



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

Week of June 28, 2026

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

Watch the Live Stream:



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, June 28

Sonshine Backpack Items Due

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

Monday, June 29

10:30 am Quilting

Tuesday, June 30

Final Day to Register to Guarantee T-Shirt for VBS! 🧥

Sunday, July 5

No Children's Sunday School in July

9:00 am Choir

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am A Sundae Sunday 🍦

[Church Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

June 28 Margaret Garrison

July 5 Lindsey Olsen

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

June 28 Margaret Garrison

July 5 Elizabeth Hurley

ACOLYTES

June 28 Maddox Landers

July 5 Maddox Landers

GREETER

June 28 Barbara Albright

July 5

VIDEOGRAPHER

June 28 Kim Haberman

July 5

JUNE USHERS

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

JUNE BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Joseph Beasley

ALTAR FLOWER

June 28 Jean Beasley

July 5 Deb Walker

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

Happy Birthday! 🎂

June 28 - Kim Harward

July 1 - Lindsey Lineberger, Langdon MacFarlane, Graham Pruette

July 3 - Sarah Benson, Dale Merrell, Alisa Wilkinson

Announcements



Reminder: Meetup at Southern Strain - Tomorrow

Beat the Summer Heat...

Calling all our St. James faithful (and your friends). At **2pm this Saturday, June 27th**, take a break from the summer sun and come to Southern Strain Brewing (165 Brumley Ave). Gather around a table with your fellow St. James Saints, enjoy a cold beverage (adult or otherwise) and delight in chatting up your neighbor.



👕 T-Shirt Deadline - Tuesday! 👕

Friendly Reminder!

Be sure to [register](#) for Vacation Bible School by this **Tuesday, June 30th** to guarantee your child's t-shirt!

Vacation Bible School will be held **Sunday, July 26–Tuesday, July 28, beginning each evening at 5:30 p.m.**

Volunteering? Check in with the office to complete a *Safe Gathering's* background check.



Kerr St. Ministry Meal - Servers Needed for Tuesday, July 14

Social Ministry is helping serve the Kerr St. Ministry Meal on Tuesday, July 14.

We are looking for 5 people to help serve about 45 - 50 people in need. Helpers would arrive by 5:30pm to assist in meal distribution.

The meal is already being provided; volunteers will just be helping to serve it.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Samantha Hillegass: 914-523-3430.



Final Call - Sonshine Backpack Items Due Sunday

We're continuing our quarterly partnership with *Sonshine Backpacks* to provide weekend food for local children in need.

Requested items: shelf-stable milk, cereal/oatmeal, mac & cheese, canned pasta/soup/veggies/fruit, granola bars, juice, popcorn, pudding.

Please place donations on the back kitchen counter by **Sunday, June 28.**

Questions? Contact Sylvia Corl or Gretchen Walker.

In Case You Missed It...



Automatic Door Access Added to Ramp Entrance

Beginning this Sunday, the doorway at the top of the ramp from the Garden Lot into the narthex will feature automatic door openers. Touchpads on both sides of the doors were installed earlier this week, providing easier access for those using the ramp entrance.



ISO - Props needed for VBS

Vacation Bible School is looking for props to help decorate for this year's theme, Snowball Mountain Challenge!

Needed Props:

- Sleds 
- Skis 
- Ski poles 
- Inflatable snow tubes 
- Snow discs/saucers 
- Artificial Christmas trees 

Items may be dropped off in the Flex Room and picked up following the final night of VBS (July 28). Please label all items before dropping them off.

Questions? Contact Laura Overby or Lisa Folino.



Youth Service Opportunity - Extended through July!

Rising 6th–8th grade youth are invited to serve with The Salvation Army this summer by helping pack fresh food boxes for local families in need. This is a great way to gain services hours!

Volunteers will serve **Thursdays in June and July from 12:00–2:30pm** at The Salvation Army, located at 216 Patterson Ave SE, Concord, NC 28025.

Youth will help sort, pack, and load food boxes alongside Salvation Army staff and adult volunteers from St. James.

Please RSVP through SignupGenius and complete a volunteer form. **Volunteer forms may be downloaded** or picked up from the church office. Completed volunteer forms should be brought to Cheryl Webb.

For additional information call or text Cheryl Webb: 832-275-8872.

Reminders



A Sundae Sunday 🍦

Join us after worship on **Sunday, July 5**, as we celebrate 250 years of American independence with a sweet treat and fellowship!

Sunday, July 5 | 11:00 a.m.
Under back portico entrance (weather permitting)

Enjoy Cabarrus Creamery ice cream with all the toppings and spend time with your St. James family. We hope you'll join us!



Register for VBS! 🏂

Registration for VBS 2026 is open!

Vacation Bible School will be held **Sunday, July 26–Tuesday, July 28**, beginning each evening at 5:30 p.m.

👕 Register by June 30 to guarantee a t-shirt!

If you are available to volunteer, please check to make sure your *Safe Gatherings* background check is current. If you are a first-time volunteer, please email holly@sjnc.net to begin the process.

❄️ This year's theme: Snowball Mountain Challenge! ❄️

In Our Prayers

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)

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)

Jeff Gilbert

Nancy Haney (Loved one of Betsy Ballard)

Ryan Hardister

(Son of Bill & Reggie Hardister)

Maureen Hollmeyer

The Hopkins Family

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)

Buddy McEachern

Jason Matthews

Barbara Merrell

Deb & Roger Myers

(Friends of Deb Black)

Dave Olsen (Friend of Patsy Black)

Mason Overby

Stan Parnell

(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

Becky Phillips

Al Pieschel

Lori Pittard

Corinne Robbins

Lori Ruff (Mother of Christine Ruff)

Jessica Seeley

(Cousin of Christine Ruff)

Ruby Tyer (Niece of Beth Huss' Friend)



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.



Ways to Give

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 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.

St. James Staff

Rev. Bill Ridenhour, Pastor [Email](#)

Jill Irvin, Financial Administrator [Email](#)

Dr. Kevin Estes, Director of Music Ministries & Organist [Email](#)

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