



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



Ring Out - Week of Oct. 6, 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

Download Bulletin



Sunday Worship will be live-streamed on YouTube beginning at 9:45 on Sunday morning. An email with the link will be sent on Sunday morning. You can also watch a recorded version later by visiting our [YouTube Page](#).

You can open or print the bulletin and follow along with the service.

Watch the Live Stream

On the Calendar...

THIS WEEK

The Week Ahead

Sunday, October 6

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

Monday, October 7

10:30 am Quilting
6:30 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm Scouts

Tuesday, October 8

Noon Lively Leisures
6:00 pm Congregation

SUNDAY

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Oct. 6 Margaret Garrison
Oct. 13 Barbara Albright

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Oct. 6 Elizabeth Hurley
Oct. 13 Dianne Lambert

ACOLYTES

Oct. 6 Noah Pittard
Oct. 13

GREETERS

Council

Wednesday, October 9

5:30 pm Handbells

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 10

[7:00 pm Cottage Meeting](#)

(Hosted by Anne & Dee Hodges)

Sunday, October 13

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

[2:00 pm CROP Hunger Walk](#)

[4:00 pm Youth Group Kick](#)

[Off](#)

Oct. 6 Laura Overby

Oct. 13 Esther Circle

VIDEOGRAPHER

Oct. 6 Chris Miller

Oct. 13 John Patterson

OCTOBER USHERS

Brad Baker, Chip Harward,

Taylor Pruette, Al Pieschel,

Jon Miller

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

October: Glenda Poole

ALTAR FLOWERS

Oct. 6 Deb Black

Oct. 13 Open

Online Calendar



Happy Birthday!

9 October. - Elizabeth Thompson

10 October - Hayden Burroughs

11 October - Ann Holt, Susan Miller

12 October - Patsy Black

Volunteer!

Please consider volunteering for one for the remaining 2024 dates.



Lector



Communion



Videographer

Altar Flowers



Please consider placing flowers at the altar this year!
Cost is \$100 to cover the two arrangements.
Click below for open dates.

[Sign Up for Altar Flowers](#)

Announcements

Lively Leisures - Tuesday

Join us in the fellowship hall this **Tuesday, October 8, at noon** for lunch and an engaging presentation for the October Lively Leisures. This month we welcome Gwen Bartley from Amazing Grace to lead the program.



Cottage Meetings
Get to know your fellow members in a small group setting with Pastor Bill!
Upcoming Cottage Meetings:
Thursday, Oct. 10 @ 7pm
Tuesday, Oct. 29 @ 7pm
Scan for more details & to RSVP!
Interested in hosting a small meeting?
Contact
LeoAnn Miller

Cottage Meeting - Thursday

Join us for fellowship and conversation about St. James' future mission and ministry at this Thursday's Cottage Meeting, **Oct. 10 at 7:00pm.**

Thank You Anne & Dee Hodges for hosting!

[Please RSVP to help us plan!](#)

Calling all youth 6th - 12th grades!

Come out this **Sunday, October 13th from 4-5pm**. Mike Holt and Pastor Bill will meet you in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza will be served. Games will be played.

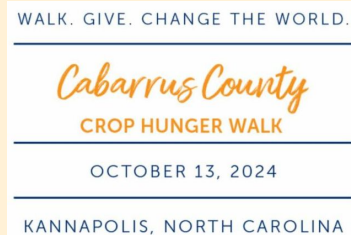


A suggested calendar for the rest of the school year will be shared and your input will be sought. Confirmation will be discussed near the end. Parents are welcome! Click below to RSVP!

[Please RSVP to help us prepare.](#)

CROP Hunger Walk - Sunday

St. James is a registered team for this year's Cabarrus County CROP Hunger Walk on **Sunday, October 13th**. Consider supporting by joining the St. James team or by making a donation.



[Click here to register or donate!](#)



Coat Collection for Western NC

As the weather turns colder and we begin to reach for our own coats, let us remember those in need. Over the next two Sundays, we will be collecting new and gently used coats (all sizes) for distribution to communities in Western North Carolina, where cooler mountain temperatures are soon to arrive. The collected coats will be distributed through local fire departments and school systems.

Please drop off your donations in the Children's Sunday School room, located downstairs near the portico entrance, by **Sunday, October 13**. For more information, text Elizabeth Hurley at 704-796-8537.

Support Operation Christmas Child

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 remember to return your unsealed shoebox by **Sunday, November 17th**. Let's share God's love through this simple yet powerful act of giving!



Save the Date!
Nov. 2, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.



A CONCERT OF CELEBRATION!

featuring

The St. James Parish Choir and Orchestra
under the new leadership of conductor
Dr. Kevin Estes, Director of Music

Alex Wilborn, trumpet

Kirsten Olson, oboe d'amore

Keith McNabb, organ

Music of J. S. Bach and Handel, including the Orchestral Suite No. 3,
individual concertos for trumpet, oboe d'amore and organ,
and featuring Cantata No. 129, *Gelobet sei der Herr*

Date: November 2, 2024



Time: 7:00 pm

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Week's Lesson

Prayers of Repentance and Confession - Psalm 51:1-4,10-12,15-17

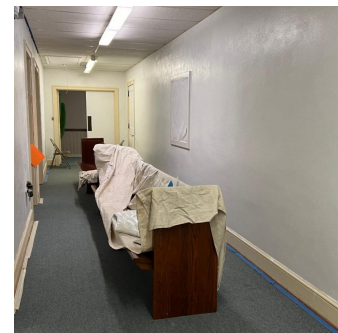
Psalm 51 is a heartfelt prayer of confession and supplication, penned by King David. The psalm is a model of genuine repentance, seeking God's mercy and forgiveness. a heartfelt prayer of confession and supplication, penned by King

David after his grave sin with Bathsheba and the subsequent murder of Uriah, and seeking God's mercy and forgiveness. It is also a model for Christians today when we stray from God's ways and we will discuss how to apply this in our current lives!

Thank You to This Year's *God's Work. Our Hands* Volunteers!

We extend our deepest gratitude to all the volunteers who dedicated their time and effort to this year's God's Work, Our Hands event!

Pictured: Families First's painting and mulching, card writing for Big Brothers Big Sisters, and a makeover of the 3rd floor hallway (at Amazing Grace). St. James represented with two dozen volunteers contributing an average of 3 hours to six different projects. Thank you to Chip Popovici for coordinating this annual effort.



September Memorials & Honorariums



SEPTEMBER 2024

Memorials & Honorariums

The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor of:

In Honor Of:

Bishop Tate Watlington

Given by Ed & Betsy Ballard

In Memory Of:

Jerry Poole

Given by Glenda Poole

Jo Eng

Given by Jim & Laurie Miller

Charlie Blackwelder

Given by:
Nancy Faggart
Fred & Dianne Lambert

Jack Cooper

Given by:
Nancy Faggart
Fred & Dianne Lambert

In case you missed it...

St. James Welcomes Dr. Kevin Estes



Choir member and local reporter, Chris Miller, recently had the pleasure of sitting down for a one-on-one conversation with our new Director of Music Ministries and Organist, Dr. Kevin Estes. This insightful interview provides a wonderful opportunity to get to know Dr. Estes as he steps into his new role as Choir Director.

Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome Kevin and his family to our community!

[More](#)

Reminders

Trunk or Treat! - Volunteers Needed!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 27**, for St. James' Annual Trunk or Treat event!

We need additional "trunk" hosts to decorate their vehicles and plenty of volunteers to help run games. If you're available to lend a hand and spread some Halloween joy, please email us at info@sjnc.net. Let us know whether you'd like to host a trunk or assist with games!



Bethlehem at the Farm - Volunteers Needed!

Please save the date & consider volunteering for Bethlehem at the Farm 2024!
This year's event will be **Sunday, December 8, from 4pm - 7pm.**

We are in need of a large number of volunteers to act as townspeople for the village. Volunteers to arrive by 3:30pm; costumes to be provided.

[Please click here to sign up!](#)

We are also in need of 6 pop-up/easy-up tents for the event. If you would be able to provide a tent, please email info@sjnc.net. Tents may be dropped at the church ahead of time.



Join The Bells of St. James!

The Bells of St. James invite you to join in on the fun!
Have an interest in playing chimes or handbells?
Consider joining - no experience is needed!

Handbells/Chimes practices are **Wednesdays from 5:30pm - 6:30pm** in the History Room. You don't have to have any experience to make beautiful music!
For more information contact **[Brad Davis](#)**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT. 13

CROP Walk
Kimball Memorial Lutheran

NOV. 17

Congregation Meeting
After Worship Lunch

OCT. 27

Trunk or Treat
Candy & Activities

NOV. 24

Thanksgiving Worship
Pie Party to Follow

NOV. 2

A Concert of Celebration
Choir and Orchestra Concert

DEC. 1

Advent Tree Lighting
Lighting of the Christmas Tree

DEC. 8

Bethlehem at the Farm
Details TBA

St. James Lutheran Church
sjnc.net | 704-786-0166

Partner News & Events



PLEASE JOIN US
for a Community Discussion About Suicide

Sunday, October 27, 2024 | 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
First Missionary Baptist Church
59 Chestnut Drive SW | Concord, NC 28025

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Mental Health Resource Fair
4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Dinner
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Discussion Program / Youth Sessions

[REGISTER HERE](#)



YOUTH & ADULTS
LIMITED TO (200) PEOPLE

Recently, Mental Health America of the Central Carolinas worked together with community leaders in Cabarrus County to develop a short video about the effects of suicide from the family, youth and community perspective.

Mental Health America is joining Partners Health Management to host a showing of this new video for the Cabarrus County community. The event will begin with a Mental Health Resource Fair and dinner from 4 to 5:30 p.m., followed by a panel discussion at 5:30 p.m. There will also be opportunities for youth ages 11-13 and 14-18 to have a separate discussion around mental health. Our goal is to encourage the community to learn more about how we can all prevent suicide.

For more information, contact **Ann Gluf, Member Engagement Supervisor**, at **336-527-1431**.



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Prayers & Considerations

IN OUR PRAYERS



Tom Grady
Tom Ridenhour
Noah Clifton
Angie Buchanan
Linda Jones
(Family of Barbara & Dale Merrell)
Sheril Rominger
(Friend of the Marlow's)
Bruce Coffey
(Friend of Mark Murphy)
Tim Gibson
(Friend of Deb Black)
Annaleah, Michael, and Preston Morrow
(Friends of Shannon Nesbit)
Karey Conrad *(Friend of Dee Pieschel)*



Member Meal Train Opportunity (one date remaining)

[Click here to support a meal train for Jay Clemmer.](#)



Online Giving

You can manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions or make a one time contribution and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet. In a few short minutes, you can make a one-time gift or set up a donation that will process automatically on a recurring basis. Recurring donations are convenient and provide our church with much needed consistent support throughout the year.



Ways to Give

Keep in touch!



Follow St. James on [Instagram](#)
& [Facebook](#)!

Be sure to tag [@stjamesnc](#) when posting so we may share!

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