

December 4, 2022

9:15 AM Common Thread Worship

Welcome to the promise of Advent: Amid barren trees, Isaiah announces spring growth—a “shoot” representing new life in Jesus (11:1).



Welcome

Song – You Are Holy (Prince of Peace) men/women

You are holy (You are holy)
You are mighty (You are mighty)
You are worthy (You are worthy),
worthy of praise (worthy of praise).
I will follow (I will follow),
I will listen (I will listen),
I will love You (I will love You)
all of my days (all of my days).

I will sing to You are Lord of lords,
and worship You are King of kings,
the King who is worthy. You are mighty God, Lord of everything.
I will love and You're Emmanuel,
adore Him, You're the great I AM,
I will bow down before Him. You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb.
I will sing to You're the living God.
and worship You're my saving grace,
the King who is worthy. You will reign forever; You are Ancient of Days.
I will love and You are Alpha, Omega,
adore Him, Beginning and End.
I will bow down before Him. You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend.

All: You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You.

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Sharing Peace

Advent Reading

Leader: "On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious." We are the followers of that root of Jesse that Isaiah spoke of. We are the ones who are now called to stand as a signal to the world, to all of creation, that peace is the will of the One who created us. We light these candles, the candle of hope and the candle of peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising towards God's promise. But we also light them as a signal to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work in the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our prayer.

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 Praise Him (All This for a King)

Turn your ear to heaven, and hear the noise inside,
The sound of angel's awe, the sound of angel's songs, and all this for a King.
We could join and sing all to Christ, the King.

How constant, how divine, this song of ours will rise.
O how constant, how divine, this love of ours will rise, will rise.
O praise Him, O praise Him; He is holy, He is holy.

Turn your gaze to heaven, and raise a joyous noise.
The sound of salvation come, the sound of rescued ones, and all this for a King.
Angels join to sing all to Christ, our King.
O praise Him, O praise Him; He is holy, He is holy.

How infinite and sweet this love so rescuing.
O how infinitely sweet this great love that has redeemed. As one we sing.
O praise Him, O praise Him; He is holy, He is holy.

Alleluia, Alleluia. He is holy, He is holy.
Alleluia, Alleluia. He is holy.

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Scripture Reading – Isaiah 11: 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow^[a] out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Message – Standing in Hope and Peace

Song – *Shine On Us*

Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us. Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us.

That we may be saved, that we may have life; to find our way in the darkest night, let Your light shine on us.

Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us. Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us.

That we may be saved, that we may have life; to find our way in the darkest night, let Your grace fall on us.

Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us. Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us.

That we may be saved, that we may have life; to find our way in the darkest night,

let Your love come over us.

Let Your light shine on us.

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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, 12/4 Board of Trustees, 4PM in Room 12
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Mon, 12/5 Elijah Bible Study, 10:30AM in the Chapel
GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
UMM, 7PM in Carson Hall

Tues, 12/6 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10AM in Room 12
GS Troop 4491, 6:30PM in Montague Hall

Wed, 12/7 Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Sanctuary

Thurs, 12/8 Disney on Ice Concessions, 5PM at PNC Arena – volunteers still needed*
Continuing Strummers, 6PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall

Sat, 12/10 Rhodes Family Gathering, 12-5PM in Carson Hall

Sunday, 12/11 Choir Christmas Cantata, 11AM in Sanctuary

Bread Ministry location: We've officially moved the bread to the hallway counter behind Carson Hall on Sunday mornings. Please use gloves to take whatever you like, and leave your donations in the marked box on the counter. Thanks for supporting the Bread Ministry!

2022 Angel Tree: Thank you to everyone who signed out angels last week! Our Angel Tree this year will support children in foster care. Presents should be wrapped with receipts enclosed and returned to the church no later than December 15. Please contact Anita Robinson Christmas (aprchristmas@yahoo.com or 919-760-9876) if you have any questions.

Christmas Eve Luminaries: The United Women of Faith (formerly UMW) will again be selling luminaries to decorate St. James' walkways 4:30-8:30PM on Christmas Eve. Luminaries cost \$3 each any may be purchased in honor or in memory of loved ones. Deadline to order is December 18; order forms are available in the weekly email, on the Welcome Center counter, and in the back of both worship spaces. Completed orders can be dropped into worship offering plates or the office door-drop with payment made to UMW.

Children's Discipleship notice: The Children's Discipleship class will only meet on December 4 and 11 this month.

***Volunteer to work concessions at PNC Arena!** This is a fundraiser for our church and an opportunity to be in fellowship with church friends! All concessions volunteers will need to wear the new sapphire blue St. James UMC t-shirt. We have a number of events from December through early April available, including NC State basketball games and Hurricanes hockey matches. To see the schedule of events and 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!

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Worship Times: We will offer 2 Christmas Eve worship services: the 5PM Common Thread service will be held in Carson Hall, with options to sit in cars or on the patio (weather permitting) for those who choose to do so. The 7PM traditional service will be held in the sanctuary. Both services will feature Holy Communion and candle-lighting. On Christmas Day, we will offer one combined service at 10AM in the sanctuary, with no discipleship classes meeting that Sunday.

Military Ministry donations still needed: Thank you to everyone who has already contributed; we humbly say a huge THANK YOU for the support. We still need books of Forever stamps, blank note cards, and medium/large package envelopes. The collection box remains on the counter of the Welcome Center off the lobby. We also need updated names/ mailing addresses for those in the military to receive packages. Please send that info to therigdas@yahoo.com and voverton1@gmail.com.