

November 27, 2022

9:15 AM Common Thread Worship

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and a new church year.
Welcome to this rich season of worship.



Welcome

Song – *A Light Has Dawned*

A light has dawned, a King has come to redeem every heart and soul.
Born unto us, Emmanuel, the Savior of the world.
Let us adore and praise His name.

Angels rejoice and shepherds bow at the sight of the holy Child.
Men from afar searching to find the Savior of the world.
Let us adore and praise His name.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, let us sing,
Hosanna in the highest, we give glory to the King, glory to the King.

You are the Christ, the Son of God, and the nations will rally to You.
Let every heart come recognize the Savior of the world.
Let us adore and praise His name.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, let us sing,
Hosanna in the highest, we give glory to the King, glory to the King.
We give glory to the King. We give glory to the King. We give glory to the King.

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Sharing Peace

Advent Reading

Steve & Sara Lynn Miller

Leader: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1 NRSV). We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come. We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Children's Message

Prayer Time & 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.

Song – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom thee, O Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thy advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come Emmanuel. God with us, here to rule and reign.
O come Emmanuel. We stand before Your throne in need of grace.
O come Emmanuel. Cleanse our hearts. Fill our minds anew.
O come Emmanuel. We stand before Your throne and worship You. We worship You.

O come desire of nations, bind all peoples in heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease. Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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Scripture Reading – Matthew 24: 36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Message – Are You Ready?

Song – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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Blessing & Sending Out

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 11/27 NA, 7PM in Saints Hall
Mon, 11/28 Elijah Bible Study, 10:30AM in the Chapel
Children's Ministry Council, 6:30PM in Carson Hall
GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Tues, 11/29 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10AM in Room 12
Wed, 11/30 Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Sanctuary
Thurs, 12/1 Beginning Ukulele (grades 2-6), 5:45PM in Music Room
Beginning Ukulele (grade 7-adult), 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall

THANKS for GIVING FINAL PUSH! We're trying to reach our goal of collecting 2022 food pantry items in November: November ends this Thursday, so get your donations in now! Check our progress on the chart in the church lobby! Remember to check the orange flyers in the lobby for items and sizes needed. If you don't enjoy grocery shopping or don't have time, please donate money to the church to purchase the needed supplies. Please mark your donations as "DESIGNATED FUND: FOOD PANTRY." All monetary donations will be totaled into our final count!

Last Day for T-Shirt Sales: If you are interested in buying a St. James t-shirt, scan this QR code for an order form. T-shirts are \$15 each. Payment can be made by cash or check to St. James UMC with "T-Shirt" designated on the payment, or by Venmo to Temple Walkowiak (@templewalk55). Anyone planning to volunteer at the PNC Arena will need one of these shirts!



Volunteer to work concessions at PNC Arena! This is a fundraiser for our church and an opportunity to be in fellowship with church friends! Please note that all concessions volunteers will need to wear the new sapphire blue St. James UMC t-shirt that is currently for sale. We have a number of events from December through early April available, including NC State basketball games and Hurricanes hockey matches. To volunteer, use the link <http://tinyurl.com/PNCVolunteers>.

Volunteers needed for the Living Nativity: The 2022 Living Nativity will be held Sunday, December 18, 4-6PM. This walk-through event has become very popular with the community, and we need lots of help to make it great! Sign-ups for cast and crew are open now: go to <http://tinyurl.com/2022LiveNativity> to sign up!

Nursery volunteers needed: We need volunteers weekly to help our paid nursery worker meet Safe Sanctuary guidelines. While the volunteer may sometimes not be needed, we still need someone as an extra set of hands when needs arise. All volunteers need current background checks. If you are interested, please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/NurseryVolunteers> or contact Heather Johnson (heather@exit9b.com or 919-815-0015).

Donations needed for our Military Ministry: Our Military Ministry requests donations of books of Forever stamps, blank notecards with envelopes, legal or medium/large package envelopes, and any individually packaged candy for us to send to our service members. These items can be placed in the marked bin by the welcome center. Thank you!