



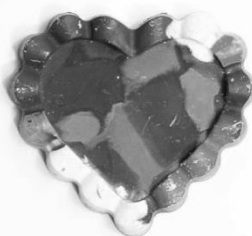
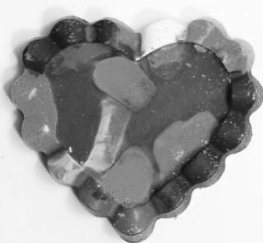
## St. James United Methodist Church

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*Love* the **LORD** your God...  
and **hold fast** to him.



**DEUTERONOMY 30:20, NIV**

February 12, 2023  
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

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!

## **Prelude**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: May those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

**People: Yes, our heart is glad in God, because we trust in God's holy name.**

Leader: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

**ALL: We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.**

### **Hymn – *Heralds of Christ***

*UMH 567*

### **Doxology**

*UMH 95*

### **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

### **Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer**

*(Please use the prayer cards in the pews to share your prayer concerns. You may place prayer cards in the prayer box near the altar rail.)*

**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.**

### **New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9**

NRSV pew Bible, p.156-157 (NT)

### **Choir Anthem – *Go Into the World***

Go ye, go ye into the world and make disciples of all the nations.

Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there!

Go ye, go ye into the world and take the Gospel to all the people.

Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there!

I am the vine, you are the branches, ever the fruit to bear;

I am the light, you, the reflection everywhere!

Go ye, go ye into the world and tell the story to all believers.

Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there!

Go ye now and make disciples of all the nations;

Go ye now and I will be with you there.  
Go ye now and take the Gospel to all the people;  
Go ye now and I will be with you there.

I am the vine and you, the branches; I am the light for you to share,  
So go ye now and tell the story to all believers.  
Go ye now and I will be with you there!

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**Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 30: 15-20**

NRSV pew Bible, p. 179 (OT)

**Message – Choosing Life with God**

Pastor Dan Baer

**Hymn – *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart***

UMH 500

**Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World**

*The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by Peggy Biggers  
in memory of her husband, Foy.*

Today's Greeters: Ed & Ellen Giunco  
Today's Sound System Operator: Matoka Snuggs

Next Week's Greeters: Chip & Jeanette Gray  
Next Week's Sound System Operator: Tim Johnson

***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](mailto: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.