



September 10, 2023 9:15AM



Family of Christ, grace and peace be with you as we gather to worship in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

Song – *Here I Am to Worship*

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.

Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor.

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

I'll never know how much it cost... I'll never know how much it cost...

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

Here I am to worship, here I am to say that You're my God.

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Greeting and Passing of the Peace

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.

What We Believe – A Modern Affirmation

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

ALL: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Song – *We Fall Down*

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus; the greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus. And we cry, "Holy, holy, holy." And we cry, "Holy, holy, holy." And we cry, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb."

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus; the greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus. And we cry, "Holy, holy, holy." And we cry, "Holy, holy, holy." And we cry, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb."

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus; the greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus. And we cry, "Holy, holy, holy." And we cry, "Holy, holy, holy." And we cry, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb." And we cry, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb."

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Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 9: 6-7

For a child has been born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His government and its peace will never end.

He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity.

The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

New Testament Lesson – Romans 12: 4-13

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

Message – What Is Your Passion?

Sandra Horton

Song – *I Will Rise*

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.

There's an anchor for my soul. I can say, "It is well."

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.

The victory is won. He is risen from the dead.

And I will rise, when he calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.

I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees and rise. I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light,

And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.

The victory is won. He is risen from the dead.

And I will rise, when he calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.

I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees and rise. I will rise.

And I hear the voice of many angels, "Worthy is the Lamb."
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb."
And I hear the voice of many angels, "Worthy is the Lamb."
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb." "Worthy is the Lamb."

I will rise, when He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees and rise.
I will rise. I will rise.

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Benediction

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

Today's Greeters: Tony & Sandra Horton
Today's Sound Operator: Matoka Snuggs
Today's PowerPoint Operator: Tucker Thorpe

Next Week's Greeters: Tom, Stephanie & Blake Wilson
Next Week's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Paulo DeOliveira

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, 9/10 **3rd Quarter 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 Council, 4PM in Room 12
Kids Club Kickoff w/Youth, 4PM in Carson Hall
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Mon, 9/11 **Raleigh SeniorTechEd Open Help Workshop, 1PM in Room 12**

Tues, 9/12 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library

Staff Meeting, 10:30AM in the Office

Wed, 9/13 Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Music Room/Sanctuary

Thurs, 9/14 New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room

Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall

Sun, 9/17 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall

Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout church campus

Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary

Administrative Council, 4PM in Carson Hall

St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall

NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

***Special Offering: Today is our 3rd quarter special offering that will support our Backpack Buddies program for food-insecure children at Wildwood Forest Elementary each week during the school year. Please label your checks or offering envelopes with "Backpack Buddies," and thank you for giving!**

***Kids Club Kickoff is TODAY at 4pm 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!**

Christmas Cantata Practice Starting! Anyone who is interested in singing the Christmas Cantata with the choir should join us in the Music Room on Wednesday nights 6:00-6:30pm. The Cantata is scheduled for Sunday, December 17 during 11am Sanctuary Worship.

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 [https://tinyurl.com/SJ-BBQVolunteers!](https://tinyurl.com/SJ-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 mholbr2@ncsu.edu).

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).