



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



Ring Out - Week of Oct. 27, 2024

Reformation Sunday

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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

[Salvation Army Meal Week](#)

Sunday, October 27

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

[4:30 pm Trunk or Treat!](#)

Monday, October 28

10:30 am Quilting

6:30 pm Bible Study

6:30 pm Scouts

Tuesday, October 29

SUNDAY

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Oct. 27 Gretchen Walker

Nov. 3 Frank Irvin

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

Oct. 27 Christine Ruff

Nov. 3 Elizabeth Hurley

GREETERS

Oct. 27 Gretchen Walker

Nov. 3 Mary Magdalene
Circle

7:00 pm Cottage Meeting

(Hosted by Mike & Kristin Rinker)

Wednesday, October 30

5:30 pm Handbells

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 2

7:00 pm A Concert of Celebration!

Sunday, November 3

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

VIDEOGRAPHER

Oct. 27 Jean Beasley

Nov. 3 **Volunteer!**

OCTOBER USHERS

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

NOVEMBER USHERS

Wendell Overby, Frank Irvin,
Tony Folino, Nick Lovelace,
Jason Pittard

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

October: Glenda Poole

November: Elizabeth
Hurley

ALTAR FLOWERS

Oct. 27 Jeff Koenig

Nov. 3 St. James Choir

Online Calendar



Happy Birthday!

27 Oct. - Michael Folino, Joan McEachern

28 Oct. - Cliff Caffery, Linda Hartsell, Riley Moran, Taylor Pruette,
Heather Wilson

30 Oct. - Adam Hartman, Jackson Propst

1 Nov. - Juanita Fitts

2 Nov. - Mary Elizabeth Stewart, Patricia Weisel

Volunteer!

Please consider volunteering for one for the remaining 2024 dates.



Lector



Communion Assistant



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

A Message of Stewardship from Pastor Bill:

BECAUSE GOD ACTS ...

Therefore We Grow in Faith and Love and Hope.

GOD GOES FIRST

BECAUSE; THEREFORE. What a fabulous theological construction!
BECAUSE God acts with mercy, THEREFORE we are forgiven and free to forgive our neighbor.

BECAUSE God acts, THEREFORE we grow in faith, love and hope.

BECAUSE God acts, THEREFORE whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

(Galatians 6:10).

THE VISION

Confident in God's actions for our benefit, St. James has spent considerable time seeking God's help to find opportunities to work for the good of all. Through the work of council leadership and input from cottage meetings, St. James is grateful for the opportunity to grow in faith, love and hope by building and strengthening our educational, youth and fellowship ministries.

As St. James strives to be a place of solace in a chaotic world, robust

ministries in these areas will provide intentional opportunities to gather with our fellow saints of God, to learn, to have fun and to help one another navigate these strange and stressful times in which we live.

WHAT IT WILL TAKE

To answer God's call and grow these ministries will require the talent of a staff person skilled in educational and youth ministry and, yes, that will require increasing our financial offerings. This is the focus of St. James' "Stewardship Campaign" in 2024. Over the next few weeks, you will hear specific information about this need and the need to sustain ministry excellence by keeping pace with rising costs.

Part of that information will contain specific dollar figures and a chart that reflects St. James envelope offering from August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024. This information is shared to communicate the current state of giving. It is not shared to create guilt.

This information campaign will conclude with an invitation to complete a pledge card for 2025 and place that card in the offering plate on November 17th.

Please pray for St. James that the Holy Spirit may open our hearts and minds to building vibrant educational, youth and fellowship ministries where God's people may enjoy a sanctuary of rest, refreshment and joy found in serving together.

Upcoming Events

Trunk or Treat - Sunday

Join us this **Sunday, October 27, 2024** at the rear portico parking lot from 4:30pm - 6:00pm for Trunk or Treat! Enjoy candy, popcorn, music, and games!
Candy Donations Welcome! - See basket at portico door!

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
TRUNK OR TREAT
CANDY, POPCORN, MUSIC, GAMES!
OCTOBER 27TH
4:30PM-6:00PM
104 UNION ST. S.



Cottage Meeting - Tuesday

Join us on **Tuesday, October 29, at 7 p.m.** for our next Cottage Meeting!

This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow members and Pastor Bill in a relaxed, welcoming setting. We'll enjoy fellowship and meaningful conversation about the future of St. James' mission and ministry.

Special thanks to Mike & Kristin Rinker for hosting this week's gathering.

[Click to RSVP](#)

Join Us!
A Concert of Celebration! - Saturday, Nov. 2 @ 7 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*

November 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm

St James Lutheran Church
104 Union Street South
Concord, NC 28025

A freewill offering will be collected



Save the date! - Thanksgiving Service Nov. 24



**THANKS
GIVING**
Service

 NOVEMBER 24
6PM

Join us for a special Thanksgiving Service at
6pm followed by a Pie Party
in the Fellowship Hall!

 104 UNION ST. S.
CONCORD, NC
28025

 704-786-0166

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Ministries

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Trust in God Alone -

Our scripture for today is Psalm 62. It is a Psalm that expressed trust and hope in God in the middle of distress. The Psalmist trusts in God's power and goodness, and the hope in God's faithfulness. We will examine this Psalm in detail, and discuss how Old Testament stories of God's faithfulness can bolster our own faith in Christ! Hope to see you there!



Salvation Army Meal Week Begins Sunday!

We still have a couple of dates to fill for our Salvation Army Meal Week: **October 31, and November 1**. If you're able to help, [please click here to sign up!](#)



St. James is committed to providing dinners for the Salvation Army Night Shelter from Sunday, October 27, through Saturday, November 2. Located at Patterson Ave and Ashlyn Dr. in Concord, the shelter serves over 40 homeless individuals and families, offering food, shelter, and showers daily.

As part of our local mission, we provide evening meals—either homemade or purchased—that should be delivered by 6 p.m. You may choose to stay and serve or drop off the meal. Reimbursement for meal costs is available through the Social Ministry Committee.

Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

Videographers Needed!

We need volunteers to assist with YouTube streaming for the remaining Sundays of 2024. It's simple—just a few steps at the laptop to start the stream, and you can control the zoom from your seat using a tablet (though zooming is optional). At the end of the service, you'll stop the recording and streaming and return the tablet.



If you're interested, we can arrange a time to walk you through the process, or you can shadow someone during an upcoming service. [Click here to sign up!](#)

This is a wonderful way to support our homebound members this holiday season!

Reminders:

Volunteers Needed! Bethlehem at the Farm

Sunday, Dec. 8, 4pm – 7pm

In need of townspeople

Arrive at 3:30pm

Costume to be provided!



Scan QR Code

or visit: bit.ly/VolunteerBATF



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!



Grab a box. Fill a box. Pray. Return by Nov 17.

GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT. 27 **Trunk or Treat**
Candy & Activities

NOV. 2 **A Concert of Celebration**
Choir and Orchestra Concert

NOV. 17 **Congregation Meeting**
After Worship Lunch

NOV. 24 **Thanksgiving Worship**
Pie Party to Follow

DEC. 1 **Advent Tree Lighting**
Lighting of the Christmas Tree

DEC. 8 **Bethlehem at the Farm**
Details TBA

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Prayers & Considerations

IN OUR PRAYERS

Brad Baker
Joyce Beaty (*Friend of the Marlow's*)
Angie Buchanan
Mike & Debbie Cagle
(*Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis*)
Noah Clifton
Bruce Coffey (*Friend of Mark Murphy*)
Karey Conrad (*Friend of Dee Pieschel*)
Margaret Fink
Anne Fridlund
Ed Frost (*Friends of the Marlow's*)



Tim Gibson (*Friend of Deb Black*)
Tom Grady
Linda Jones
(*Family of Barbara & Dale Merrell*)
Annaleah, Michael, & Preston Morrow
(*Friends of Shannon Nesbit*)
Tom Ridenhour
Geoff & Pam Seige
(*Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis*)

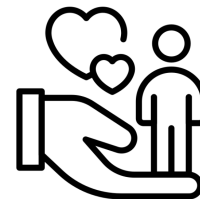
Member Meal Train Opportunity

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



Overnight Sitter Opportunity

Debbie Davis is looking for a sitter for the overnight hours for her mother. Paid position. Contact Debbie at 704-795-8743.



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA RELIEF!

Make an offering to our neighbors in Western NC.

Gifts will be sent to the [NC Synod Disaster Fund](#) which assists our sister congregations with recovery needs.

Offerings received through **Sunday, Nov. 10** will be forwarded the following week.



Please note "HELENE RELIEF" on your gift.



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

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**.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



YOUTH & ADULTS
LIMITED TO (100) PEOPLE



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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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