



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

Week of Feb. 15, 2026

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Introduction to Worship

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

Watch the Live Stream:

Sunday Worship, Feb.15, 2026

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026 (7pm)



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, Feb. 15

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Congregational Meeting 

Monday, Feb. 16

10:30 am Quilting

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18

Imposition of Ashes/Holy Communion
12:00 pm Spoken Liturgy
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, Feb. 19

6:30 pm Choir

Saturday, Feb. 21

8:30 am Leah's Hope Trailer
10:00 am Meal Packing with Lifeline 

Sunday, Feb. 22

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)
11:00 am Lenten Family Event 

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 29 - Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday Worship
10am

Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday

Laying on of the Hands & Holy Communion
Noon - Spoken Liturgy
7pm - Worship Service (with Choir)

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday

The Death of Our Lord
Noon - Worship Service

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord
9:45am - Prelude Music with Instrumentalists
10am - Holy Communion

[Church Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Feb. 15 Christine Ruff
Feb. 18 (7pm) [Volunteer](#)
Feb. 22 Christine Ruff

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Feb. 15 Samantha Hillegass
Feb. 18 (7pm) Christine Ruff
Feb. 22 Margaret Garrison

ACOLYTE

Feb. 15
Feb. 22

VIDEOGRAPHER

Feb. 15 Annette Propst
Feb. 18 (7pm) [Volunteer](#)
Feb. 22

USHERS

Michael Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff Koenig, Barbara Albright

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Mike Rinker

ALTAR FLOWERS

Feb. 15 Rob & Debbie Davis
Feb. 22

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

[Lector](#)

[Communion
Assistant](#)

[Acolyte](#)

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[Altar Flowers](#)

Happy Birthday!



Feb. 15 - Lori Pittard
Feb. 16 - Stephanie Matthews
Feb. 17 - Jason Matthews, Elias Rutmiller
Feb. 18 - Mark Hartman, Jodi Ramirez
Feb. 20 - Cindy Korinko

Announcements



[Lenten Family Event](#) - **Feb. 22**

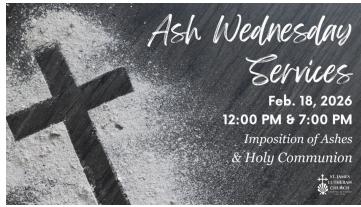
Join us after worship on **Sunday, February 22** for a light lunch. After lunch we will create prayer chains and kindness cards to utilize throughout the season of Lent.

Reminders



Congregational Meeting - Feb. 15

The annual congregational meeting will be held **Sunday, February 15, following worship**, with a potluck lunch (bring a dish to share). The meeting will include reception of the 2025 Annual Report and election of Nominating Committee members.



Ash Wednesday - Feb. 18

Join us as we enter the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday services at **12pm** (spoken liturgy) and **7pm** on February 18. Services will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.



Meal Packing Event - Feb. 21

Volunteers Needed!

Join us on **Saturday, February 21st, at 10:00am** at Gibson Mill for a morning of service with Lifeline Christian Mission.

We're looking for **60 volunteers** to help pack meals at various stations. The event will run from 10:00am to noon and all supplies including hairnets, gloves, and guidance will be provided.

With your help, we expect to pack 10,800 meals for those in need!

[Click here to sign up!](#)

Memorials & Honorariums

JANUARY 2026

Memorials & Honorariums

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

In Honor Of:

David Propst

Given by:

Lex & Laura Patterson

Bill Fisher

Given by:

Fuller & Jean Beasley

Al Brown

Jerry & Nancy Hopkins

Lee Anne Lackey

Robin & Barbara Hayes

Joseph Hunter

Wayne & Libby Williams

Thomas & Sandra Long

Bill & Susan Tome

Tim & Louise Brown

Bill & Joyce Connolly

Frank & Jill Irvin

Chris, Rex, & Molly Measmer

(Wayside Family)

Kristi Fuqua

Betsy Hults

Anne Readling

Louise Ripple

Joseph Beasley

Lex & Laura Patterson

Steve & Robin Moore

Will & Ann Gillon

Susan Miller

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week's lesson...

The Lord's Day - Exodus 20:8-11; Romans 14:4-6; Revelation 1:10

When God gave the 10 Commandments, the Third Commandment describes the practice of refraining from work on the final day of the week. The Christian practice of observing the day of rest was to meet on Sunday after the Resurrection. The Sabbath was set aside as a holy day that concluded God's creation of the universe. It also was a day of Observance to recall God's rescue from oppression in Egypt, where no rest was allowed! It also is an act of trust that we can take a day off from work, and God will still provide for us. Nowadays, the Sabbath "rest" takes many shapes and forms; we will discuss those on Sunday. Hope to see you there!

Volunteer

Assisting in Worship



Our 2026 [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.

Partner News



Amazing Grace Advocacy Spaghetti Fundraiser

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 4:00–7:00 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting an important mission. Proceeds benefit life and job skills programs for youth with disabilities.

[RSVP to assist with planning.](#)

In Our Prayers

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)

Family of Michael Black

(Nephew of Patsy Black)

Patsy Black

Caroline Bost

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)

Jeff Gilbert

Tom Grady

Harriett Huss Hodge

Maureen Hollmeyer

Hunter Huss

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)

Dave Olsen (Friend of Patsy Black)

Stan Parnell

(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

Becky Phillips

Al Pieschel

Lori Pittard

Tom Ridenhour

Ruby Tyer (Niece of Beth Huss' Friend)

Jesse Woodard (Son-in-law of Beth Huss)



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.



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