



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

Week of July 5, 2026

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

Watch the Live Stream:



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, July 5

No Children's Sunday School in July

9:00 am Choir

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am A Sundae Sunday 🍦

Monday, July 6

10:30 am Quilting

11:30 am Mary Magdalene Circle

Summer Luncheon at Charros 🌮

Tuesday, July 7

6:00 pm Executive Committee

Sunday, July 12

9:00 am Choir

10:00 am Worship

[Church Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

July 5 Lindsey Olsen

July 12 Barbara Albright

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

July 5 Elizabeth Hurley

July 12 Kim Haberman

ACOLYTES

July 5 Maddox Landers

July 12

GREETER

July 5

July 12 Samantha Hillegass

VIDEOGRAPHER

July 5 Kim Haberman

July 12 Jeff Gilbert

USHERS

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

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Tommy Propst

ALTAR FLOWER

July 5 Deb Walker

July 12

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

Lector

Communion
Assistant

Acolyte

Videographer

Altar Flowers

Happy Birthday! 🎂

July 5 - Elizabeth Clifton, Chase Crainshaw

July 8 - Judy King

July 10 - Casey Gale, Jim Weisel

July 11 - Margaret Fink, Thomas Propst, Jr.

Announcements



A Sundae Sunday 🍦

Join us after worship this **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!



Reminder: No Children's Sunday School in July

Children's Sunday School will be on break from July 5 through August 2nd. Classes will resume August 9.



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.



Thank You Sonshine Backpack Participants

Thank you to everyone who donated food to support the Sonshine Backpack Ministry. Together, we're helping ensure local children have meals for the weekend.

Memorials & Honorariums

JUNE 2026

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

In Memory of:

Rev. Dr. Tom Ridenhour <u>Given by:</u> Nancy Faggart Margaret Garrison Mitchell Hagler Joanne Peterson Charles Sigel Wayne & Libby Williams	John Northup <u>Given by:</u> Al Brown George Patterson <u>Given by:</u> Margaret Garrison Bill Fisher <u>Given by:</u> Margaret Garrison	Randy Robbins <u>Given by:</u> Fuller & Jean Beasley Al Brown Nancy Faggart Lex, Laura, & John Patterson Jill Strahl <u>Given by:</u> Nancy Faggart Margaret Garrison
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Thomas Myers Grady <u>Given by:</u> Lynn Arts Greg & Julie Anne Autrey Col. & Mrs. Ernest Beall Fuller & Jean Beasley Joseph & Christine Beasley Fisher & Alice Beasley Suzanne Reeves Brooks Al Brown Jeff & Kelley Carpenter	<u>Given by:</u> Mary Paige Carpenter Caroline, Lynn, Lynno & Ben Clyburn Bill & Joyce Connolly Wayne & Margaret Dabbs Richard Farley Don & Joanne Fowler Winslow & Lonnie Galloway Jeff & Deedee Gilbert Will & Ann Gillon	Kim Haberman Lowrance Harry Timothy Hawkins Robin & Barbara Hayes Dee & Anne Hodges Jerry and Nancy Hopkins Kim McLaughlin James L. Propst Family Langley & Debbie Joyner
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Thomas Myers Grady

Given by:

Doug & Cheryl Kelling
Fred & Dianne Lambert
Steve & Jenny Linebarrier
Thomas & Sandra Long
Bob & Pat Lowrance
Susan Miller
Jim & Dot Monroe

Mary Jane Myers
Norman & Penny Negre
Wade & Carol Nesbit
Steve & Kathy O'Brien
Lex, Laura, & John Patterson
Glenda Poole
Charles & Sarah Reeves
Marty & Betty Richwine
Julian & Lynn Robinson

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Richard Sauser
Ann Schrader
Jean Stanhope
Drs. Fred & Jill Trull
Wayne & Libby Williams

Reminders



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.



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)

Margaret Garrison
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

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](#)

Holly Sloop, Communications Coordinator [Email](#)

Kathryn Radcliffe, Nursery Coordinator [Email](#)

Teresa Honeycutt, Custodian [Email](#)

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