



July 30, 2023 10:00 AM

Welcome! The Holy Spirit calls us together as the church to worship and praise God, made known to us in Christ.
Peace be with you all.

Song – *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God, come.

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One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God. One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

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Come. Come. Come.

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Call to Worship

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth.

People: Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow.

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.

ALL: Glorious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.

Welcome & Announcements

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 – *Ancient of Days*

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto the Ancient of Days;
From ev'ry nation, all of creation, bow before the Ancient of Days.
Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory, ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship.
You will be exalted, O God, and Your kingdom shall not pass away, O Ancient of Days.

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Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth, sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare to your matchless worth – sing unto the Ancient of Days.

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You will be exalted, O God, and Your kingdom shall not pass away, O Ancient of Days.
O Ancient of Days. O Ancient of Days.

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Sharing Offerings

Psalter Reading: Psalm 63: 1-8

O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night, for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5: 6

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

Message – The Beatitudes: Satisfied with Being Unsatisfied

Pastor Dan Baer

Song – *If We Are the Body*

It's crowded in worship today, as she slips in trying to fade into the faces.
The girls' teasing laughter is carrying farther than they know, farther than they know.
But if we are the body, why aren't His arms reaching?
Why aren't His hands healing? Why aren't His words teaching?
And if we are the body, why aren't His feet going?
Why is His love not showing them there is a way, there is a way?

A trav'ler is far away from home. He sheds his coat and quietly sinks into the back row.
The weight of their judgemental glances tell him that his chances are better out on the road.
But if we are the body, why aren't His arms reaching?
Why aren't His hands healing? Why aren't His words teaching?
And if we are the body, why aren't His feet going?
Why is His love not showing them there is a way, there is a way?

Jesus paid much too high a price for us to pick and choose who should come, and we are the body of Christ.

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And if we are the body, why aren't His feet going?
Why is His love not showing them there is a way? Jesus is the way.

Mark Hall; Arr. by John Wasson and Charlie Sinclair.

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Benediction

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

*The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God
in memory of Peggy Bingham by her grandchildren.*

Today's Greeters: Peggy Biggers & Matoka Snuggs
Today's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Mike Lamar

Next Week's Greeters:

Ed & Kay Smallwood (Common Thread)

Robert & Donna Mohn (Sanctuary Worship)

Next Week's Common Thread Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Keith Walkowiak

Next Week's Sanctuary Worship Sound Operator: Mike Lamar

*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, 7/30 5th Sunday Combined Worship, 10AM in Carson Hall parking lot/Carson Hall
St. James Youth, 4pm in Montague Hall
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Tues, 8/1 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office

Wed, 8/2 Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Music Room/Sanctuary

Thurs, 8/3 New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall

Sat, 8/5 Church Work Day, 8AM in Carson Hall

Project Agape is back! We are packing boxes again for children in war-torn Armenia from July 9-August 13. Supplies and shopping lists for boys & girls are available on the display table in the lobby. If you prefer to shop for items to donate rather than pack an entire box, please place your donations in the marked bin. Remember to enclose \$5 in cash or check (payable to St. James) in each box to cover the shipping cost; we will send one check from the church with the boxes. If you have any questions, contact Ed or Kay Smallwood at edandkay.smallwood@gmail.com.

DATE CHANGE: We need you! Please join us **Saturday, August 5 at 8am** for a **church clean-up**. Primary focuses will be cleaning the kitchen area and weeding the flower beds around the church. Coffee & donuts will be provided; bring your own gloves and water. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/SJWorkday>. Hope to see you there!

Please join us for the **Church Picnic on Saturday, August 19, 1-4PM**. This year is a Hawaiian Luau beach theme: wear your ugliest Hawaiian shirt & a grass skirt! Children's Ministries will bring the fun with plenty of water games and activities for children of all ages to cool everyone off. The Social Committee will provide hamburgers & hot dogs with all the fixin's; the UMM will provide their famous ice cream as a cool dessert! We ask you to bring a side to share. We'll set up some tables & chairs in the Carson Hall parking lot, or bring your own! Register the old-fashioned way by signing up on the clipboard in the church lobby by **Sunday, August 13** so we know how many to prepare for. If you have any questions, please contact Keith Walkowiak at ktwalkowiak@gmail.com.

The 14th Stan Whitt Golf Classic, benefitting pancreatic cancer research, will be held at Zebulon Country Club on Saturday, August 26. Registration will begin at 12:00 noon with a shotgun start at 1:00 and lunch to follow. This event is for everyone regardless of skill level and is always a great time of fellowship and fun. Registration forms are available [here](#), in the church lobby or through the weekly email. Contact Milburn Holbrook (919-554-1419) with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE: The annual BBQ fundraiser is set for Friday, September 29.

Adult ASP Trip: We have dates set for a Fall ASP mission trip for those 18+. We'll be heading to Jonesville, VA Thursday, October 26-Sunday, October 29. Expected cost is \$100 per person. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Pastor Dan (dan@stjamesraleigh.org)!



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