



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

Week of Jan. 18, 2026

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Introduction to Worship

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, Jan. 18

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Social Ministry (Parlor)

Monday, Jan. 19

MLK Jr. Day - Office Closed
10:30 am Quilting

Thursday, Jan. 22

6:30 pm Choir

Sunday, Jan. 25

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Family Snow Event ❄

[Church Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Jan. 18 Barbara Albright
Jan. 25 Margaret Garrison

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Jan. 18 Samantha Hillegass
Jan. 25 Christine Ruff

ACOLYTE

Jan. 18 Noah Pittard
Jan. 25 Langdon & Calen MacFarlane

GREETER

Jan. 18 Barbara Albright
Jan. 25 Joyce Smith

VIDEOGRAPHER

Jan. 18 Volunteer
Jan. 25

USHERS

Chip Popovici, Jimmy Harris, Jeff Jones, Jeff Gilbert, Phil Tesh

BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Wendell Overby

ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan. 18
Jan. 25 Rob & Debbie Davis

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

Happy Birthday!



Jan. 19 - Carrie Craver, Gail Johnson, Kristin Rinker

Jan. 21 - Michael Phillips

Jan. 22 - Samantha Cooley, Jeff Jones, Jason Pittard

Announcements



Family Snow Event

Join us after worship on **Sunday, Jan. 25**, for lunch and snowy fun in the Fellowship Hall! Enjoy snow games, snow science, snow art, snow cones, and of course, SNOW!



Contribution Statements: A Note from Jill

2025 Year-End Contribution Statements have been emailed to you. Please let me know if you would like a hard copy for your records; we are trying to be good stewards of your gifts by saving money on paper and postage.

Thank you for all your contributions to the wonderful ministries here at St. James, and Happy New Year!

Jill Irvin
Finance Administrator



A little spaghetti. A lot of grace.



We're excited to support **Amazing Grace Advocacy** and invite you to attend their Spaghetti Fundraiser on **Thursday, February 26**.

Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., with dinner from 4:30–7:00 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting an important mission. Proceeds benefit life and job skills programs for youth with disabilities.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Week's Lesson...

Prayer and Humility - Genesis 18:25-27; Luke 18:9-14; 1 John 5:14-15

The three passages in today's lesson address prayer from distinct angles. In Genesis, Abraham pleads for mercy while acknowledging his own subordinate status. In Luke, the tax collector prays for mercy because he knows his own sinfulness, and in 1 John, Christians are encouraged to pray with confidence because of their relationship with God and knowing His disposition to listen to His children. Prayer works because we know God's character. The better we know God, the more we seek God, the more our prayers will be answered because they will align with who God is and what God wants to do in the world!

In Case You Missed It...



Meal Train for Jay Clemmer

During seasons when extra support can make a difference, one of the ways our church family cares for one another is by sharing meals.

The Meal Train for St. James member Jay Clemmer is ongoing, and volunteers are invited to sign up for dates that work best for them.

If you are able to help, please [click here](#) to learn more and sign up to provide a meal.



Did we miss your call?

We recently discovered an issue that was preventing voicemail messages from being received. We believe the problem has now been resolved. If you do not hear back from us in a timely manner, please don't hesitate to follow up.

We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

In Our Prayers

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)

Family of Michael Black

(Nephew of Patsy Black)

Patsy Black

Caroline Bost

Betsy Boynton (Friend of Tommy Propst)

Jeff Gilbert

Tom Grady

Harriett Huss Hodge

Maureen Hollmeyer

Mary Frances Johnson

(Cousin of Francie Davis)

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)
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)

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)
Dave Olsen (Friend of Patsy Black)
Stan Parnell
(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)
Becky Phillips
Al Pieschel
Lori Pittard
Tom Ridenhour

Reminders



2026 Offering Envelopes Available

Offering envelopes for 2026 are ready for pick-up on the table behind the sacristy (office hallway). If you did not receive a box and would like one, contact [Jill Irvin](#).



Volunteers Needed!

Our 2026 Sunday Worship Volunteer Opportunities are now open! We're looking for Ushers, 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.

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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