



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

Week of Sept. 27, 2026

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, Sept. 27

Sonshine Backpack Items Due!

9:00 am Choir

9:00 am Adult Sunday School

9:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

Monday, Sept. 28

10:30 am Quilting

Thursday, Oct. 1

6:30 pm Choir

7:30 pm Carols by Candlelight

Rehearsals

Sunday, Oct. 4

9:00 am Choir

9:00 am Adult Sunday School

9:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

Save the Dates!

Oct. 11 - CROP Hunger Walk

Oct. 17 - Meals on Mission Meal Packing

Oct. 25 - Trunk or Treat 🎃

Nov. 1 - 7 Salvation Army Meal Week

Nov. 29 - Advent Activities

Dec. 1 - 27 Sonshine Backpack Quarterly Food Drive

Dec. 6 - Bethlehem at the Farm

Dec. 7 - My Father's House Meal Ministry

Dec. 11 & 12 - Carols by Candlelight

Dec. 20 - Cocoa & Cookies: Children's Christmas Program

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Services

[Church Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Sept. 27 Lindsey Olsen

Oct 4. Margaret Garrison

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Sept. 27 Kim Haberman

Oct. 4 Elizabeth Hurley

ACOLYTES

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Michael Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff

Koenig, Barbara Albright

OCTOBER USHERS

Brad Baker, Chip Harward, Taylor

Pruette, Al Pieschel, Jon Miller

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Sept. 27 Riece Pittard
Oct. 4 [Volunteer](#)

GREETER

Sept. 27 Laura Patterson
Oct. 4 Laura Overby

VIDEOGRAPHER

Sept. 27 Jason Pittard
Oct. 4 [Volunteer](#)

Michael Rinker

OCTOBER BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Kenny Propst & Tommy Propst

ALTAR FLOWER

Sept. 27
Oct. 4 Open

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

[Lector](#)

[Communion
Assistant](#)

[Acolyte](#)

[Videographer](#)

[Altar Flowers](#)

Happy Birthday! 🎂

Sept. 27 - Tommy Propst
Sept. 28 - Francie Davis, Miles Marlow, Chris Miller
Sept. 30 - Katie Popovici
Oct. 1 - Chase Lineberger, Conner Lineberger
Oct. 3 - Nicholas Crainshaw

Announcements



Salvation Army Meal Week - Nov. 1 - 7

We're once again partnering with the Salvation Army Night Shelter to provide seven evening meals, and we'd love your help! Individuals or groups can sponsor a meal by preparing/purchasing and delivering 50 dinners to 216 Patterson Ave., Concord by **6:30 p.m. on their selected date, November 1st – 7th**. Staying to serve is appreciated but not required.

Meal expenses can be reimbursed through Jill Irvin. Contact Chip Popovici with questions.

[Click here to sign up!](#)



Final Call for Sonshine Backpack Drive

Help provide weekend food for local children in need through our partnership with Sonshine Backpacks.

Requested items include: shelf-stable milk, cereal, mac & cheese, canned goods, granola bars, juice, popcorn, and pudding.

Please place donations on the back kitchen counter by Sept. 27.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week's lesson...

Rahab Welcomes Spies - Joshua 2:8-13; 6:16-17

This week's lesson recounts the conquest of Jericho and the role that Rahab, a woman who was not an Israelite, played in helping spies scout out the city to give intelligence to the Israelites to help to conquer it! She did this because of the great Works that God had done for Israel prior to crossing the Jordan River and the "Fear of the Lord" had fallen on all the people of the land. She risked her life to save those men and only had her faith in those men and their God that they would actually keep their word to save her and her family when the city of Jericho was destroyed. The Lord gives victory over Jericho, as He promised, by having the Israelites follow His instructions to circle the city for seven days culminating in a trumpet blast that brings down the city walls! The story of Rahab is a story of faith and bravery that is an example for us as the people of God today. She is mentioned several times in the New Testament as a member of the lineage of King David and ultimately Jesus; she is also included in the "Hall of Faith" passage in the book of Hebrews! God works in unexpected ways to bring about His purpose either through people or circumstances that seem unusual to us. When He unexpectedly taps you on the shoulder, how will you react - by looking to your weaknesses or to His strength? Look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

In Case You Missed It...



Meals on Mission - Lifeline Meal Packing Event

Join us **Saturday, Oct. 17** at 10am at Cabarrus Arena and Events Center for a morning of service with Lifeline Christian Mission. We are in need of 10 volunteers to help pack meals for their Meals on Mission event. Supplies provided; [click here to sign up!](#) Contact Chris Miller for more information.



🎃 Trunk or Treat! 🎃

Join us on **Sunday, October 25**, 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!](#)

Reminders



CROP Walk 2026 - Join the St. James Team!

Registration is now open for CROP Hunger Walk! [Register now](#) and join the St. James team for the annual Cabarrus County CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, Oct. 11 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 fundraising goal is \$1600!

The walk starts at Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church (101 Vance St. Kannapolis, NC 28081).

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



Bethlehem at the Farm - Volunteers Needed!

Step back in time to the night Jesus was born at Bethlehem at the Farm on **Sunday, December 6, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.** at the farm of Anita and Jeff Jones, just a few miles from St. James off Old Salisbury Road.

Together, we'll bring Bethlehem to life with a bustling marketplace, townspeople gathered around the fire, shepherds following the star, Mary and Joseph with the Christ Child, census takers, live animals, and more. Around 200 people from our community experience this special event.

But we need your help to make it possible! We're looking for about 50 volunteers from our congregation to help create this immersive Christmas experience. Volunteers are needed for just 3-4 hours, and there are a variety of roles available.

Please consider being part of this meaningful St. James tradition. [Sign up to volunteer through the form on our website.](#) Together, we can help our community experience the story of Christ's birth.



Perform with the St. James Choir!

Join the choir for *Carols by Candlelight* rehearsals on **Thursdays at 7:30pm.**

Dress Rehearsals: Dec. 7 & 9

Performance Dates: Dec. 11 & 12

For more information contact [Kevin Estes](#).

In Our Prayers

Provide a Meal

A Give InKind page has been set up for **Billy Sumner**. [Click here for available dates to provide a meal.](#)

A Meal Train has been set up for **Patsy Black**. [Click here for available dates to provide a meal.](#)

Prayer List

Chip Allman

(Friend of the Marlow Family)

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)

Jay Clemmer

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)

Nancy Haney

(Loved one of Betsy Ballard)

Ryan Hardister

(Son of Bill & Reggie Hardister)

Linda Hartsell

Maureen Hollmeyer

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)

Ron Lee (neighbor of Kathryn Radcliffe)

Buddy McEachern

Jason Matthews

Barbara Merrell

Deb & Roger Myers

(Friends of Deb Black)

Ruthie O'Brien

(Friend of the Marlow Family)

Dave Olsen (Friend of Patsy Black)

Mason Overby

Stan Parnell (Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

Al Pieschel

Corinne Robbins

Lori Ruff (Mother of Christine Ruff)

Jessica Seeley

(Cousin of Christine Ruff)

Doris Smith

Bobbi Talbert (Friend of Dale & Barbara Merrell)

Ruby Tyer (Niece of Beth Huss' Friend)

John Walker

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Weisel

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.



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 available on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up for flowers [online](#), on the sign-up sheet in the portico, or call the office at 704-786-0166.

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

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