

# Sermon Notes:



August 18, 2024

- Song— “Lifesong”
- Welcome & Announcements
- Call to Worship
- Opening Prayer
- Children’s Message
- Offering
- Song — “Show Me Your Ways”



- Word and Response:
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture Lesson — Ephesians 5: 15-20
- Message — Make Good Choices

- Affirmation of Faith
- Passing of the Peace
- Prayers of the People
- The Lord’s Prayer

- Sending Out:
- Song — “Lifesong” (reprise)
- Benediction
- Out to Discipleship and Into the World to Serve



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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](mailto:office@stjamesraleigh.org)).



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**Welcome to St. James United Methodist Church!**

We are so glad that you have come to worship God today! If you are visiting today, please take a moment to fill out a visitor card (found on the worship table), and return it to the offering basket or one of the greeters.

We have a nursery available for infants through age 4. A greeter will be glad to direct you. Children are always welcome to stay and participate in worship!

Today's Greeters: Matoka Snuggs and Lou Gibbs-Anwar  
Today's Sound/PowerPoint Operators: Paulo, Victor & Sofia DeOliveira

Next Week's Greeters: Ed & Kay Smallwood  
Next Week's Sound/PP Operator: Chris, Holli & Lilli Bradley

**Calendar this week:**

TODAY, 8/18	9:15AM	Common Thread contemporary worship in Carson Hall
	10AM	Discipleship Hour throughout campus
	11AM	Traditional worship in the Sanctuary
	4PM	SJ Youth in Carson Hall—Movement w/ Cheryl Walfall-Flagg
	4PM	Worship Team in Room 12
	5PM	Nominations Committee in the Library
Mon, 8/19	6PM	Accelerated Integration Meeting in Carson Hall
Tues, 8/20	9AM	Library Committee in the Library
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting in the Office
Wed, 8/21	11:30AM	Coffee & Conversation at Applebee's, 7831 Target Cir., Raleigh 27616
	7PM	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
Thurs, 8/22	6:15PM	New Hope Strummers in Music Room
	7PM	CT Band Practice in Carson Hall
Fri, 8/23	9PM	Bread Ministry in the Kitchen
Sat, 8/24	9PM	Bread Ministry in the Kitchen
Sun, 8/25	PROMOTION SUNDAY AT BOTH 9:15 & 11AM WORSHIP	
	4pm	SJ Youth in Room 12 — Creating w/ Pastor Amanda

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST JAMES?**

**Church Directory Update:** Thanks for all the photos you've submitted for our directory update! TODAY is the deadline to get your photos in if you haven't already done so. You can submit JPG, JPEG or PNG digital files to Martha at [office@stjamesraleigh.org](mailto:office@stjamesraleigh.org), or we can scan your hard-copy photo into a digital file in the church office. All we ask is that you include all members of your current household and keep it church-appropriate.

**Promotion Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY** – new kindergartners and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will promote into their new Discipleship classes and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will receive a new Bible. We'll also have a Blessing of the Backpacks in each worship service. Children, youth and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks, lunchboxes, or briefcases so that they may be prayed over and sent out with blessings for a wonderful school year.

**Let's Go Square Dancing!** Get ready to kick up your heels and do-si-do at our "Take Me Dancing, Square Dancing!" Party Night event on **Tuesday, September 3, 6:30-8PM in Carson Hall**. Put on your dancing shoes and join us for a fun-filled evening of square dancing sponsored by the Capital Squares! Come and enjoy the lively music, energetic atmosphere, and meet new friends on the dance floor. No experience and no partner are necessary. Our friendly instructor will guide you through the steps. Don't miss out on this opportunity to dance the night away! Party Night Admission is free for St. James UMC members! Simply sign-in at the door and identify yourself as a St. James member.

**The Annual BBQ Fundraiser is coming Friday, September 27!** Please think how you can support this fundraiser: whether by donating \$25 towards the purchase of our pork shoulders (please signify this on your offering envelope or check), cooking, assembling the plates, baking brownies, manning the drive-thru, taking orders &/or delivering them to local businesses, or publicizing the BBQ to all your friends, neighbors, and co-workers! Sign up to help at [www.tinyurl.com/BBQVolunteers!](http://www.tinyurl.com/BBQVolunteers!)