



October 8, 2023 9:15AM

The psalmist proclaims that God's word is a lamp for our feet (Psalm 119:105). May you experience the light of God's guidance on your path today. Welcome!

**"I AM THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD."**

WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL NEVER
WALK IN DARKNESS,
BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE."
JOHN 8:12



Song – Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Our God, You reign forever. Our Hope, our Strong Deliverer.

You are the Everlasting God, the Everlasting God. You do not faint, You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need. You lift us up on wings like eagles.

Love will grow as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Love will grow as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Our God, You reign forever. Our Hope, our Strong Deliverer.

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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 – God of Wonders

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky, the heavens are your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high.
God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy; the universe declares Your majesty.
You are holy, holy; Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light, when I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night.
God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy; the universe declares Your majesty.
You are holy, holy; Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

Men: Hallelujah

Women: to the Lord of heaven and earth.

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God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy; the universe declares Your majesty.
You are holy, holy; Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong.

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Gospel Reading – John 1: 1, 3b-5; John 8:12

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

Message – Be the Light

Pastor Dan Baer

Song – *Mighty to Save*

Ev'ryone needs compassion, love that's never failing; let mercy fall on me.

Ev'ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior. The Hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save!

Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again.

I give my life to follow, ev'rything I believe in; now I surrender.

Savior, He can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save!

Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave!

Shine your light and let the whole world see: we're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus!

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Savior, He can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save!

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Benediction

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

Today's Greeters: William & Dawn Robertson

Today's Sound Operator: Matoka Snuggs

Today's PowerPoint Operator: Tucker Thorpe

Next Week's Greeters: Ed & Kay Smallwood

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!*

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 10/8 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout church campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
***Concessions-Style Lunch, 12PM in Carson Hall**
***Blessing of the Animals Service, 3:30PM in Carson Hall Parking Lot**
*Children's Sunday Music Practice, 4PM in Music Room
Congregational Care Council, 4PM in Room 12
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Mon, 10/9 Acts Bible Study, 10:30AM in Room 12
GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Transformational Ministry, 6:30PM in Room 12

Tues, 10/10 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10:30AM in the Office
GS Troop 733, 6:00PM in Montague Hall
Safe Sanctuaries, 6:30PM in the Library

Wed, 10/11 Christmas Cantata Practice, 6PM in the Music Room
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30PM in Music Room/Sanctuary

Thurs, 10/12 New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall

Sat, 10/14 **Dottie Wilder Reception, 1pm in Carson Hall**
Dottie Wilder Memorial Service, 2pm in the Sanctuary
GS Troop 1929, 1:30PM in Montague Hall

Sun, 10/15 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout church campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
*Children's Sunday Music Practice, 4PM in Music Room
SPRC, 4PM in the Library
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
Worship Team, 4PM in Room 12
Finance Committee, 5PM in the Library
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

We have a lot of committee meetings taking place this week. Please note times and locations in the calendar above.



*Scan this code to give
your offering online!*

What to know this week...

***Church Luncheon Today!** Join us for a concessions-style lunch today 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. This is a great opportunity to **volunteer or PNC Arena Concessions!** 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.

*** Music Practice for Children's Sunday:** On Sunday, October 29, we'll have a special 5th Sunday combined worship service celebrating Children's Sunday. St. James kids will be participating in worship in many different ways, including singing! Chrissy would like any children interested in participating in the Children's Sunday worship service to **come each Sunday to the Music Room at 4pm** to learn and rehearse the music for that special service.

***Christmas Cantata Practice:** 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.

Church Work Day Scheduled: The leaves are falling, and that means a fall cleanup of our campus! Our Trustees have a work day scheduled for **Saturday, October 21 at 8:30am**. Our focus will be clearing the sticks and leaves outside in our beds, yards, and playground. Juice and donuts will be provided! Please sign up to help at <https://tinyurl.com/SJWorkday>. Thank you!

Trunk or Treat coming October 29: Please mark your calendars to join us for the Social Committee's Trunk or Treat on **Sunday, October 29, 4-6PM**. Our goal this year is to engage with more folks while we have them here on our campus, so we'll also include games organized by our youth and a light supper and ice cream provided by the UMM. Please register for a parking spot at <https://tinyurl.com/2023-Trunk>. A "group" can be a committee, a discipleship group, a family or couple of families, or friends that want to join together for a good time. Each group will provide their own candy to hand out. If you are unable to join the festivities but would like to donate candy instead, please contact Keith Walkowiak (ktwalkowiak@gmail.com).

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