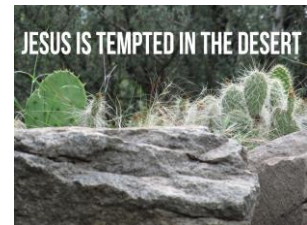




February 26, 2023 9:15AM

Welcome to worship on the first Sunday in Lent. A warm welcome to visitors joining us today.



Welcome

Song – *Beautiful One*

Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing love. Your cross has spoken mercy over me.
No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart could fully know how glorious, how beautiful You are.
Beautiful One I love, Beautiful One I adore.
Beautiful One, my soul must sing.

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew, You captured my heart with this love;
'cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You.
You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew, You captured my heart with this love;
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My soul, my soul must sing. My soul, my soul must sing.
My soul, my soul must sing, Beautiful One.

Beautiful One I love, Beautiful One I adore.
Beautiful One, my soul must sing.

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew, You captured my heart with this love;
'cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You.

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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 – *You Are*

You are holy, You are faithful, You are Savior, You are friend;
You are all I'll ever need, Lord, You are.

You are ev'ry question's answer; You are ev'ry reason why;
You are moving, You are still, Lord, You are.

You are the Lord on high, You are the Way, the Truth, the Life;
You are the Word made flesh, You are the Bright Morning Star, You are.

You are "Glory, Hallelujah!" You are hope of peace on earth;
You are Alpha and Omega, You are.

You are comfort, You are refuge, You are love personified;
You are kindness and compassion, You are.

You are the Lord on high, You are the Way, the Truth, the Life;
You are the Word made flesh, You are the Bright Morning Star, You are.

You are my God and King, You are the words that I sing, You are the reason I make this offering.
You are my God and my King, You are the words that I sing, You are the reason I make this offering.

You are the Lord on high, You are the Way, the Truth, the Life;
You are the Word made flesh, You are the Bright Morning Star,
and You are the word made flesh, You are the Bright Morning Star; You are.

You are my God and King, You are the words that I sing, You are the reason I make this offering.
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Gospel Reading – Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”

But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”

Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Message – When Life Knocks You Down

Pastor Dan Baer

Song – My Savior Lives

Our God will reign forever, and all the world will know His name;
ev’ryone together, sign the song of the redeemed.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and now I stand on what He did; my Savior, my Savior lives!
Ev’ry day a brand new chance to say, “Jesus, You are the only Way!” My Savior, my Savior lives!

The King has come from heaven, and darkness trembles at His name;
“Victory forever!” is the song of the redeemed.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and now I stand on what He did; my Savior, my Savior lives!
Ev’ry day a brand new chance to say, “Jesus, You are the only Way!” My Savior, my Savior lives!

My Savior lives, my Savior lives, my Savior lives.

My Savior lives, my Savior lives, my Savior lives.

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Benediction

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

Today's Greeters: Scott & Leslie Payne
Today's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Mike Lamar

Next Week's Greeters: William & Dawn Robertson
Next Week's Sound/PowerPointOperator: Keith Walkowiak

*We have a nursery available for infants through age 4. A greeter 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.*

Worship Notes:

What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 2/26	Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall *Packaging Backpack Buddies, 10:10AM in Carson Hall Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout campus Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary *Administrative Council, 4PM in Carson Hall St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall N.A., 7PM in Saints Hall
Mon, 2/27	*John Bible Study, 10:30AM in the Chapel GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Tues, 2/28	Library Committee, 9AM in the Library Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office
Wed. 3/1	Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in the Sanctuary
Thurs, 3/2	New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall
Sat, 3/4	GS Troop 1042, 10AM in Montague Hall

A few Lenten devotionals are still available! This year's Lenten daily devotional is Redeemed, provided by Society of St. Andrew. It is available today in both worship centers. We request you limit one per family so we can share with our homebound worshippers and our community Food Pantry clients. If you would prefer a PDF copy that you can download to your personal reading device, please [email Martha](#).

***Backpack Buddies Packaging Help Needed after Common Thread!** We welcome anyone who would like to help package snack bags for Backpack Buddies to come to Carson Hall at 10:10 this morning. We have nearly doubled the number of kids we are preparing for, so all extra hands are always welcome!

***New Bible Study Starts Tomorrow:** 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 \$6.50 each and are available in the church office – please see Pastor Dan to receive your copy.

Special Offering Alert: Our first special offering for 2023 will be on **Sunday, March 5**. This special offering will go to assisting relief efforts in the Ukraine. Please indicate "Ukraine Relief" on your offering envelope or on the memo line of your check on March 5.

Bowling Night! The Social Committee is pleased to bring back Bowling Night! We will gather at Buffaloe Lanes (5900 Oak Forest Dr., Raleigh 27616) on Friday, March 10 from 6:00-8:00 PM, which should allow us to bowl two games. The cost is \$15 per person and includes shoe rental. Please complete [this form](#) or call Keith Walkowiak (434-466-5457) to register. Deadline to submit is Sunday, March 5 so that we can reserve the lanes. Payments can be made directly to Keith Walkowiak as he will pay for the entire group ahead of time.

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