



August 20, 2023 9:15AM



God is the one who calls us to worship. We come to celebrate together all the good things God has done — especially the gift of life and grace in Jesus Christ. When we remember these things, we give thanks and praise to God.

Song – Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength,
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

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Welcome & Announcements

Blessing of the Backpacks

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 – Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin, that we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing. Love, so amazing.
Jesus, Messiah, name above all names; blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

His body, the bread; His blood, the wine; broken and poured out all for love.

The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.

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All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You. All the glory to You, God, the light of the world.

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Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all, the Lord of all, the Lord of all.

Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash & Jesse Reeves.

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Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:9

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.”

Message – Seeing the World Needy and Whole

Bailey Martin

Song – *You Are God Alone*

You are not a god created by human hands; You are not a god dependent on any mortal man.

You are not a god in need of anything we can give. By Your plan, that’s just the way it is.

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You are not a god in need of anything we can give. By Your plan, that’s just the way it is.

You are God alone: from before time began You were on Your throne; You were God alone.

And right now in the good times and bad, You are on Your throne; You are God alone!

You’re the only God whose power none can contend.

You’re the only God whose name and praise will never end.

You’re the only God who’s worthy of ev’ryting we can give. You are God, that’s just the way it is.

You are God alone: from before time began You were on Your throne; You were God alone.

And right now in the good times and bad, You are on Your throne; You are God alone!

Unchangeable! Unshakable! Unstoppable! That’s what You are.

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Benediction

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

Today's Greeters: Chris, Holli & Lilli Bradley
Today's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Paulo DeOliveira
Next Week's Greeters: Peggy Biggers & Lou Gibbs-Anwar
Next Week's Sound/PowerPoint 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!*



Scan this code to give your offering online!

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 8/20 **Promotion Sunday/Blessing of the Backpacks**
Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout church campus
***Backpack Buddies packing, 10:10AM in Carson Hall**
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
***Children's Discipleship Training/Lunch, 12PM in Carson Hall**
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
Worship Team, 4PM in Room 12
Finance Committee, 5PM in the Library
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Mon, 8/21 **Transformational Ministry meeting, 6PM in Room 12**

Tues, 8/22 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office

Wed, 8/23 Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Music Room/Sanctuary

Thurs, 8/24 New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall

Sat, 8/26 **Youth Families Beach Trip, meet at church at 8AM**

Sun, 8/27 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout church campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
Nominations Committee, 4PM in Room 12
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

What to know this week...

Backpack Buddies Packing Today: Join us TODAY during Discipleship Time to help pack 75 Backpack Buddies bags to cover the first 3 weeks of school. We'll gather in Carson Hall immediately following Common Thread. Everyone is welcome!

Children's Discipleship Training is TODAY after worship: If you are a K-5 Discipleship teacher, or willing to join a teaching team, the Children's Ministry Council will have a Teacher Planning and Lunch meeting in Carson Hall at 12pm. Please come join us for fellowship and a look at the fall curriculum.

Are you interested in serving as a liturgist/lay reader? We would like to bring back the liturgists for both worship services. Liturgists will read the announcements, read one of the scripture packages, and possibly lead the prayer after the offering is collected in the 11am service. If you are interested in being a liturgist, please email Sandra Horton (sbhorton1957@gmail.com) or Bailey Martin (youth@stjamesraleigh.org).

Mission Opportunity: Bailey has secured 15 spots to help at the Raleigh Food Bank on Saturday, September 2, and has invited anyone in the congregation to come serve with the youth! We'll meet at the church at 8:30 am and drive over to the Food Bank to work 9am-12pm on warehouse projects. All participants must fill out a waiver before volunteering, so please contact Bailey (youth@stjamesraleigh.org) if you are interested in helping out!

Kids Club: There is no Kids Club in August. We will have our **Kids Club Kickoff on Sunday, September 10 at 4:00PM** in Carson Hall. Bailey will lead the youth and kids in a Family Feud Night: Adult Volunteers vs. Kids/Youth. If you are currently volunteering, or have considered volunteering with either Kids Club or Youth, we invite you to come join us for some fun and to learn more about what is planned for the Kids Club and Youth programs for 2023-24!

The 2023 **Stan Whitt Classic Golf Tournament** scheduled for August 26, 2023 **has been rescheduled for October 7**. This spring, our host course Zebulon Country Club reseeded their greens. Due to the weather, the greens will not be available for play by August 26, so we have worked with the course to reschedule for October 7. We apologize for this change. If you have any questions, please contact Milburn Holbrook (919-554-1419, 919-247-5233 or mholbr2@ncsu.edu).

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) by August 31!

Stephen Ministry Note: Our Stephen Ministry will begin a training in October. Stephen Ministers are lay persons who have been trained and commissioned to provide Christian care for others. The care and friendship of a Stephen Minister can be a source of strength, guidance and comfort to persons going through difficult times. If you are interested in this ministry and feel called to serve as a Stephen Minister, please contact Pat Fasone (919-630-5909) for more information.

Plan Ahead! As students return to school and our programs and events gear up for the fall, please remember to plan ahead and submit Ministry Planning Sheets for any new meetings or events. We are working to get a Google calendar linked from our church software added to our church webpage for planning purposes, but if you don't submit a Planning Sheet, your event won't make it onto the church calendar. Planning Sheets are available in the office or under the Members tab on the church website, or you can contact Martha (office@stjamesraleigh.org; 919-876-5796) for help.