



September 3, 2023 9:15AM



Welcome! God says: "Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth" (Psalm 78:1). Let us listen for God's voice as we worship.

### **Song – Blessed Be Your Name**

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,  
where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.  
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise,  
when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
when the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,  
though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.  
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise,  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious Name.

You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.  
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Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

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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](mailto: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 – In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died the will of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth to glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty.

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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 – *Breathe***

This is the air I breathe; this is the air I breathe, Your holy presence living in me.  
This is my daily bread; this is my daily bread, Your very word spoken to me.  
And I, I'm desperate for You. And I, I'm lost without You.

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This is the air I breathe; this is the air I breathe.

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### **Benediction**

### **Sharing Offerings**

### **Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve**

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

Next Week's Greeters: Tony & Sandra Horton  
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, 9/3** Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall  
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout church campus  
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary  
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall  
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

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

**Tues, 9/5** Library Committee, 9AM in the Library

**Wed, 9/6** Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Music Room/Sanctuary

**Thurs, 9/7** New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room  
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall

**Sat, 9/9** **\*Produce Assembly, 8:30AM in Carson Hall**

**Sun, 9/10** **\*3Q Special Offering for Backpack Buddies**  
Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall  
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout church campus  
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary  
**Board of Trustees, 4PM in the Library**  
**Congregational Care, 4PM in Room 12**  
**\*Kids Club Kickoff/St. James Youth, 4PM in Carson Hall**  
**SPRC, 5PM in Room 12**  
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

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**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](mailto:sbhorton1957@gmail.com)) or Bailey Martin ([youth@stjamesraleigh.org](mailto:youth@stjamesraleigh.org)).

**Special Offering:** Our 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Annual BBQ Fundraiser is coming Friday, September 29! Please think how you can support this fundraiser: whether by cooking, assembling plates, baking brownies, taking orders &/or delivering them to local businesses, or publicizing the BBQ to all your friends and neighbors! Sign up to help at [www.tinyurl.com/BBQVolunteers!](http://www.tinyurl.com/BBQVolunteers!)

The 2023 **Stan Whitt Classic Golf Tournament** scheduled for August 26, 2023 **has been rescheduled for October 7**. There's still time to put a team together and register! Download a form [here](#) or pick one up on the clipboard wall in the church lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Milburn Holbrook (919-554-1419, 919-247-5233 or [mhholbr2@ncsu.edu](mailto:mhholbr2@ncsu.edu)).



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