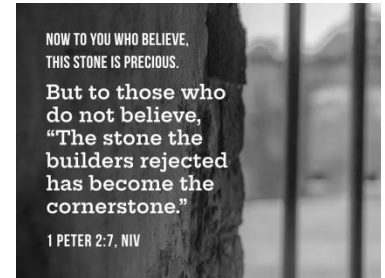




May 7, 2023 9:15AM

You are a royal priesthood, God's own people. Welcome to worship, that we may proclaim the mighty acts of God, who called us into his marvelous light.
(Based on 1 Peter 2:9.)



Welcome

Song – *Rock of Ages*

There is no rock, there is no god like our God, no other name worthy of all our praise.
The Rock of Salvation that cannot be moved, He's proven Himself to be faithful and true.
There is no rock, there is no God like ours.

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Sharing Peace

Children's Message

Prayer Time & Lord's Prayer

(Prayer cards are available to share your joys and concerns and may be placed in the prayer box by the door, or you may 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 – *Cornerstone*

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name.
When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil!

Christ alone, Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.
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Scripture Reading – 1 Peter 2: 1-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Message – Like Living Stones

Pastor Dan Baer

Holy Communion

Song – My Savior Lives

Our God will reign forever, and all the world will know His name;
ev'ryone together, sing 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.

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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: Keith Walkowiak

Next Week's Greeters: William & Dawn Robertson
Next Week's Sound Operator: Matoka Snuggs
Next Week's PowerPoint Operator: Tucker Thorpe

*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.*

*If you are visiting us today, welcome! Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card,
(found on the worship table), and return it to the offering basket or one of the greeters.
Thank you for worshipping with us at St. James today!*

What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 5/7 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
 Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout campus
 Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
St. James Youth, 4PM in Carson Hall
Board of Trustees, 4PM in Room 12
 NA, 7PM in Saints Hall
Mon, 5/8 John Bible Study, 10:30AM in Room 12
 GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Tues, 5/9 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
 Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office
 GS Troop 733, 6:15PM in Montague Hall
Wed, 5/10 Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Sanctuary
Thurs, 5/11 New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
 Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall
Sat, 5/13 GS Troop 1929, 1:30PM in Montague Hall

Kids Club & Youth will meet separately during each group's Discipleship Time next Sunday so we can allow families to spend more of Mother's Day together! Each group will choose an activity to commemorate the special day. Our final Kids Club will be hosted by the youth on Sunday, June 11.

Mudcats Time! Please join St. James' Social Committee at Five County Stadium in Zebulon, NC on Friday, May 26 at 7PM to cheer on the Carolina Mudcats against the Down East Wood Ducks. It is Friday Fireworks Night as well as Friday Night Blackout (wear black). Tickets are \$12 per person; parking is \$5 cash per car upon arrival. Please register for your tickets at <https://tinyurl.com/MudcatsTix>. **Deadline is May 12.** Contact Keith Walkowiak (<mailto:ktwalkowiak@gmail.com>) with any questions. Go Mudcats!

Scholarship Deadline is Wednesday, May 10! The Jeff & Edith Wilson Scholarship, worth \$500, is open to any active St. James members furthering their education at technical, 2-year, or 4-year colleges. **This year, due to an absence of high school seniors, college students - including those who have previously applied - are strongly encouraged to apply!** Applications are available [here](#), on the church website Members page or in the church office. Please have your applications returned to the church office by May 10. Please contact Trustee Chair Matoka Snuggs (matoka1004@att.net or 919-291-8888) with any questions.