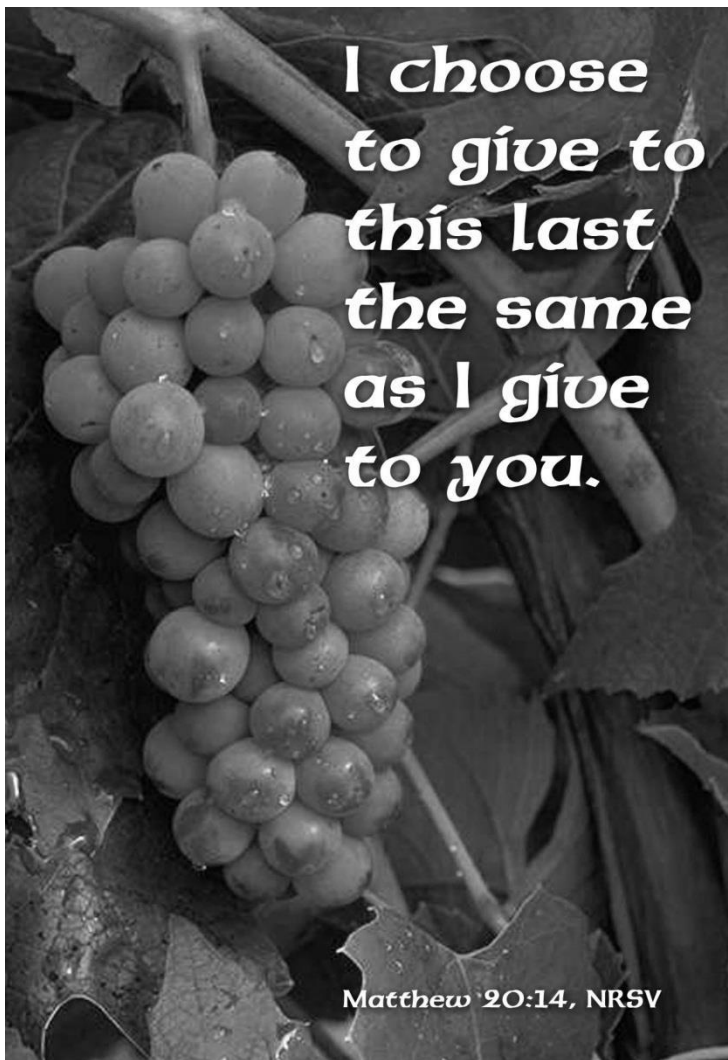




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**September 24, 2023**  
**11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship**

We are tenants, not owners, of this “vineyard” — this earth, this life.  
God, as we live and work in your vineyard, teach us to cultivate love.

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: Come! Now is the time to worship!

**People: We come to worship God who provides!**

Leader: When the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, God provided manna and quail.

**People: God provides in unexpected ways!**

Leader: Come! Now is the time to worship!

**ALL: We come to worship and partner with God who provides for the long haul!**

## **Hymn – To God Be the Glory**

UMH 98

## **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](mailto: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 – Jonah 3:10-4:11**

NRSV pew Bible, pp. 810-811

## **The Apostles’ Creed**

UMH 881

## **Choir Anthem – Holy God**

Holy God, we praise Your name. Lord of all, we bow before You.

All on earth Your pow’r proclaim. All in heaven above adore You.

Infinite Your vast domain. Everlasting is Your reign.

Hear the loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising.

Cherubim and Seraphim in unceasing chorus singing praises.

Fill the heav’ns with one accord singing “Holy, holy, holy Lord!”

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name You.

While in essence only one, undivided God we claim You and adoring we give praise.

Everlasting is the song we raise. Amen.

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**Gospel Reading – Matthew 20: 1-16**

**Message – Is God Fair?**

**Hymn – *I Love to Tell the Story***

**Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World**

NRSV pew Bible, pp. 20-21 (NT)

Pastor Dan Baer

UMH 156

Today’s Greeters: Mary Ellen Mauney & Anita Robinson-Christmas

Today’s Sound System Operator: Steve Snow

Next Week’s Greeters: Ed & Ellen Giunco

Next Week’s Sound 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 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!*

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## **What to know this week...**

### **Calendar this week:**

- TODAY, 9/24** Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall  
**\*Backpack Buddies Packing, 10AM in Carson Hall**  
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout church campus  
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary  
**Kids Club Kickoff/St. James Youth, 4PM in Carson Hall**  
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall
- Mon, 9/25** Acts Bible Study, 10:30AM in Room 12  
**Raleigh SeniorTechEd Open Help Workshop, 1PM in Room 12**  
**Children's Ministries Council, 6:30PM in the Library**  
GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
- Tues, 9/26** Library Committee, 9AM in the Library  
Staff Meeting, 10:30AM in the Office  
GS Troop 733, 6PM in Montague Hall
- Wed, 9/27** **Mary Brown Circle, 10AM in Room 12**  
**Christmas Cantata Practice, 6PM in the Music Room**  
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30PM in Music Room/Sanctuary
- Thurs, 9/28** New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room  
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall
- Fri, 9/29** **\*BBQ Fundraiser, 11AM-7PM in Kitchen, Carson Hall, & Playground Parking Lot (drive-thru)**
- Sun, 10/1** Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall  
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout church campus  
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**\*Kids Club Kickoff – 2<sup>nd</sup> Try:** We're going to try the Family Feud between Kids Club/Youth and the adults again TODAY 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!

**Fall Bible Study:** Pastor Dan will lead a 12-week Bible Study on the book of Acts each Monday 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.

**\*Raleigh SeniorTechEd:** If you need help figuring out your technical devices (smartphones, tablets, computers), drop by Room 12 at 1pm tomorrow afternoon. The RSTE techs will be glad to help you during this Open Help Workshop!

**\*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.



**\*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](mailto: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>.

**Blessing of the Animals Service:** Bring your furry, feathered, or scaly friends to a blessing service on **Sunday, October 8 at 3:30pm**. Park in the playground parking lot and we'll gather together in the yard. All animals should be suitably controlled: whether on leashes or in kennels or cages.