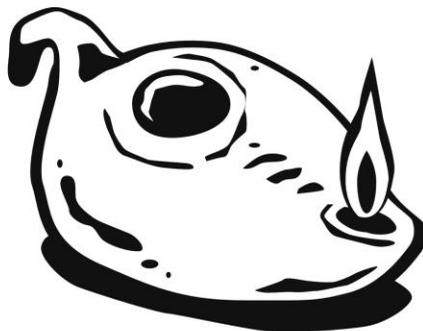




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LUKE 12:35, NRSV

August 7, 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

Leader: God calls us here today.

People: We bring our full selves to God: our strengths and our weaknesses.

Leader: God calls YOU here today.

People: We offer all we are to God: our talents and our inadequacies.

Leader: God calls every part of us to bring divine love and light into the world!

People: We respond to that call, trusting that God is at work within us.

All: AMEN.

Hymn – *Since Jesus Came into My Heart*

TFWS 2140

Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

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 – *Treasures in Heaven*

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust corrupt,
and where thieves break in and steal.

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heav'n,
for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Give unto God with cheerfulness, not of necessity or with regret.
But give from within, give from within, from within your heart.

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And where thieves break in and steal.
But lay up for yourselves treasures in heav'n,
For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
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Scripture Lesson – Luke 12: 32-40

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those servants.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Message – The Unexpected Hour

Pastor Dan Baer

Hymn – *How Firm a Foundation*

UMH 529

Blessing & Sending Out

Out to Serve in the World

What to know this week ...

Calendar this week:

Today, 8/7	Trustees meeting, 4PM in Room 12
Monday-Friday	Summer Camp, 9AM-1PM in education wing
Tues, 8/9	Library Committee, 9AM in the Library Congregational Care meeting, 6PM in the Library
Wed, 8/10	Choir rehearsal, 6PM in Carson Hall
Thurs, 8/11	Beginner Ukulele for grades 2-6, 5:45PM in Music Room Beginner Ukulele for grades 7-adult, 6:15PM in Music Room Common Thread Band rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall
Sat, 8/13	Produce Packing, 9AM in Carson Hall (*see below for details) Stan Whitt Golf Classic, 12PM at Zebulon Country Club (*see below)

New offering procedure: We will start blessing our offerings at the altar followed by the doxology beginning today. Please place your offerings in the offering plates before service starts to be brought forward during this time. Offering plates will also be available at the altar immediately following the service.

Invitation from our interim Music Director: If you're interested in joining the choir or otherwise sharing your musical gifts in worship, Michael would love to hear from you! Contact him at 919-845-0303 or Michael@michaeljglasgow.com.

College Bags Available: Thank you to everyone who donated items for the college bags! If you have an undergrad college student, the bags are available for pickup in the welcome center. Please sign your name when you pick up a bag: one per student, please!

Produce packing this Saturday: This is a great time of fellowship and mission where we pack produce boxes for our community. The work is easy, fun, and quick. Please consider joining us by signing up at <https://tinyurl.com/3hufzz7z>. Call Helen McGee (919-880-7881) with any questions.

SAME EVENT, DIFFERENT LOCATION! The 2022 Stan Whitt Classic Golf Tournament sponsored by St. James UMC will be held at **Zebulon Country Club** this **Saturday, August 13**. This tournament is a fundraiser for Pancreatic Cancer Research in memory of Stan Whitt, a St. James member who lost his battle with pancreatic cancer in 2008. The event will be a 18-hole Best Ball tournament with door prizes and a catered meal afterwards. Registration will begin at 12:00 noon with golf play starting at 1:00 pm. This event is for everyone regardless of skill level and guarantees a good time. If you have any questions, please contact Milburn or Denise Holbrook (919-554-1416), Betsy Ferrell (919-212-3580) or Steve Betts (919-872-9507).

Transition Meeting reminder to staff & Administrative Council members: Please remember that the Transition Meeting is planned with Gray Southern for Sunday, August 14, 12:15-2:45PM. We will eat a quick lunch of sub sandwiches, chips & cookies in Carson Hall at 12:15 as we begin the meeting. Please contact Martha (office@stjamesraleigh.org or 919-876-5796) by noon on Tuesday, 8/9 whether you prefer a ham, turkey, or veggie sub. Childcare will be provided as necessary: please let Martha know your childcare needs & child's sub preference.