



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

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**Week of Oct. 12, 2025**

*The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

### **Introduction to Worship**

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

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## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, Oct. 12

9:00 am Adult Sunday School  
9:00 am Choir  
9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship  
2:00 pm CROP Hunger Walk ☐

### Tuesday, Oct. 13

10:30 am Quilting  
6:00 pm Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, Oct. 14

Noon Lively Leisures  
6:00 pm Congregation Council

### Thursday, Oct. 16

6:30 pm Choir

### Saturday, Oct. 18

Leah's Hope Trailer

### Sunday, Oct. 19

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

## Coming Up

### Events:

Oct. 25 Million Meals Tour ☐  
Oct. 26: Trunk or Treat ☐  
Nov. 2 - 8: Salvation Army Meal Week ☐  
Nov. 8: Organ Concert ☐  
Dec. 13: Carols by Candlelight ☐☐

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## Sunday Ministries

### LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

October 12 Barbara Albright  
October 19 Margaret Garrison

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT

October 12 Kim Haberman  
October 19 Samantha Hillegass

### ACOLYTE

### VIDEOGRAPHER

October 12  
October 19

### USHERS

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

### BUILDING SUPERVISOR

October 12  
October 19

**GREETER**  
October 12  
October 19 Lisa Folino

Tommy Propst

**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
October 12 Joseph Beasley  
October 19

**Sign Up to  
Volunteer**

**Lector**

**Communion  
Assistant**

**Acolyte**

**Videographer**

**Altar Flowers**

## Happy Birthday! ☐

Oct. 12 - Patsy Black  
Oct. 15 - Erin Everett, Morgan Rooker  
Oct. 17 - Isla Glatz  
Oct. 18 - Laura Baker

## Announcements



### CROP Walk ☐- This Sunday! (Oct. 12)

Friendly reminders:

- ☐ Check-in: 1:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church (70 Union St. NE)
- ☐ Walk begins: 2:00 PM

**Great news! We've met 100% of our \$1,000 goal!**

If you haven't had a chance to make a donation towards the St. James team, you can still contribute at the [link](#).

Thank you to everyone who has donated and/or signed up to walk with us this year! ☐



### Final Pumpkin Sale this Weekend ☐

Our Cub Scouts will be out this **Sunday, Oct. 12th from 10am - 2pm** for their final pumpkin sale. If you plan to purchase pumpkins this season, please consider stopping by to help support their program.

Proceeds will go to offset program costs. Checks may be written to Cub Pack 91 if you would like to make a donation.

**Boiler Project Complete!**



We're happy to share that our new boilers are fully installed and up and running! This important project was made possible through the generosity and support of our congregation. Thank you to everyone who contributed; your gifts have ensured that our church will stay warm and welcoming for years to come!



## Salvation Army Meal Week Returns

This year, St. James is committed to covering evening meals for the Salvation Army Night Shelter **Sunday, Nov. 2 - Sunday, Nov. 8.**

Please consider providing dinner meals for one of these dates. A committee, group, or individual can sponsor a dinner by arranging and dropping off 50 meals to the 216 Patterson Ave. Concord, NC 28025 shelter location by 6:30PM on their selected date.

Expenses are reimbursable through Jill Irvin. Contact Chip Popovici with questions.

[Click here to sign up for a date.](#)



## This Week's Lesson...

Jeremiah's Message - Jeremiah 7:1-11,21-23

Following on with last week's lesson, Jeremiah prophesies to the Priests and Rulers in Jerusalem warning them not to pay attention to the lying prophets who said that there would be times of peace. The Word of the Lord assured them that they would not be blessed with peaceful times when they were stealing, murdering, committing adultery & perjury, and sacrificing to other gods. They will be punished if they will not worship and honor the only True God and worship Him in righteousness!

## In Case You Missed It...



### Lively Leisures - Tuesday (Oct. 14)

Join us on **Tuesday, Oct. 14** for our monthly Lively Leisures program! This month we hear from Kevin Grant, Environmental Management Director with Cabarrus County about solid waste and recycling. Program and lunch begin at noon. RSVP to Sylvia Corl.



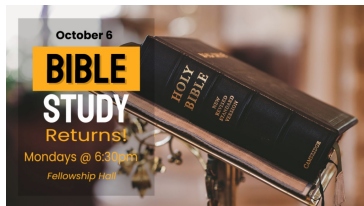
## Operation Christmas Child Underway

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

## Reminders



### Bible Study Mondays at 6:30pm

#### Simple Cattle, Irrational Pigs and Luther's Catechism

What do simple cattle and irrational pigs have to do with Luther's Catechism? Come and find out. Starting Monday, October 6th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, we will discover that Luther's catechism is far more than a torturous tool foisted upon middle schoolers. It is a gift, a treasure, for the household and the adult. Approx. 6 weeks.



### Lifeline's Million Meals Tour - Oct. 25

Join us as Lifeline Christian Mission brings the Million Meals Tour to Atrium Ballpark in Kannapolis.

St. James Social Ministry has committed to providing 20 volunteers for Saturday, Oct. 25 at 9:00AM.

Meal packing takes about 1.5 hours leaving plenty of time afterward to enjoy Downtown Kannapolis!

[Sign up here](#). Contact Chris Miller with any questions.



### Trunk or Treat! - Oct. 26

Join us on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at our rear portico parking lot from 3:00pm - 5:00pm for St. James' annual Trunk or Treat event! Enjoy candy, popcorn, music, and games!

**If you are able to host a trunk or help run a game, please [let us know!](#)**

Candy donations welcome! - See basket at portico door!



## 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**

### Organ Concert

An evening of music for organ and timpani featuring:

**Brice Burton**  
Principle Percussionist for the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra  
**Dr. Kevin L. Estes**  
Director of Music Ministry & Organist

**Saturday, Nov 8 ~ 7 PM**

**Rev. William C. Ridenhour**  
Senior Pastor

**104 Union Street South**  
**Concord, NC 28026**

**Dr. Kevin L. Estes**  
Director of Music Ministry

## Organ Concert - Nov. 8

Enjoy an evening of music for organ and timpani on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7pm.  
Featuring: Brice Burton, Principle Percussionist for the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra & Dr. Kevin L. Estes, Director of Music Ministry & Organist.

## 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.

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## Memorials & Honorariums

SEPTEMBER 2025

## Memorials & Honorariums

*The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor.*

### In Honor Of:

#### **Simon Lovelace's Birthday**

Given by:  
Nancy Faggart

#### **Chris Miller's Birthday**

Given by:  
Glenda Poole

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## 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**

**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**

**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**

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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.



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