

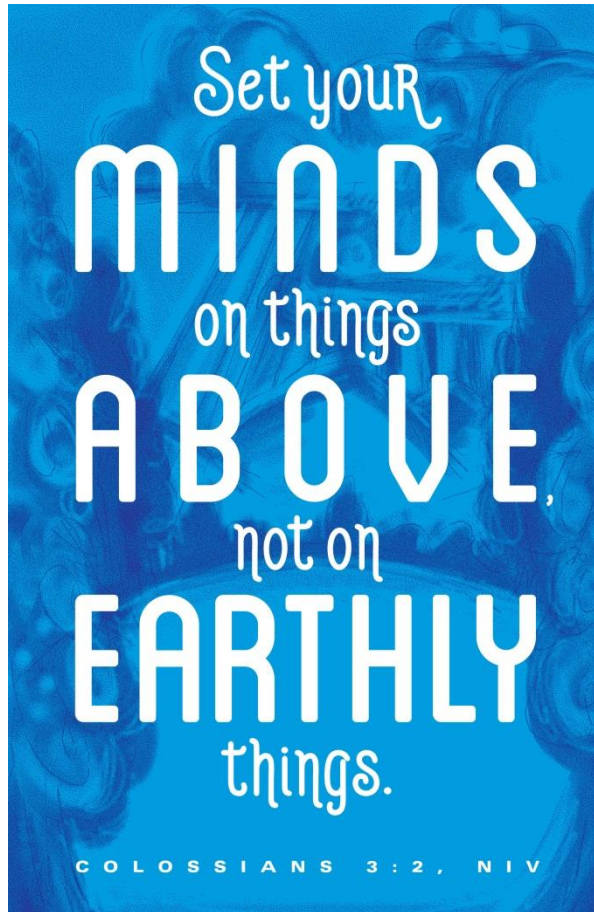
St. James United Methodist Church

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February 18, 2024
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Welcome to worship this first Sunday in Lent as we journey
toward the cross and the empty tomb.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: So many things draw us away from God.

People: We are tempted by trinkets and gadgets.

Leader: We place our interest in temporal things.

People: But Christ calls us to a higher level.

Leader: We are called to focus our lives on living as God would have us live.

ALL: We are called to be open to ways of service and compassion. AMEN.

Hymn – “To God Be the Glory”

UMH 98

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.

Offering

Doxology

UMH 95

Gospel Reading – Matthew 6: 31-34

NRSV pew Bible, p. 6 (NT)

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 881

Anthem – “Down to the River to Pray”

Gayle Lorenze, soloist, & Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading – Colossians 3: 1-4

NRSV pew Bible, p. 190 (NT)

Message – It’s Time for a Change

Pastor Dan Baer

Hymn – “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

UMH 396

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

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

Next Week's Greeters: David & Debra Gracy
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.*

*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).*

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Calendar this week:

TODAY, 2/18	1st Quarter Special Offering for Methodist Home for Children Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary Youth Lunch Club, 12:30PM at Milton's Pizza & Pasta, 8853 Six Forks Rd. SJ UMY, 4PM in Carson Hall Worship Team, 4PM in Room 12 NA, 7PM in Saints Hall
Mon, 2/19	Office Closed for Presidents' Day GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Tues, 2/20	Library Committee, 9AM in the Library Staff Meeting, 12:30PM in the Office GS Troop 4491, 6PM in Montague Hall
Wed, 2/21	Coffee & Conversation Lunch, 11:30AM at Saltgrass Steak House, Knightdale Choir Rehearsal, 7PM in the Sanctuary
Thurs, 2/22	New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall
Sat, 2/24	GS Troop 1929, 1:30PM in Montague Hall
Sun, 2/25	Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary Lunch & Learn, 12:15PM in Carson Hall SJ UMY, 4PM in Montague Hall NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

What to know this week...

Special Offering TODAY: The first quarter Special Offering collected today will benefit the Methodist Home for Children. Please designate "Special Offering-MHC" on your offering envelope, check, or online donation.






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) with questions.

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.

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 or 919-919-632-1212) with questions, to let her know you're attending, or to request a ride.

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.

Lunch & Learn planned for Sunday, February 25! Join us in Carson Hall following 11am worship for a presentation from the United Methodist Foundation. They will explain the purpose of the UMF, how apportionments work, and give some general UMC finance information. If you'd like to join us, please contact Martha in the office so we have a headcount for lunch.

St. James UMC Lent & Holy Week Schedule				
 <p>March 6, 13, 20, 27 Wednesday Evening Lenten Worship: We'll meet in the Sanctuary at 6pm each Wednesday in March to celebrate Lent together. Pastor Dan Baer and Bailey Martin will lead worship, with Holy Communion being served on March 13 and March 27.</p>	 <p>March 24, 9:15am & 11am Palm Processional at each worship service</p>	 <p>March 28, 7pm Maundy Thursday Service Trinity Presbyterian Church will host us this year, with Pastor Dan delivering the sermon. Join us for worship at 7pm in Trinity's sanctuary.</p>	 <p>March 29, 7pm Tenebrae Service Our choir will present the Tenebrae cantata <i>Who Is Jesus?</i> by Joel Raney in the Sanctuary at 7pm.</p>	 <p>March 31 7am Easter Sunrise Service, Columbarium Courtyard (White Chapel in case of rain) Easter Breakfast in Carson Hall following Sunrise Service 9:15am Common Thread Worship in Carson Hall 11:00am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary <i>Please bring fresh flowers to either service to decorate our Living Cross!</i></p>