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August 27, 2023
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

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.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: God has given us this day for praise!

People: Praise be to God for this most generous gift!

Leader: God has given his Son to us that we might learn ways of peace and mercy.

People: Let the words of God's own Son, Jesus, enter our hearts and transform our lives!

Leader: Come, let us worship this great God of abundant mercy and love!

**All: Let our songs, our words, and our thoughts reflect God's healing and restoring love.
AMEN.**

Hymns – *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

UMH 714

Doxology

UMH 95

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer

(Please use the prayer cards in the pews or email prayerrequests@stjamesraleigh.org to share your prayer concerns. You may place prayer cards in the prayer box near the altar rail.)

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.

Scripture Reading – 1 Peter 4: 12-19

NRSV pew Bible, p. 221 (NT)

The Apostles Creed

UMH 881

Choir Anthem – *The Beatitudes*

O how blest are the poor in Spirit; theirs is the Kingdom of heaven,

And how blest are the sad and mournful; they'll be consoled by God.

O how blest are the meek and humble; they will inherit the earth.

And how blest those who hunger for goodness; they all will feast with God.

Blest and happy we shall be! Listen to His Word!

Soon the Kingdom's coming – watch and see: the Kingdom of the Lord!

O how blest are the mercy givers; mercy they will receive,

And how blest are the pure in heart; they will surely see God.

Blest and happy, listen to His Word!

Soon the Kingdom's coming – watch and see: the Kingdom of the Lord!
O how blest are the true peacemakers; they will be known as God's children.
And how blest those who suffer for justice; they will be honored by God.
Blest and happy, listen to His Word!
Soon the Kingdom's coming – watch and see: the Kingdom of the Lord, Kingdom of the Lord.
Richard Avery and Donald marsh; arr. by John F. Wilson. ©1979, 1981 Hope Publishing Company..

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5: 10-12

NRSV pew Bible, p. 4 (NT)

Message – Action and Reaction

Pastor Dan Baer

Hymn – *Shall We Gather at the River*

UMH 723

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

*The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by Brenda Robertson
in honor of M.A Robertson's birthday and their wedding anniversary.*

Today's Greeters: William & Sharon Johnson
Today's Sound System Operator: Steve Snow

Next Week's Greeters: Phil & Pat Fasone
Next Week's Sound Operator: Mike Lamar
Altar Flowers: Brenda Robertson

*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 in the
pew holders, and return it to the offering plate or one of the ushers/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."

(Announcements, continued)

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.



The Annual BBQ Fundraiser is coming Friday, September 29! Please think how you can support this fundraiser: whether by cooking, assembling plates, baking brownies, taking/delivering orders to local businesses, or publicizing the BBQ to all your friends and neighbors! A volunteer sign-up will be available in September!

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