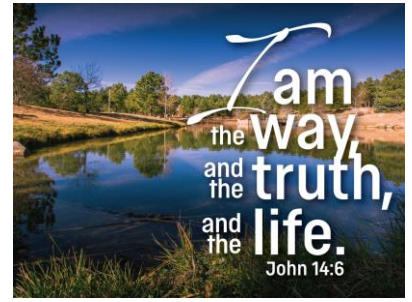




November 12, 2023 9:15AM

Praise to you this autumn morning, Lord God!
Thank you for claiming us as your children.



Song – It Is You

As we lift up our hands will You meet us here?
As we call on Your name will You meet us here?
We have come to this place to worship You, God of mercy and grace.
It is You we adore; it is You praises are for; only You the heavens declare.

It is You, it is You.
And holy, holy is our God Almighty, and holy, holy is His name alone.
And holy, holy is our God Almighty and holy, holy is His name alone.
It is You we adore, it is You, only You.

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As we lift up our hands, as we call on Your name, will You meet us in this place by Your mercy and grace?
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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 – He Knows My Name

I have a Maker, He formed my heart.
Before even time began, my life was in His hand.
He knows my name, He knows my ev'ry thought.

He sees each tear that falls, and hears me when I call.

I have a Father, he calls me His own.

He'll never leave me, no matter where I go.

He knows my name, He knows my ev'ry thought.

He sees each tear that falls, and hears me when I call.

He knows my name, He knows my ev'ry thought.

He sees each tear that falls, and hears me when I call.

He hears me when I call.

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Gospel Reading – John 14: 6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Message – The Perfect Combination

Pastor Dan Baer

Song – *Better Than Life*

Your love is everlasting, it's an everlasting love.

Your mercy is as new as ev'ry rising of the sun,

and Your loving kindness, loving kindness is better than life.

Your grace is all sufficient, it's an all-sufficient grace.

Your power and Your glory are forever on display.

And Your loving kindness, loving kindness is better than life.

Oh, it's better, oh, better than life.

Oh, so much better. Jesus, Your loving kindness is better than life.

Fairest of ten thousand, of ten thousand You are fair,

And nothing in this world could ever measure or compare

To Your loving kindness, loving kindness is better than life.

All Your ways are just, O Lord, You're just in all Your ways,

And I will lift my hands, O Lord, with gratitude and praise;

For Your loving kindness, loving kindness is better than life.

Oh, it's better, oh, better than life.

Oh, so much better. Jesus, Your loving kindness is better than life.

Jesus, Your loving kindness is better than life itself, better than life itself.

Jesus, Your loving kindness is better than life itself, better than life.

Oh, it's better, oh, better than life.

Oh, so much better. Jesus, Your loving kindness.

Oh, it's better, oh, better than life.

Oh, so much better. Jesus, Your loving kindness is better than life.

Better than life! Better than life! Better than life!

Cindy Cruse-Ratcliff and Israel Houghton

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Benediction

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

Today's Greeters: Tony & Sandra Horton
Today's Sound Operator: Matoka Snuggs
Today's PowerPoint Operator: Tucker Thorpe

Next Week's Greeters: Tom, Stephanie & Blake Wilson
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!*



Scan this code to give your offering online!

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Martha Brown, Office Manager.....	office@stjamesraleigh.org
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What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

- TODAY, 11/12** Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout church campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
Congregational Care, 4PM in Room 12
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall
- Mon, 11/13** Acts Bible Study, 10:30AM in Room 12
***Raleigh SeniorTechEd Open Help Workshop, 1PM in Room 12**
GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
- Tues, 11/14** Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10:30AM in the Office
GS Troop 773, 6PM in Montague Hall
- Wed, 11/15** ***Coffee & Conversation, 11:30AM at Applebee's Grill + Bar, 7831 Target Circle, Raleigh 27616 (near Triangle Town Center)**
SPRC Meeting, 6PM in the Library
Cantata Practice, 6:30PM in Music Room
Charge Conference, 7PM via ZOOM
Choir Practice, 7PM in Music Room/Sanctuary
- Thurs, 11/16** New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall
- Sat, 11/18** GS Troop 1042, 10AM in Montague Hall
***Fulton Betts' "100 Years Young" Party, 2-5PM in Carson Hall**
- Sun, 11/19** 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
***Kids Club/Youth FriendsGiving, 4PM in Montague Hall**
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Raleigh SeniorTechEd will be onsite in Room 12 again Monday at 1PM to answer questions and offer help with your technological devices, such as computers, tablets, or smartphones. Cost is \$5; these workshops are "drop-in" sessions that don't require registration.

Coffee & Conversation on Wednesday: St. James widows will gather for our monthly support/fellowship group on Wednesday, November 15. This time we're headed to Applebee's Grill + Bar near Triangle Town Center (7831 Target Circle, Raleigh 27616) to enjoy lunch and laughs together. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30AM or contact Peggy Biggers (919-632-1212 or biggers11@aol.com) if you need a ride, or even if you're planning on coming.

You're Invited! Come help **Fulton Betts** celebrate his **100th birthday** at a "100 Years Young" party on **Saturday, November 18!** Please drop by Carson Hall anytime 2-5PM to share congratulations, memories, food and fellowship with St James' only centenarian!

Kids Club/Youth FriendsGiving November 19: Kids Club and Youth will meet together in Montague Hall 4-6PM next Sunday to celebrate FriendsGiving! It's a potluck, so please bring your favorite dish to share with everyone!

Please participate in our **November THANKS for GIVING food drive**. Our food pantry bags are packed with specific items each month and we hope you will donate many to the Food Pantry collection box in the lobby Welcome Center. The bags we share with families are uniformly packed with products of certain sizes so everything will fit. The brands don't matter, but please only donate unexpired food in the sizes listed on the orange flyer. If you don't have time to shop, please donate money to the Food Pantry and we'll shop for you! Designate your donations on checks or offering envelopes as Designated Fund: Food Pantry.