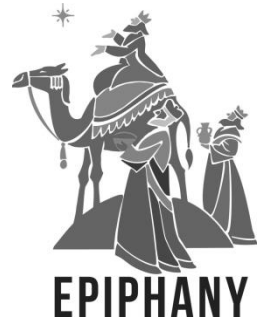


January 8, 2023

9:15 AM Common Thread Worship

Welcome! We begin worship and this new year as we always live: in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Welcome

Song – Adore

You stepped down from Heaven. Humbly You came, God of all creation here with us.
In a starlit manger, Emmanuel, Light of the World, to save.
Adore; come let us adore. O come, let us adore Him, the Lord.
Worship Christ, the Lord. Let all that is within us adore.

Wise Men bring their treasures, shepherds bow low. Angels' voices sing of peace on earth.
What have I to offer to Heaven's King? I will bring my life, my love, my all.
Adore; come, let us adore. O come, let us adore Him, the Lord.
Worship Christ, the Lord. Let all that is within us adore.

Angels sing, praises ring to the newborn King.
Peace on earth here with us, joy awakening. At Your feet we fall.
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Adore; come, let us adore. O come, let us adore Him, the Lord.
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Sharing Peace

Children's Message

Installation of Officers

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 – God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

arr. Steven Page

Sheila DeBastiani, Shan Biggers & Yani Anwar

Scripture Reading – Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Message – What Gift Are You Bringing?

Pastor Dan Baer

Song – *Let It Rise*

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us, let the glory of the Lord rise among us.
Let the praises of the King rise among us, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us, let the songs of the Lord rise among us.
Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise.
Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us, let the glory of the Lord rise among us.
Let the praises of the King rise among us, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us, let the songs of the Lord rise among us.
Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise.
Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise. Let it rise, let it rise.

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Blessing & Sending Out

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

Today's Greeters: Peggy Biggers

Today's Sound Operator: Matoka Snuggs

PowerPoint Operator: Tucker Thorpe

Next Week's Greeters: Keith & Temple Walkowiak

Next Week's Sound Operator: Paulo DeOliveira

PowerPoint Operator: Victor DeOliveira

*We have a nursery available for infants through age 4. An usher will be glad to direct you.
We always welcome children of all ages to join us in worship, and Worship Activity Bags are available at the entrance
if your child would like one.*

What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 1/8 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
*Youth Parents' Meeting, 3:30PM in Carson Hall
Congregational Care Meeting, 4PM in Room 12
*Kids Club, 4PM in Carson Hall
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
Finance Committee, 6PM in Room 12
N.A., 7PM in Saints Hall

Tues, 1/10 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office

Wed. 1/11 Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in the Sanctuary

Thurs, 1/12 Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall

New Proverbs Study: Do you think you are wise? Do you know how the book of Proverbs can make you wiser? Come join our discipleship class as we study the book of Proverbs, starting today – NO HOMEWORK!! We are using a video to stimulate discussion! Come whenever you can! We meet Sundays in Room 12 from 10:15-10:55AM. Questions? Contact Leslie Payne (lbpayne2015@gmail.com; 919-818-4850).

Church T-shirts are here! Come to the lobby today before or after service for church t-shirt distribution. Also, we have a limited number of extra T-shirts to sell. Drop by to check them out!

Learn more about volunteering at PNC Arena concessions! Orientation sessions will be held in Carson Hall on Sunday, January 15 at 10:30AM and Sunday, January 22 at 12:10PM. The sessions will be identical, so you only need to attend one. Come and join the FUN!

***Youth Parents:** We will meet at 3:30 this afternoon in Carson Hall to discuss the spring semester and summer youth activities.

***Kids Club** for children PreK – grade 5 will meet today at 4PM in Carson Hall. Join us to make crafts, play games, learn a Bible lesson, and hang out together – all with a snack supper with the Youth afterwards! We hope to see you this afternoon!

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!