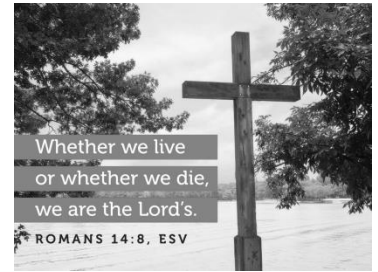




September 17, 2023 9:15AM

Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship — a chance to be fed and nourished by God's Word before being sent again to serve the world in the week ahead.



Song – How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away;
as wounds which mar the chosen one bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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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 – Lord, Reign in Me

Over all the earth You reign on high, every mountain stream, every sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that You'd reign in me again.

Lord, reign in me, reign in Your power, over all my dreams, in my darkest hour;
You are the Lord of all I am. So won't You reign in me again?

Over every thought, over every word, may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord;
'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing.
So won't you reign in me again?

Lord, reign in me, reign in Your power, over all my dreams, in my darkest hour;
You are the Lord of all I am. So won't You reign in me again?
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You are the Lord of all I am. So won't You reign in me again?
Won't You reign in me again? Won't You reign in me again?

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Gospel Reading – Romans 14: 1-10

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

Message – We Belong Together

Rev. Tim Caudle

Song – Thank You, Lord

I come before You today, and there's just one thing that I want to say;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord,

For all You've given to me, for all the blessings that I cannot see;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise, with an outstretched arm I will bless Your name.
Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord; thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord.
Thank You, Lord.

For all You've done in my life, You took my darkness and gave me Your light;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.

You took my sin and my shame, You took my sickness and healed all my pain;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise, with an outstretched arm I will bless Your name.
Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord; thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord.
Thank You, Lord.

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Benediction

Sharing Offerings; Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

Please welcome Rev. Tim Caudle as our guest speaker today! Tim has been a UMC Licensed Local Pastor for 6 years, and recently completed an appointment at Vass UMC. He lives with his wife in Fuquay-Varina. We're happy to have him lead us in worship today!

Today's Greeters: Scott & Leslie Payne
Today's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Paulo DeOliveira
Next Week's Greeters: Tom, Stephanie & Blake Wilson
Next Week's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Mike Lamar

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!*

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 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*

Mon, 9/18 ***Acts Bible Study, 10:30AM in Room 12**
Clara Swain Circle, 7PM in Room 12*

Tues, 9/19 *Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10:30AM in the Office
GS Troop 4491, 6:30PM in Montague Hall*

Wed, 9/20 ***Coffee & Conversation, 11:30AM at Milton Pizza, 8853 Six Forks Rd.**
Christmas Cantata Practice, 6PM in the Music Room
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30PM in Music Room/Sanctuary*

Thurs, 9/21 *New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall*

Sat, 9/23 *Produce Assembly,*

Sun, 9/24 *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout church campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
Kids Club Kickoff/St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall*

What to know this week...

***Fall Bible Study:** Pastor Dan will lead a 12-week Bible Study on the book of Acts, beginning **tomorrow morning**. The class will meet September 18-December 11 at 10:30AM in Room 12. Books cost \$7 each; a sign-up sheet and payment envelopes are available on the clipboard wall in the lobby.

***The Coffee & Conversation** widows' group will meet at 11:30am this Wednesday, Sept. 20 at Milton's Pizza, 8853 Six Forks Rd. in the Six Forks Station Shopping Center. Please contact Peggy Biggers (919-632-1212, 919-872-1800, biggers11@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. Thank you!

***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.

***Kids Club Kickoff – 2nd Try:** We're going to try the Family Feud between Kids Club/Youth and the adults again on Sunday, September 24 at 4:00pm in Carson Hall. Bailey will lead the game following a brief parents' meeting and snack supper. Game time will be at 5pm: don't miss it!



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>! We are also accepting \$25 donations towards the purchase of pork shoulders: just designate "Pork Shoulder" on your envelope or check (made to St. James UMC).

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).

Church Luncheon Planned! Join us for a concessions-style lunch on **Sunday, October 8 at 12:00 noon**. We'll have hot dogs with all the fixings, nachos with homemade queso, popcorn and ice cream! And our PNC Concessions Team will share a report about our fundraising efforts in 2022-23. Please let us know that you're coming by signing up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A4AD2EABF85-never#/> or on the clipboard sheet in the church lobby.

And, while we're on the subject, it's time to start **volunteering for PNC Arena Concessions** again! This is a great fundraiser for our church and an opportunity to fellowship with church friends! If you're new to the team, don't worry – we'll train you. Please check out the dates and sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A4AD2EABF85-concessions>.