



## St. James United Methodist Church

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October 2, 2022  
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Welcome to worship this autumn morning. Take a moment to greet those near you as brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **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: We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain, knowing that when our spirits have grown cold,

**People: God rekindles the gift of faith in us.**

Leader: We gather, as God's people, hanging our broken hearts on the branches of the tree of life. knowing that while friends may turn against us,

**People: God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.**

Leader: We gather, as God's people, hungering for healing and hope, knowing that even when life is no picnic,

**ALL: God prepares a feast for us.**

**Hymn – *Standing on the Promises***

UMH 374

**Doxology**

UMH 95

**Sharing Peace**

**Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer**

*(To share your joys and concerns, please email them to [prayerrequests@stjamesraleigh.org](mailto: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 – *Nearer, My God, to Thee***

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee;  
e'en though it be a cross that raiseth me.  
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee.

Though like the wanderer, sun gone down,

darkness be over me, my rest a stone.  
Yet in my dreams I'll be nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee.

Now on joyful wing cleaving the sky,  
sun, moon and stars forgot, upward I fly.  
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee.

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### **Scripture Lesson – 2 Timothy 1: 1-14**

NSRV pew Bible, p. 199 (NT)

### **Message – Rekindle the Gift**

Pastor Dan Baer

### **Holy Communion**

Invitation

*UMH* p. 7

The Great Thanksgiving

*UMH* p. 9

### **Hymn – *My Faith Looks Up to Thee***

*UMH* 452

### **Blessing & Sending Out**

### **Out to Serve in the World**

#### **Calendar this week:**

Sun, 10/2	Members Open Forum, 12PM in Carson Hall Board of Trustees, 4PM UMYF, 4PM in Montague Hall NA Meeting, 7PM in Saints Hall
Mon, 10/3	Staff Meeting, 10AM in Library GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall UMM Meeting, 7PM in Carson Hall
Tues, 10/4	Library Committee, 9AM in the Library GS Troop 4491, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Wed, 10/5	Choir rehearsal, 6PM in Sanctuary
Thurs, 10/6	Continuing Strummers, 6PM in Music Room Common Thread Band rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall
Sat, 10/8	Produce & Backpack Buddies Packing, 9AM in Carson Hall

## **What to know this week ...**

**Welcome to our visitors!** Thank you for worshiping with us at St. James; we're glad to have you here! If you would like to get updates on what's going on at St. James, just send your contact information, including email, to Martha Brown ([office@stjamesraleigh.org](mailto:office@stjamesraleigh.org)) and she'll add you to our weekly email and monthly newsletter lists.

**BBQ Bags Still Available:** The annual BBQ on September 23 was a huge success, and we still have 20 quart bags of pork available in the kitchen freezer. Bags are \$12 each, and money can be dropped in the office doorsafe, designated BBQ.

**Project AGAPE Special Offering Today:** Our third special offering for 2022 will go to Project AGAPE, providing relief for displaced persons in war-torn Armenia. Please indicate Project AGAPE on your offering envelope, on the memo line of your check, or online on our new St. James giving portal! You can read more about Project AGAPE at <https://nccumc.org/outreach/project-agape/>.

**New Online Giving Available!** Beginning October 2, St. James will offer VANCO Payment Solutions to safely and securely manage your church giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to give anytime, from anywhere, conveniently and securely, to skip physical checks and prepared envelopes, to schedule and manage both one-time and recurring offerings yourself, and to view your complete online-giving history anytime you need to! To get started, simply follow these steps:

- 1) Visit the St. James Giving website at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z6HQ> or scan this QR code to access the website from your phone.
- 2) Click on the fund you wish to contribute to. Project AGAPE offerings can be made to the Special Offering option, with "Project AGAPE" listed in the notes.
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

**Susan Curtin MealTrain:** Thanks to the many volunteers who have signed up to deliver meals to Susan Curtin. We have extended her MealTrain into October, and those dates are now available. Please consider signing up at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/zozv0y>.

The Social Committee is happy to sponsor the **Trunk or Treat** event again this year! Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 23rd from 2:00-4:00PM**. We are asking any 'group' to sign up using <https://tinyurl.com/2022Trunk-or-Treat>. A 'group' can be an individual family, a group of families, a discipleship group, a committee, or anyone else willing to participate. Each group will decorate their trunk/parking space and provide their own pre-packaged treats (does not need to be candy) while the community circulates. Please contact Keith Walkowiak ([ktwalkowiak@gmail.com](mailto:ktwalkowiak@gmail.com)) with any questions.