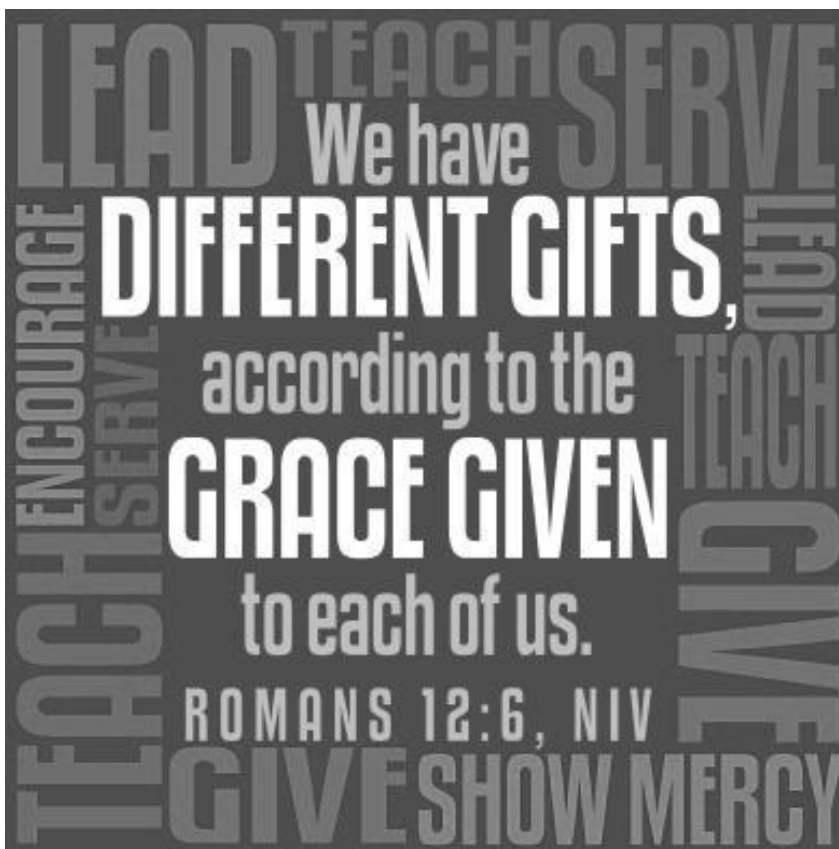




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September 10, 2023
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

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.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Leader: Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

ALL: We are the Lord's; we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.

Hymns – *This Is My Father's World*

UMH 144

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.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 9: 6-7

NRSV pew Bible, p. 600 (OT)

What We Believe: A Modern Affirmation

UMH 885

Anthem – *Panis Angelicus*

Amber Hitchcock & Chrissy Dunavan

Cesar Franck

New Testament Lesson – Romans 12: 4-13

NRSV pew Bible, pp. 151-152 (NT)

Message – What Is Your Passion?

Sandra Horton

Closing Hymn – *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

UMH 396

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

The flowers in worship today are given by Kerney & Mary Hayes to the glory of God and in memory of Elizabeth Hayes and Louisa Hancock.

Today's Greeters: Prince & Gloria Jones
Today's Sound System Operator: Matoka Snuggs

Next Week's Greeters: M.A. & Brenda Robertson
Next Week's Sound Operator: Tim Johnson
Next Week's Altar Flowers: Mary Ellen & Paul Mauney

*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!*

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, 9/6 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**

**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**

What to know this week...

***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).