



St. James United Methodist Church

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February 25, 2024
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

The most famous verse in the Bible [John 3:16] begins “For God so loved the world that he gave” It’s a generosity verse. I say you can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving. If you want to become a loving person, you have to learn to give. You spell love G-I-V-E.
—Rick Warren

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: God visits the earth with abundance!

People: Praise be to God for the blessings which enrich our lives.

Leader: Make us stewards of your creation, sharing the abundance!

People: Teach us to share and help others.

Leader: We praise you for the gifts and ask your guidance in sharing them.

ALL: Enter our hearts and fill us with the joy of sharing for we ask these things in Jesus’ name. AMEN.

Hymn – “A Charge to Keep I Have”

UMH 413

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 – John 3:16

NRSV pew Bible, p. 88 (NT)

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 881

Anthem – “A Gaelic Blessing ” J. Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading – 2 Corinthians 9: 11-12

NRSV pew Bible, p. 173 (NT)

Message – Extravagant Generosity

Pastor Dan Baer

Hymn – “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

UMH 399

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

Today's Greeters: David & Debra Gracy
Today's Sound System Operator: Steve Snow

Next Week's Greeters: Renee Aycock & Winnie Webb
Next Week's Sound System Operator: Mike Lamar

*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!*

Scan this code to give your offering online!



*We send an email newsletter with upcoming events, meeting reminders, birthdays
& 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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Church Office & Food Pantry Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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Calendar this week:

TODAY, 2/25 *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall*
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
UMF Lunch & Learn, 12:15PM in Carson Hall
SJ UMY, 4PM in Carson Hall
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Mon, 2/26 *GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall*
Tues, 2/27 *Library Committee, 9AM in the Library*
Staff Meeting, 12:30PM in the Office
GS Troop 733, 6PM in Montague Hall
HS Youth Dinner Out, 6:30PM at Buffalo Brothers, 3111 Capital Blvd.

Wed, 2/28 **Mary Brown Circle, 10AM in Room 5**
Choir Rehearsal, 7PM in the Sanctuary

Thurs, 2/29 *New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room*
Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall

Sat, 3/2 *GS Troop 1042, 10AM in Montague Hall*

Sun, 3/3 *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
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

What to know this week...

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.*

Lunch & Learn TODAY! *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.*

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 cost \$6 each; we still have spaces & extra books available, so sign up now!*