



August 27, 2023 9:15AM

The psalmist proclaims that God's word is a lamp for our feet (Psalm 119:105). May you experience the light of God's guidance on your path today. Welcome.



Song – Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, O God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing can keep us apart.

So, remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise, O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God. You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough, heaven reaching down to us. Your grace is enough for me.

God, I see Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love. Your grace is enough for me, for me.

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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 – Dwell

Dwell in the midst of us; come and dwell in this place. Dwell in the midst of us; come and have Your way.
Dwell in the midst of us; wipe all the tears from our faces. Dwell in the midst of us; You can have Your way.

Not our will, but Yours be done; come, come and change us.
Not our will, but Yours be done; come sustain us.

Dwell in the midst of us; come and dwell in this place. Dwell in the midst of us; come and have Your way.

Not our will, but Yours be done; come, come and change us.
Not our will, but Yours be done; come sustain us.
Not our will, but Yours be done; come, come and change us.
Not our will, but Yours be done; come sustain us.

You can have Your way. You can have Your way.
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Not our will, but Yours be done; come and change us. Not our will, but Yours be done.

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Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:10-12

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Message – Action and Reaction

Pastor Dan Baer

Song – I Will Never Be the Same Again

I will never be the same again; I can never return, I've closed the door.
I will walk the path, I'll run the race, and I will never be the same again.

I will never be the same again, I can never return, I've closed the door.
I will walk the path, I'll run the race and I will never be the same again.

Fall like fire, soak like rain; flow like mighty waters, again and again.
Sweep away the darkness, burn away the chaff, and let a flame burn to glorify Your name.
There are higher heights, there are deeper seas, whatever you need to do, Lord, do in me.
The Glory of God fills my life, and I will never be the same again.

Fall like fire, soak like rain; flow like mighty waters, again and again.
Sweep away the darkness, burn away the chaff, and let a flame burn to glorify Your name.

I will never be the same again; I can never return, I've closed the door.
I will walk the path, I'll run the race and I will never be the same again.
No, I will never be the same again.

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Benediction

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

Today's Greeters: Peggy Biggers & Lou Gibbs-Anwar
Today's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Mike Lamar

Next Week's Greeters: Keith, Temple, Meredith & Thomas Walkowiak
Next Week's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Keith Walkowiak

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!**

What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

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

Mon, 8/28 **Children's Ministries Council, 6:30PM in the Library**

Tues, 8/29 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office

Wed, 8/30 Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Music Room/Sanctuary

Thurs, 8/31 New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall

Sat, 9/2 ***Mission Opportunity at NC Food Bank, 9am-12pm**

Sun, 9/3 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout church campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Mon. 9/4 **Office Closed for Labor Day**

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 passages, 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).

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!**

***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!

Special Offering: Our 3rd quarter special offering will support our Backpack Buddies program. This is a new mission that provides weekend food staples to food-insecure children at Wildwood Forest Elementary each week during the school year. This offering will be collected on **Sunday, September 10**; please label your checks or offering envelopes with "Backpack Buddies."

Kids Club Kickoff is 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!

Fall Bible Study: Pastor Dan will lead a 12-week Bible Study on the book of Acts, beginning **Monday, September 18**. The class will meet September 18-December 11 at 10:30AM in Room 12. The book of Acts chronicles some of the most important events in Christian history: the scattering of Jesus's disciples across the known world, the coming of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the early church, and more. Books will cost \$7 each; a sign-up sheet is available on the clipboard wall in the lobby.

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 mhholbr2@ncsu.edu).

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.

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