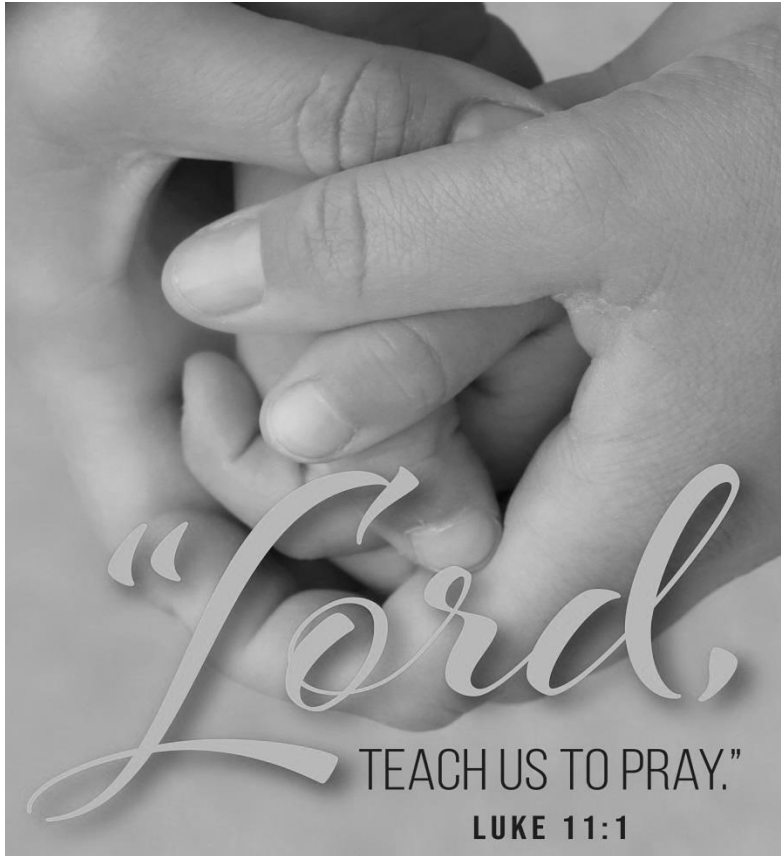




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July 24, 2022
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Welcome to worship!
Here may you find rest for your souls, challenge and comfort alike,
and inspiration to share Christ's love as you go forth in faith.

Prelude

We invite you to enjoy the prelude as a time of quiet reflection, and to individually prepare your hearts for the worship of God.

Call to Worship

Psalm 100: 1-5

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his ; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

ALL: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Hymn – *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

UMH 133

Sharing Peace

Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer

(To share your joys and concerns, please email them to prayerrequests@stjamesraleigh.org, where they will then be shared with our Prayer Chain.)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem – *Seek and You Will Find*

Seek, and you will find; knock and the door will be open'd;

Ask, and you will receive, for such is the way of the Lord.

Seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will open;

Ask, and you will receive, for such is the way of the Lord.

Who knows in truth what the Lord can do?

If you believe, if you believe, great happiness will come to you. Seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be open'd;

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Scripture Lesson – Luke 11: 1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Message – Teach Us to Pray

Hymn – *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

UMH 496

Blessing & Sending Out

Sharing Our Offerings

Out to Serve in the World

What to know this week ...

Calendar this week:

Today, 7/24	Lennie Collins' Retirement Luncheon, 12:15PM in Carson Hall
Mon, 7/25	Staff meeting, 10AM in the Library Children's Ministry Council meeting, 6:30PM at Olive Garden, Capital Blvd.
Tues, 7/26	Wake County Run-off primary voting, 5:45AM-8PM in Carson Hall
Wed, 7/27	Choir rehearsal, 6PM in Carson Hall
Thurs, 7/28	Beginner Ukulele for grades 2-6, 5:45PM in Music Room Beginner Ukulele for grades 7-adult, 6:15PM in Music Room CT Band rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall

Please join us for Lennie's retirement celebration luncheon today in Carson Hall after Sanctuary Worship. There will be a collection table available for any cards, gifts or love offerings that you would like to give Lennie in appreciation for his 20 years of ministry here at St. James. You may also contact Julian Bridgers to contribute money to fund a gift card from the entire congregation.

If you would like to join the email lists for either the weekly church-wide emails or the Prayer Chain, please email Martha (office@stjamesraleigh.org).

Help our new College Student Ministry! Our Congregational Care committee is collecting items to support our college students as they return to college next month. Please visit the online sign-up at www.signupgenius.com/go/8050445aba829aa8-back to see the list of items needed and to sign up. Most items can be found at Dollar Tree or Walmart for less than \$1.50 each. You may also donate money (put College Student Ministry on check memo line or envelope) for us to purchase items or to cover postage costs to the students. For any questions about this new ministry, please contact Melanie Baiardo (480-794-0388 or melaniebaiardo@gmail.com).

Voting on Tuesday: Please remember that Carson Hall will be used for the Wake County run-off election all day Tuesday.

Marie Harris MealTrain help needed: Marie Harris is slowly improving, but her severe double vision means she still can't cook or drive. Therefore, we are extending our current Meal Train dates into August. Please visit <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/903231> to see her food preferences, dates available, and to sign up.

Youth Ice Cream Social— save the date! Please come for a meet-&-greet ice cream social with Pastor Dan on Sunday, July 31, 4:30-6:00 pm. Get to know the new pastor and discuss youth plans for the upcoming year. All youth in rising 6th-12th grades are welcome!