



WEEKLY
Ring Out
NEWSLETTER



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

Week of Oct. 5, 2025

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

Watch the Live Stream:



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, Oct. 5

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

Monday, Oct 6

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

Tuesday, Oct. 7

10:30 am Mary Magdalene Circle
6:00 pm Executive Committee

Thursday, Oct. 9

6:30 pm Choir

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 ☐

Coming Up

Events:

Oct. 12: CROP Hunger Walk ☐
Oct. 25 Million Meals Tour ☐
Oct. 26: Trunk or Treat ☐
Nov. 8: Organ Concert ☐
Dec. 13: Carols by Candlelight ☐☐

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

October 5 Kim Haberman
October 12 Barbara Albright

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

October 5 Elizabeth Hurley
October 12 Kim Haberman

ACOLYTE

October 5
October 12

VIDEOGRAPHER

October 5
October 12

USHERS

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

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Tommy Propst

GREETER

October 5 Laura Overby
October 12

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 5
October 12 Joseph Beasley

**Sign Up to
Volunteer**

Lector

Communion
Assistant

Acolyte

Videographer

Altar Flowers

Happy Birthday! ☐

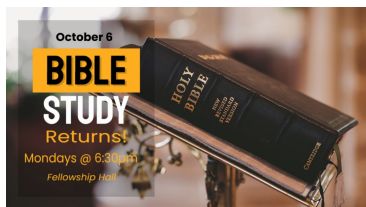
Oct. 4 - Alex Holt, Meghan Kuly
Oct. 5 - Phil Sloop
Oct. 9 - Elizabeth Thompson
Oct. 10 - Hayden Burroughs
Oct. 11 - Ann Holt, Susan Miller

Announcements



Cub Scouts Pumpkin Sale - Tomorrow!

Join us tomorrow, **Saturday, October 4 from 10:00 am - Noon**, when our Cub Scouts will be at Rotary Square with a fresh batch of pumpkins for sale. Stop by to pick up one (or a few!) and help support their programs.



Reminder: Bible Study Returns - Oct. 6

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.

CROP Walk - Oct. 12

UPDATE:

We have raised \$835 of our \$1000 goal!

Register now and join us for the annual Cabarrus County CROP Hunger Walk, **Sunday, Oct. 12 at 2pm** (check-in at



1pm). If you are unable to walk you can still make a [donation](#) towards the St. James team!

This year's walk kicks off at First Presbyterian Church (70 Union St. NE).

St. James supports the CROP Walk each year through sponsorship and participation.



Lively Leisures - 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



This Week's Lesson...

Jeremiah's Call and Arrest - Jeremiah 1:6-10; 26:8-9; 12-15

A common theme in the book of Jeremiah is that of "plucking" and "planting", i.e., the Lord's control over the rise and fall of nations. Nations are "plucked" (face disaster) or "planted" (allowed to prosper) according to the Lord's plan. Jeremiah was sent by God to proclaim this message to the nation of Judah. He was a young man when his prophetic ministry began, and his call would be difficult and dangerous!

Speaking truth today can be as challenging for us as it was with Jeremiah, and we will look at what inhibits us from being more active in ministry today! Do you think you are too young, too old, too inexperienced, don't know the Bible well enough? All these things can be overcome with God's help, and we can be true ministers to a world that sorely needs us!

In Case You Missed It...



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 would like to host a "trunk" or help run a game, please [let us know!](#)

Candy donations welcome! - See basket at portico door!

Memorials & Honorariums

A graphic with a black background and a decorative border of white and gold floral outlines. The text is centered and reads: "SEPTEMBER 2025" in white, "Memorials & Honorariums" in large gold letters, "The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor." in small white text, and "In Honor Of:" in gold. Below this, there are two columns of text. The left column says "Simon Lovelace's Birthday" in gold, followed by "Given by: Nancy Faggart" in white. The right column says "Chris Miller's Birthday" in gold, followed by "Given by: Glenda Poole" in white.

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In Honor Of:

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Given by: Nancy Faggart	Given by: Glenda Poole

Reminders



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!



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.

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)

Patricia Mahoney

(Sister-in-law of Joan Mahoney)

Barbara Merrell

Deb & Roger Myers

(Friends of Deb Black)

Stan Parnell (Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

Al Pieschel

Lori Pittard

Tom Ridenhour

Roger Scarselletta

(Nephew of Joan Mahoney)

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.



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St. James Staff

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