hutchens@bbbscentralcarolinas.org

CHURCH RESOURCES

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.



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- Rev. Bill Ridenhour, *Pastor* [Email](#)
- Jill Irvin, *Financial Administrator* [Email](#)
- Scott Foppiano, *Organist / Director of Music* [Email](#)
- Kathryn Radcliffe, *Nursery Coordinator* [Email](#)
- Teresa Honeycutt, *Custodian* [Email](#)

- **Debbie Davis**, *Congregation President* [Email](#)

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