



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

Week of June 21, 2026

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, June 21

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

Monday, June 22

My Father's House Meal Ministry
10:30 am Quilting

Saturday, June 27

2:00 pm Meetup at Southern Strain

Sunday, June 28

Sonshine Backpack Items Due
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

[Church Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

June 21 Barbara Albright
June 28 Margaret Garrison

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

June 21 Samantha Hillegass
June 28 Margaret Garrison

ACOLYTES

June 21
June 28 Maddox Landers

GREETER

June 21 Amy Griffith
June 28 Barbara Albright

VIDEOGRAPHER

June 21 Jeff Gilbert
June 28 Kim Haberman

JUNE USHERS

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

JUNE BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Jeff Gilbert

ALTAR FLOWER

June 21 Nancy Faggart
June 28 Jean Beasley

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

Happy Birthday! 🎂

June 21 - Joann Bratton
 June 22 - Fuller Beasley
 June 23 - Samuel Haberman, Ben McGuire
 June 25 - Bill Hardister
 June 26 - Wilson Propst, Jr.
 June 27 - Phyllis Freeman

Announcements



Automatic Door Access Added to Ramp Entrance

Beginning this Sunday, the doorway at the top of the ramp from the Garden Lot into the narthex will feature automatic door openers. Touchpads on both sides of the doors were installed earlier this week, providing easier access for those using the ramp entrance.



Meetup at Southern Strain

Beat the Summer Heat...

Calling all our St. James faithful (and your friends). At **2pm on Saturday, June 27th**, take a break from the summer sun and come to Southern Strain Brewing (165 Brumley Ave). Gather around a table with your fellow St. James Saints, enjoy a cold beverage (adult or otherwise) and delight in chatting up your neighbor.



ISO 🔍 - Props needed for VBS

Vacation Bible School is looking for props to help decorate for this year's theme, Snowball Mountain Challenge!

Needed Props:

- Sleds 🛷
- Skis 🎿
- Ski poles 🎿
- Inflatable snow tubes ❄️
- Snow discs/saucers 🏠
- Artificial Christmas trees 🌲

Items may be dropped off in the Flex Room and picked up following the final night of VBS (July 28). Please label all items before dropping them off.



Youth Service Opportunity - Extended through July!

Rising 6th–8th grade youth are invited to serve with The Salvation Army this summer by helping pack fresh food boxes for local families in need. This is a great way to gain services hours!

Volunteers will serve **Thursdays in June and July from 12:00–2:30pm** at The Salvation Army, located at 216 Patterson Ave SE, Concord, NC 28025.

Youth will help sort, pack, and load food boxes alongside Salvation Army staff and adult volunteers from St. James.

Please RSVP through SignupGenius and complete a volunteer form. **Volunteer forms may be downloaded** or picked up from the church office. Completed volunteer forms should be brought to Cheryl Webb.

For additional information call or text Cheryl Webb: 832-275-8872.

Reminders



Help Serve My Father's House

St. James Lutheran Church will be providing dinner for the residents of My Father's House Shelter Ministry on **Monday, June 22** (*no Tuesday meal*).

We're looking for volunteers to help by providing side dishes, desserts, or snacks to accompany a ham dinner. Suggested items include:

- Macaroni & cheese
- Bob Evans Mashed potatoes
- Baked beans
- Green beans or corn
- Noodle or pasta dishes
- Vegetable casseroles
- Fresh fruit
- Desserts (think kid-friendly!)

Snack donations are also needed:

- Lance crackers
- Juice boxes
- Capri Sun drinks
- Fresh fruit

If you'd like to contribute, please contact Martha Matthews at 704-787-2180. Martha can provide the current headcount and answer any questions.



Save the Date for A Sundae Sunday 🍦

Join us after worship on **Sunday, July 5**, as we celebrate 250 years of American independence with a sweet treat and fellowship!

Sunday, July 5 | 11:00 a.m.
Under back portico entrance (weather permitting)

Enjoy Cabarrus Creamery ice cream with all the toppings and spend time with your St. James family. We hope you'll join us!



Sonshine Backpack June Supply Drive

We're continuing our quarterly partnership with Sonshine Backpacks to provide weekend food for local children in need.

Requested items: shelf-stable milk, cereal/oatmeal, mac & cheese, canned pasta/soup/veggies/fruit, granola bars, juice, popcorn, pudding.

Please place donations on the back kitchen counter by **Sunday, June 28**.

Questions? Contact Sylvia Corl or Gretchen Walker.



Register for VBS! 🏂

Registration for VBS 2026 is open!

Vacation Bible School will be held **Sunday, July 26–Tuesday, July 28**, beginning each evening at 5:30 p.m.

👕 **Register by June 30 to guarantee a t-shirt!**

If you are available to volunteer, please check to make sure your *Safe Gatherings* background check is current. If you are a first-time volunteer, please email holly@sjnc.net to begin the process.

❄️ This year's theme: Snowball Mountain Challenge! ❄️



[Click here to see available dates and to sign up.](#)
Please be sure to fill in the details of how you want the bulletin to read.

In Our Prayers

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)
Family of Michael Black
 (Nephew of Patsy Black)
Patsy Black
Patrick Bryn
 (Son of Kirby & Sondra Bryn)
Angie Buchanan
Mike & Debbie Cagle
 (Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)
Noah Clifton
Karey Conrad
 (Friend of Dee Pieschel)
Catherine Durst
 (Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)
Nadine Filipak
 (Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)
Phyllis Freeman
 (Mother of Fonda Shumate)
Ed Frost (Friends of the Marlow's)
Ginger Gibbs
 (Friend of Deedee & Jeff Gilbert)
Jeff Gilbert
Nancy Haney (Loved one of Betsy Ballard)
Ryan Hardister
 (Son of Bill & Reggie Hardister)
Maureen Hollmeyer
The Hopkins Family

Hunter Huss
Mary Frances Johnson
 (Cousin of Francie Davis)
Karen Johnston
 (Friend of Judy Benz)
Mary Anne Lanahan
 (Aunt of Francie Davis)
Ruth Lawler
 (Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)
John Ledford (Brother of Deb Black)
Buddy McEachern
Jason Matthews
Barbara Merrell
Deb & Roger Myers
 (Friends of Deb Black)
Dave Olsen (Friend of Patsy Black)
Mason Overby
Stan Parnell
 (Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)
Becky Phillips
Al Pieschel
Lori Pittard
Corinne Robbins
Lori Ruff (Mother of Christine Ruff)
Jessica Seeley
 (Cousin of Christine Ruff)
Ruby Tyer (Niece of Beth Huss' Friend)



Meal Train Opportunity

The Meal Train for St. James member Jay Clemmer is ongoing. Volunteers are invited to [sign up for dates](#) that work best for them.

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

Volunteer!

Assisting in Worship

[Sunday Worship Volunteer Opportunities](#) are now open! We're looking for Ushers, Greeters, Communion Assistants, Lectors, Acolytes, and Videographers to help on Sundays.

Altar Flower dates are also available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Not sure where to start? Email us at info@sjnc.net for more information, training, or to connect with a volunteer team leader.

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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