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February 11, 2024  
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

“Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love” (Psalm 130:7, ESV).  
Welcome to worship, one and all.

## **Prelude**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Jesus has given us a new commandment.

**People: We are commanded to love one another.**

Leader: By this, everyone will know we are Christ’s disciples:

**People: by our love for one another.**

Leader: Come, may we join our hearts in worship:

**ALL: Worship God by loving one another.**

**Hymn – “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

*UMH 384*

**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 – Ephesians 5: 1-2**

NRSV pew Bible, p. 183 (NT)

**Affirmation of Faith**

*UMH 881*

**Anthem – “Every Valley” (J.N. Beck)**

Sanctuary Choir

**Gospel Reading – John 13: 34-35**

NRSV pew Bible, p. 102 (NT)

**Message – The Art of Love**

Pastor Dan Baer

**Hymn – “The Gift of Love”**

*UMH 408*

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

*The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by Brenda Robertson  
in honor of all our desk volunteers.*

Today's Greeters: Chip & Jeanette Gray  
Today's Sound System Operator: Matoka Snuggs

Next Week's Greeters: R.E. & Beth Cobb  
Next Week's Sound System Operator: Tim Johnson

*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.*

*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!*



We send an email newsletter with upcoming events, meeting reminders, birth-  
days & anniversaries each week. If you would like to be added to our email list,  
please email Martha Brown ([office@stjamesraleigh.org](mailto:office@stjamesraleigh.org)).

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**Calendar this week:**

<b>TODAY, 2/11</b>	<i>Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary <b>Kids Club / Youth, 4PM in Carson Hall</b> NA, 7PM in Saints Hall</i>
<b>Mon, 2/12</b>	<i>GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall</i>
<b>Tues, 2/13</b>	<i>Library Committee, 9AM in the Library Staff Meeting, 12:30PM in the Office GS Troop 733, 6PM in Montague Hall Choir Rehearsal, 7PM in the Sanctuary</i>
<b>Wed, 2/14</b>	<i><b>Pancake Supper, 5:30PM in Carson Hall</b> <b>Ash Wednesday Worship, 7PM in the Sanctuary</b></i>
<b>Thurs, 2/15</b>	<i>New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall</i>
<b>Fri, 2/16</b>	<i><b>Ladies Night Dinner, 7PM in Carson Hall (seating begins at 6:30)</b></i>
<b>Sat, 2/17</b>	<i>GS Troop 1042, 10AM in Montague Hall</i>
<b>Sun, 2/18</b>	<i><b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Special Offering for Methodist Home for Children</b> Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary SJ UMY, 4PM in Montague Hall <b>Worship Team, 5PM in the Library</b> NA, 7PM in Saints Hall</i>

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

**Wednesday, February 14: Pancake Supper & Ash Wednesday Worship**

*A pancake supper with all the fixings will be served by the UMM in Carson Hall from 5:30-6:30, and we will welcome the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday worship at 7pm in the Sanctuary.*

**Friday, February 16: Ladies Night**

*The St. James UMM will host their annual Ladies Night in Carson Hall. The evening will feature a meal catered by Mrs. Lila Parker and entertainment by the Preddys. Widows are the guests of the UMM; all others are invited to attend for \$12 each. We'll begin seating at 6:30pm, with the meal starting at 7:00. No sign-up is necessary; just show up and pay at the door!*

**Sundays, February 18-March 24: Lenten Discipleship Study - Open to All!** The Kindred Spirits & Landing Spot Sunday School classes will begin a 6-week Lenten study based on Kate Bowler's book *Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day*. The study is an honest and real reflection on what it means to follow Jesus through the ups and downs of our days. The class will be held immediately after Common Thread in Room 12, and anyone interested is invited to join! Contact Temple Walkowiak (434-989-4097 or [tawalkowiak@gmail.com](mailto:tawalkowiak@gmail.com)) with questions.

**Special Offering next week:** The first quarter Special Offering will be collected next Sunday, February 18 and will benefit the Methodist Home for Children. Please designate "Special Offering-MHC" on your offering envelope, check, or online donation.

**Reminder:** The office will be closed on Monday, February 19 for Presidents' Day. We'll return to regular office hours on Tuesday, February 20 at 9am.

**New Bible Study:** Pastor Dan will lead a 12-week study on the book of Isaiah beginning March 4 & 5. Two class options are offered: Monday mornings at 10:30AM or Tuesday evenings at 7PM. Both classes will meet in Room 12. A sign-up is available in the church lobby or online at <https://tinyurl.com/Isaiah-WBS>. Please specify your preferred class time. Books will cost \$6 each; deadline to sign up is February 20 so that we may order the books.

**Coffee & Conversation:** The widows of St. James will gather for lunch on Wednesday, February 21, 11:30AM at Saltgrass Steak House, 6601 Knightdale Blvd., Knightdale. Please contact Peggy Biggers ([biggers11@aol.com](mailto:biggers11@aol.com) or 919-919-632-1212) with questions, to let her know you're attending, or to request a ride.