



WEEKLY
Ring Out
NEWSLETTER



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

Week of Nov. 2, 2025

The Festival of All the Saints

Introduction to Worship

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

Watch the Live Stream:



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, Nov. 2

Salvation Army Meal Week

9:00 am Adult Sunday School

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

Monday, Nov. 3

10:30 am Quilting

6:30 pm Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 4

10:30 am Mary Magdalene Circle

6:00 pm Executive Committee

Thursday, Nov. 6

6:30 pm Choir

Saturday, Nov. 8

7:00 pm Organ Concert ☐

Sunday, Nov. 9

9:00 am Adult Sunday School

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

Coming Up

Events:

Nov. 23: Congregational Meeting ☐

Nov. 30: Family Advent Event ☐

Dec. 13: Carols by Candlelight ☐ ☐

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

5:30pm: Family Service

9:30pm: Musical Prelude

10:00pm: Candlelight Service

**Church
Calendar**

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

November 2 Margaret Garrison

VIDEOGRAPHER

November 2

November 9 Barbara Albright

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

November 2 Elizabeth Hurley

November 9 Kim Haberman

ACOLYTE

November 2 Calen & Langdon

MacFarlane

November 9

GREETER

November 2 Laura Patterson

November 9 Barbara Albright

November 9

USHERS

Wendell Overby, Frank Irvin, Tony

Folino, Nick Lovelace, Jason Pittard

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Wendell Overby

ALTAR FLOWERS

November 2

November 9 Deb Walker

**Sign Up to
Volunteer**

Lector

**Communion
Assistant**

Acolyte

Videographer

Altar Flowers

Happy Birthday! ☐

Nov. 2 - Mary Elizabeth Stewart, Patricia Weisel

Nov. 3 - Kerri Kiker

Nov. 4 - David Klein

Nov. 5 - Debbie Wilkinson

Nov. 6 - Ed. Ballard, Sr.

Nov. 8 - Shannon Nesbit

Announcements



☐ Fall Back!

Reminder: Set your clocks back one hour before bed Saturday and thank the Lord for a little more rest!



Thank You Cannon Foundation

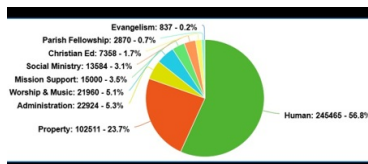
It is with much gratitude that the Boiler project for St. James was completed with the generous financial gifts and support of our congregational membership and grant award of \$70,000 from the Cannon Foundation & Trust. Thank you again to all who have now ensured that our church will stay warm and welcoming for years to come!



Meal Packing Success!

Special Thank You to the volunteers that came out and braved the cold this past Saturday morning for the Lifeline Church Million Meals Tour at Atrium Ballpark!

Our hardworking volunteers packed about 300 meals in just one hour while positively representing St. James as this large-scale community event.



Stewardship Exercise

Our Stewardship Committee has put together an exercise to test your knowledge about St. James, its finances, and how your gifts support God's mission. [Click here for the St. James Stewardship/Budget Aptitude Test.](#)



Thank You Trunk or Treat Volunteers!

Special thank you to everyone that had a hand in making this year's Trunk or Treat a success!

More photos on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook!](#)



Fill an Empty Bowl

St. James has been invited to help our neighbors facing food insecurity. Come to "Empty Bowls" at Central Cabarrus High School on Thursday, November 20th from 5- 7:30pm. Enjoy a spaghetti dinner from Carrabba's and Olive Garden and take home a handcrafted ceramic bowl, created by students and local artists as part of our annual service-learning project. All proceeds from the \$10 cost benefit local families facing food insecurity. St. James' own Lindsey Olsen teaches art at CCHS.

Member News! ☐

Congratulations to the Clifton Family!

St. James congratulates Edward and Amy Clifton



on the birth of their son, James Edward Clifton, October 12, 2025. Siblings Noah and Elizabeth are adjusting well and loving their new little brother!

May the Lord bless James Edward with a joyful spirit and the knowledge of God's unending love throughout his life.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Week's Lesson...

Jeremiah's Rescue - Jeremiah 38:7-13

Jeremiah has been a thorn in the side of the ruling elite in Jerusalem for many years. He has given them words and warnings that God gave to him to repent from their evil ways or face God's judgement! King Zedekiah had an uneasy relationship with Jeremiah because he didn't want to harm God's spokesperson, but he also had to placate the rulers of Judah who wanted Jeremiah put to death as a traitor for advocating that Judah surrender to the invading Babylonian army! Today, we learn the story of Ebed-Melek, an Egyptian in the Royal Court, who did the right thing when all others wouldn't; he rescued Jeremiah from certain death after the prophet was placed in a cistern in the palace as punishment. Such courage should be an example for us in trying times!

Memorials & Honorariums

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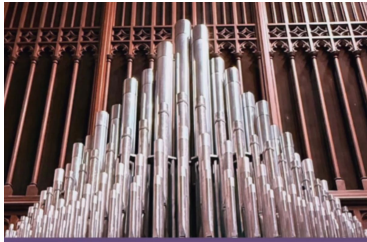
The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor.

In Honor Of:

St. James Parish Choir

Given by:
Ed & Betsy Ballard

In Case You Missed It...



Organ Concert - Saturday, Nov. 8

Enjoy an inspiring evening of music for organ and timpani on **Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7pm.**

Featuring:

- **Brice Burton**, Principle Percussionist, *Charlotte Symphony Orchestra*
- **Dr. Kevin L. Estes**, Director of Music Ministry & Organist, *St. James*



UPDATE: Salvation Army Meal Week Nov. 2 - 8

Thank you to everyone who's helping provide dinner for guests at the Salvation Army Night Shelter the week of Nov. 2nd.

We only have one date left to cover: Saturday, Nov. 8

The shelter needs 50 meals prepared and delivered each night to 216 Patterson Ave., Concord by 6:30PM. Meal expenses are reimbursable through Jill Irvin. Contact Chip Popovici with questions.

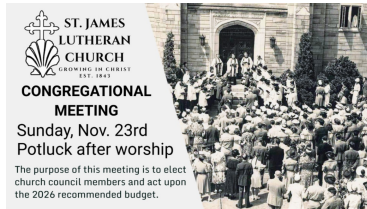
Can you provide cookies or crackers for Thursday, Nov. 6?

Martha Matthews is providing chicken nuggets for the main dish Nov. 6 and has invited members to join her! Thank you to the members who are providing mac and cheese, green beans, and rolls. The only thing still needed to round out the

meal are cookies.

Breakfast isn't served at the shelter, so Lance peanut butter crackers or fruit donations are also appreciated.

Please text Martha (704-787-2180) if you can help; items can be dropped in the church kitchen.



Congregational Meeting - Sunday, Nov. 23

Make plans to stay after worship on **Sunday, Nov. 23** for a special Congregational Meeting. Like last year, we will gather for a potluck with the purpose of electing church council members and acting upon the recommended budget for 2026.



Advent Family Celebration - Sunday, Nov. 30

☐ **Save the date!** ☐

Join us on **Sunday, Nov. 30 at 11:00AM** (after worship) as we begin the Advent season with a special time of fellowship and preparation! All families are invited to our Advent Family Celebration, featuring lunch, ornament making, and indoor tree decorating.

Come enjoy this meaningful time together as we prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Christ.

Reminders



Operation Christmas Child

It's that time again! - 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 return your unsealed shoebox by Sunday, November 16th to the counter where you picked them up.

Samantha will collect them each Sunday until time to deliver.

Questions? - Contact Samantha Hillegass



Carols by Candlelight

A congregational sing-along
with full orchestra, choirs and organ

Saturday, Dec 13 ~ 7 PM

*Visiting choristers are welcome
contact Church Office at 704-786-0166*

Tri-Tone Brass

featuring Juilliard Alumni and Charlotte
Symphony Orchestra members:

Alex Wilborn, trumpet
Andrew Fierova, french horn
Thomas Burge, trombone

Saturday, Sept 20 ~ 7 PM

Organ Concert

An evening of music for organ and timpani featuring:

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Dr. Kevin L. Estes
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Saturday, Nov 8 ~ 7 PM

Rev. William C. Ridenhour
Senior Pastor

104 Union Street South
Concord, NC 28026

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Carols by Candlelight Dec. 13

Join us for a congregational sing-along of Advent and Christmas Carols accompanied by full Orchestra, Organ and the Parish & Bell Choirs of St. James Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 13th at 7pm.

Partner News



Big Brothers Big Sisters Holiday Toy Drive

Each year, Big Brothers Big Sisters hosts a Holiday Gift Shop to help families in need choose gifts for their children. This year's event will take place Monday, December 15 at St. James and they are looking for both toys and volunteers.

If you are interested in assisting, visit links below.

[Volunteer to Sign Up](#)

[BBBS Holiday Amazon Wish List](#)

In Our Prayers

Joyce Beaty

(Friend of the Marlow's)

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)**Family of Michael Black**

(Nephew of Patsy Black)

Patsy Black**Caroline Bost****Patrick Bryn** (Son of Kirby & Sondra Bryn)**Angie Buchanan****Mike & Debbie Cagle**

(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

Noah Clifton**Bruce Coffey** (Friend of Mark Murphy)**Karey Conrad** (Friend of Dee Pieschel)**Jennifer Cook** (Friend of Fonda Shumate)**Catherine Durst**

(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)

Nadine Filipak

(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)

Ed Frost

(Friends of the Marlow's)

Tom Grady**Harriett Huss Hodge****Maureen Hollmeyer****Mary Frances Johnson**

(Cousin of Francie Davis)

Karen Johnston (Friend of Judy Benz)**Ruth Lawler**

(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)

John Ledford (Brother of Deb Black)**Barbara Merrell****Deb & Roger Myers**

(Friends of Deb Black)

Stan Parnell

(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

Al Pieschel**Lori Pittard****Tom Ridenhour**

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
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