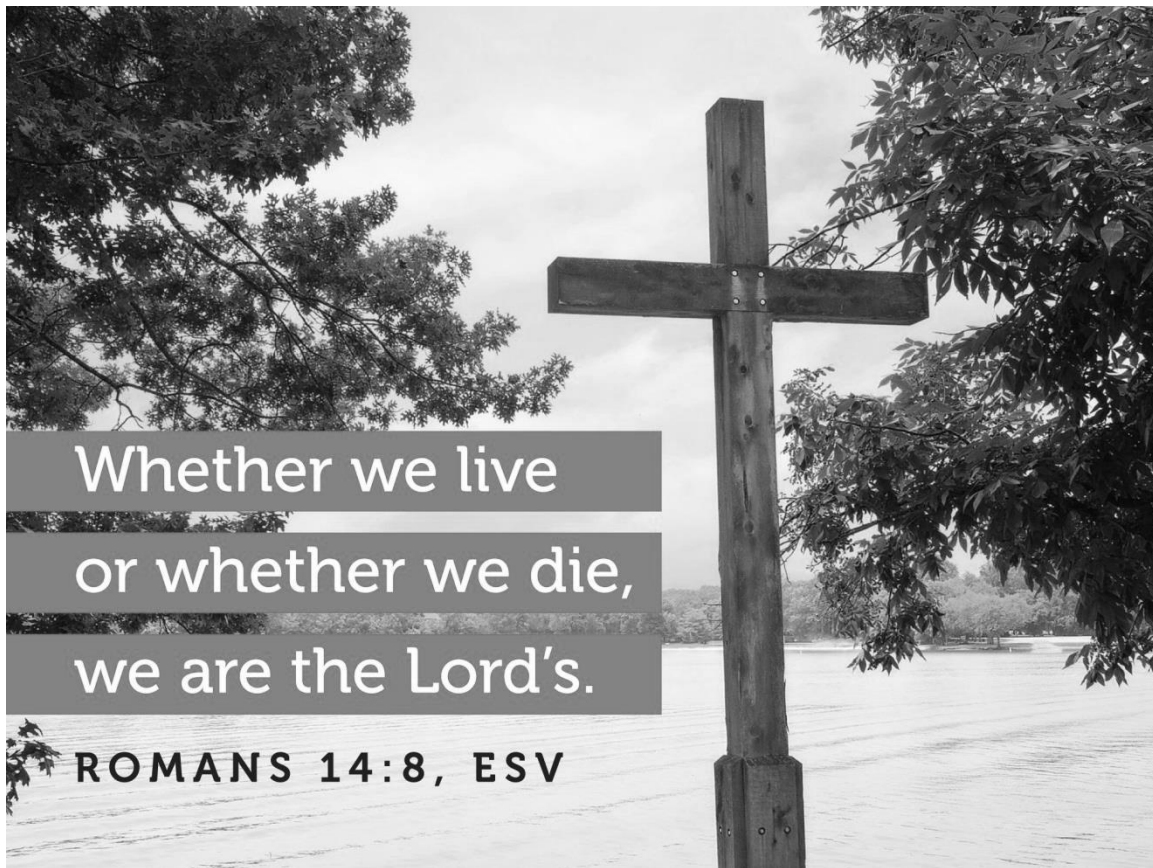




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September 17, 2023
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

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.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: No one is an island. We are all joined in Jesus Christ.

People: Who else is like you, loving God? Who else is like you: beautiful in holiness, Awesome in all the things you do for us.

Leader: No one lives by themselves; no one dies by themselves. Whether we live or die we are the Lord's.

ALL: The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

Hymn – In Christ, There Is No East or West

UMH 548

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.

Choir Anthem – Be Still

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you.

Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am here for you; and I will wipe your tears; and you will be renewed.

Come unto Me, My child, be still, and know that I will give you rest, will give you rest.

I am present in your pain and I always will remain your Comforter and Friend.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you.

Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am here for you; and I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.

Peace I leave with you. My peace, I give unto you. Peace. Peace. Peace.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God. Be still. Be still. Be still.

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

UMH 880

New Testament Reading – Romans 14: 1-10

NRSV pew Bible, pp. 152-153 (NT)

Message – We Belong Together

Rev. Tim Caudle

Hymn – *The Servant Song*

TFWS 2222

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

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!

The flowers in worship today are given by Mary Ellen & Paul Mauney to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents.

Today's Greeters: M. A. & Brenda Robertson
Today's Sound System Operator: Tim Johnson

Next Week's Greeters: Mary Ellen Mauney and Anita Robinson-Christmas
Next Week's Sound Operator: Steve Snow

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, 9/17** *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 mholbr2@ncsu.edu).