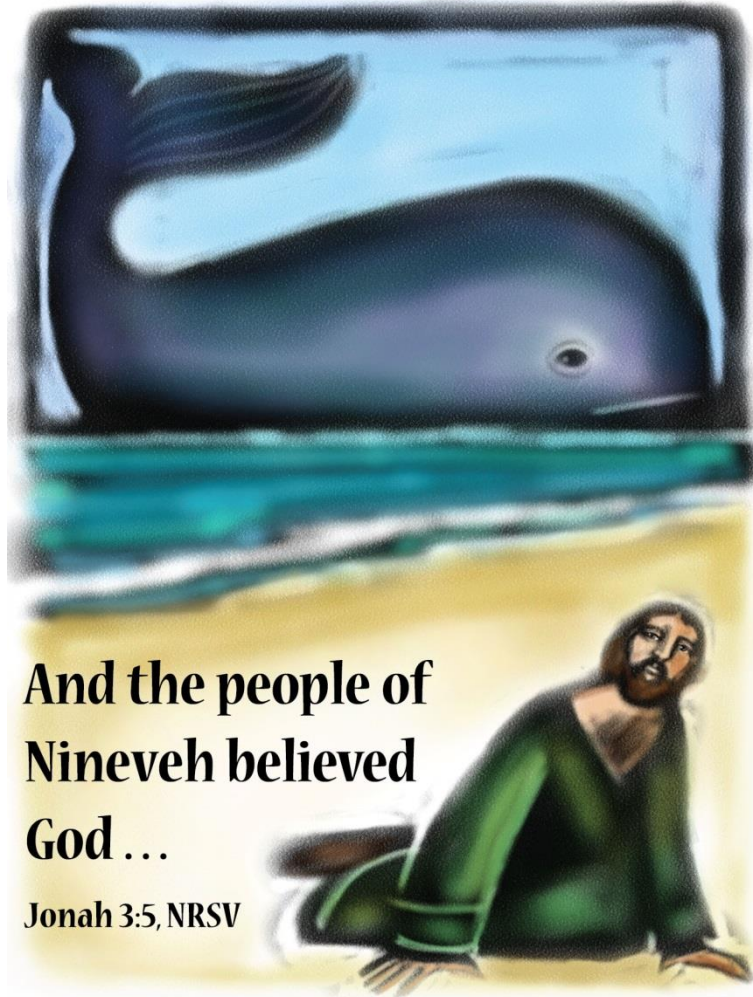




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January 21, 2024
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Open the eyes and ears of our hearts, creative Spirit, to listen for your word of truth. Amen.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Gathered in worship with silence and sound,

People: We wait upon God's grace.

Leader: Gathered in worship with focused heart and mind,

ALL: We anticipate the time we face.

Hymn – “Trust & Obey”

UMH 467

Doxology

UMH 95

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer

(Please use the prayer cards in the pews 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.

Gospel Reading – Mark 1: 14-20

NRSV pew Bible, p.33 (NT)

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 881

Anthem – “In the Bleak Midwinter” (arr. B. Harlan)

Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading – Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

NRSV pew Bible, p. 811 (OT)

Message – God Changed His Mind

Pastor Dan Baer

Hymn – “Softly and Tenderly”

UMH 348

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by Amanda Miller, Kim Aspden, Laurie Miller, Ashton Miller & Cameron Aspden in memory of Donald Miller, on what would have been his 89th birthday today.

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

Next Week's Greeters: Mary Ellen Mauney & Anita Robinson-Christmas
Next Week's Sound System 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, 1/21	<i>Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary Finance Committee, 4PM in Room 12 *Kids Club/SJ Youth, 4PM in Carson Hall NA, 7PM in Saints Hall</i>
Mon, 1/22	<i>GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall</i>
Tues, 1/23	<i>Library Committee, 9AM in the Library Staff Meeting, 12:30PM in the Office *New Time GS Troop 733, 6PM in Montague Hall</i>
Wed, 1/24	<i>Life Line Screening, 9AM-5PM in Carson Hall Mary Brown Circle, 10AM in Saints Hall Choir Rehearsal, 7PM in the Sanctuary</i>
Thurs, 1/25	<i>New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall</i>
Sat, 1/27	<i>GS Troop 1929, 1:30PM in Montague Hall</i>
Sun, 1/28	<i>Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary Mr. St. James Men's Pageant & Lunch, 12PM in Carson Hall Family Ministries Team, 1:30PM or following Men's Pageant in Room 12</i>

What to know this week...

Parent Reminder: Kids Club meets with St James UMY 4-6PM tonight in Carson Hall!

Life Line Screening is coming Wednesday, 9AM-5PM: Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings Wednesday in Carson Hall. A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions is offered for only \$159 and takes 60-90 minutes to complete. Register today by calling toll free 1-888-653-6450 or by visiting <https://llsa.social/HC>.

Introducing the Mr. St. James Pageant 2024! Come support the St James UMY and get to know some of the United Methodist Men a little better. On Sunday, January 28, we will have lunch provided by the UMM following the 11AM service. During the lunch we'll have a "men's pageant" to raise money for the UMY. Your donations will determine the winner. One dollar equals one vote. Join us for fun, fellowship, and to choose your Mr. St James!

The 2024 Altar Flowers Signup is Available! If you'd like to provide altar flowers for the sanctuary in 2024, please visit the online signup page at www.tinyurl.com/SJAltarFlowers, sign up on the clipboard in the church lobby, or contact Martha Brown (office@stjamesraleigh.org; 919-876-5796) for assistance.

2024 Calendar Reminder: Committee chairs and ministry/mission/program leaders: Please be sure to plan ahead and submit your 2023 Ministry Planning Sheets to get your events on the church calendar! Since there are several new faces on the Administrative Council this coming year, some meeting dates and times may change. Reserve your dates and spaces as soon as possible; all are first-come, first served. Planning sheets are available in the church office and on the Members page of the church website (stjumc.us).

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