



St. James United Methodist Church
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January 7, 2024
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Welcome to worship, dear family of God. As we celebrate the Epiphany and the Baptism of Our Lord, may God enlighten us all.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ's light is shining,

People: calling us to respond with joy.

Leader: Christ's light is shining,

People: calling us to worship and praise.

Hymn – “This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

UMH 383, vv. 1-4

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.

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 60: 1-6

NRSV pew Bible, p.649 (OT)

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 881

Choir Anthem – “The Coventry Carol”

Jeanne Latshaw, soloist

Lullay, thou little tiny Child, by, by, lully, lullay;

Lullay, thou little tiny Child, by, by, lully, lullay.

O sisters, too, how may we do, for to preserve this day;

This poor Youngling for whom we sing, by, by, lully, lullay.

Herod the King, in his raging, charged he hath this day;

His men of might, in his own sight, all children young to slay.

Then woe is me, poor Child, for Thee, and ever mourn and say;

For Thy parting nor say nor sing, by, by, lully, lullay.

arr. Mark Hayes

Gospel Reading – Mark 1: 4-11

NRSV pew Bible, pp.32-33 (NT)

Message –New Beginnings

Pastor Dan Baer

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

UMH p. 50

Hymn – “Baptized in Water”

TFWS 2248

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

*The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by Joe & Judy Rhodes
in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary.*

Today’s Greeters: Phil & Pat Fasone
Today’s Sound System Operator: Mike Lamar

Next Week’s Greeters: Prince & Gloria Jones
Next Week’s Sound System Operator: Matoka Snuggs

*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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Church Office & Food Pantry Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

- TODAY, 1/7** Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
***Conference-Wide Leadership Training 2 sessions held virtually**
***Christmas Un-decorating, 3PM throughout campus**
***SJ Youth to Conference REFRESH Event, 4-8PM at Millbrook UMC**
Trustees Meeting, 4PM in Room 12
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall
- Mon, 1/8** GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
SPRC Meeting, 6:30PM in the Library
- Tues, 1/9** Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10:30AM in the Office
GS Troop 733, 6PM in Montague Hall
- Wed, 1/10** Choir Rehearsal, 7PM in the Sanctuary
- Thurs, 1/11** New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall
- Fri, 1/12** ***Board Game Night, 6PM in Carson Hall**
- Sat, 1/13** ***Fulton Betts' "100 Years Young" Party, 1-4PM in Carson Hall**
GS Troop 1929, 1:30PM in Montague Hall
- Sun, 1/14** Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
Congregational Care Council, 4PM in Room 12
***SJ Youth Lock-In, 4PM in Carson & Montague Halls**

***Conference-Wide Leadership Training:** The NC Conference of the UMC is hosting virtual trainings on Sunday, January 7 for all who serve in their local congregations in any of the following committees/roles: Lay Leaders, Administrative/Church Council, SPRC, Nominations, Finance, Trustees. Two sessions will be offered 2:00-3:30pm and 4:00-5:30pm. Please visit nccumc.org/leadership/event/leadership-training to get more information about the Zoom training sessions or to register.

***Un-decorating Christmas at St. James:** Altar Guild chair Kathi Doby is looking for volunteers to help take down and pack away the Christmas decorations from around the church and grounds. She plans to meet in Carson Hall at 3PM TODAY. Please contact her at kdoby77296@aol.com or 919-632-3552 if you would like to help or have questions.

***Youth REFRESH Event, TONIGHT:** St. James Youth have been invited to the district REFRESH event at Millbrook UMC, TONIGHT, 4-8PM. Please let Bailey know if you're attending!

Board Game Night this Friday! Please join the Social Committee for a fun evening of board games on Friday, January 12th at 6:00PM in Carson Hall. Bring your favorite game or two and some food to share. We'll have tables and chairs set up for a casual evening of games for all ages.

Rescheduled "100 Years Young" Party: Fulton Betts's 100th birthday party that was postponed in November has been rescheduled to Saturday, January 13, in Carson Hall. Feel free to drop by anytime 1-4PM to share congratulations, memories, food & fellowship with St. James' only centenarian!

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/2023AltarFlowers, 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).

Life Line Screening is coming January 24, 9AM-5PM: Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at Saint James UMC. A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions is offered for only \$159 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 member discount. Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6450, visit <https://llsa.social/HC> or text the word "circle" to 797979.

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!