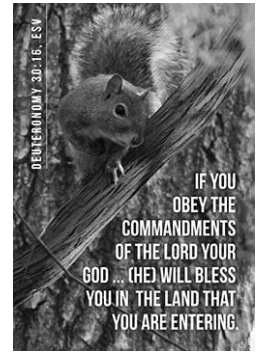


Common Thread

February 12, 2023 9:15AM

Paul tells us, "We are co-workers in God's service" (1 Corinthians 3:9, NIV).
So we gather to be fed for a new week of ministry. Welcome!



Welcome

Song – Love the Lord

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
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With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength.
With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength.
I will love You, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength.
I will love You, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength.
With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength.

Men: I will love You.

Women: I will love You.

Men: I will praise You.

Women: I will praise You.

Men: I will serve You.

Women: I will serve You.

All: I will trust You, Lord.

With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength.
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Sharing Peace

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 – None But Jesus

In the quiet, in the stillness, I know that You are God.
In the secret of your presence, I know there I am restored.
When You call I won't refuse; each new day again I'll choose.
There is no one else for me; none but Jesus, crucified to set me free.
Now I live to bring Him praise.

In the chaos, in confusion, I know You're sov'reign still.
In the moment of my weakness, You give me grace to do Your will.
When You call I won't delay, this my song through all my days.
There is no one else for me; none but Jesus, crucified to set me free.
Now I live to bring Him praise.

All my delight is in You, Lord; all of my hope, all of my strength.
All my delight is in You, Lord, forevermore.

There is no one else for me; none but Jesus, crucified to set me free.
Now I live to bring Him praise.

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Gospel Reading – Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Message – Choosing Life with God

Pastor Dan Baer

Song – Rise Up and Praise Him

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the people of God sing His praise all over the land.
Everyone in the valley come and lift your voice.
All those on the mountaintop be glad and shout for joy!
Rise up and praise Him, He deserves our love.
Rise up and praise Him, worship the Holy One.
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might, rise up and praise Him!

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Rise up and praise Him! Rise up and praise Him!

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Benediction

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

Today's Greeters: Tony & Sandra Horton
Today's Sound Operator: Matoka Snuggs

PowerPoint Operator: Tucker Thorpe

Next Week's Greeters: Tom & Stephanie Wilson
Next Week's Sound/PowerPointOperator: Paulo 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.*

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What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

- TODAY, 2/12 *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall*
Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
Congregational Care, 4PM in Room 12
**Kids Club, 4PM in Carson Hall*
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
N.A., 7PM in Saints Hall
- Mon, 2/13 *Raleigh SeniorTechEd Open Help Workshop, 1PM in Room 12*
GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Preschool Board, 6:30PM in the Library
- Tues, 2/14 *HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!*
Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office
- Wed. 2/15 **Coffee & Conversation, 11:30AM at Cape Fear Seafood Co., 832 Spring Forest Rd.*
Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in the Sanctuary
- Thurs, 2/16 *New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room*
Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall
- Fri, 2/17 ** UMM Ladies Night, 6:30PM in Carson Hall*
- Sat, 2/18 *GS Troop 1042, 10AM in Montague Hall*
Cobb Family Gathering (Private), 11:30AM in Carson Hall

***Don't miss Kids Club today!** We'll meet at 4pm in Carson Hall for a Bible story, craft and some games! All children in grades PreK-5th grade are invited to join us! This month's leader is Lori Bradley.

***Coffee & Conversation lunch this Wednesday!** This month on February 15 at 11:30 am, the widows of St. James will enjoy lunch together at Cape Fear Seafood Company, 832 Spring Forest Rd., Raleigh. If you don't eat seafood, come anyway: Cape Fear serves salads and hamburgers also. We enjoy each other's company and laugh a lot, so come and join us if you like to laugh! Please contact Peggy Biggers (919-872-1800; biggers11@aol.com) if you're interested in coming; she will be making reservations soon. We're looking forward to enjoying your presence!

***UMM Ladies Night:** The St. James United Methodist Men will host their annual Ladies Night on **Friday, February 17** in Carson Hall. The evening will consist of a meal catered by Mrs. Lila Parker followed by musical entertainment from the Preddys. This event is \$12 per person and open to anyone. Any widows in attendance will be free of charge as they will be the guests of the UMM. The event will start at 6:30 for social time, with the meal starting at 7:00.

Office closing: Please note that the office and Food Pantry will be closed on Monday, February 20 for the Presidents Day holiday. We will re-open with our regular hours on Tuesday, February 21.

Ash Wednesday worship and Pancake Supper: The UMM will serve a pancake supper complete with sausage, milk and juice from 5:30-6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 22. Following at 7:00 pm, we will worship together in the sanctuary with a blend of worship music and several of our children and youth assisting in the service. We will also have our 2023 Lenten devotionals Redeemed, provided by Society of St. Andrew, available for you to pick up. We request you limit to one per family so we can share with our homebound worshipers and our community Food Pantry clients.

New Bible Study: Pastor Dan will lead a 12-week Bible study on the book of John from February 27 - May 22. The study will meet 10:30 am Mondays in the Chapel and uses the book John: A 12-Week Study from Justin Buzzard. This insightful guide encourages Christians to worship Christ as Lord and follow him on mission to the world. Books will cost \$6 each and are available in either paperback or eBook formats. Sign up now on the clipboard in the church lobby or by contacting Martha in the church office.