



St. James United Methodist Church

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REIMAGINING COMMUNITY

◆ *United in Spirit and Purpose* ◆

a summer journey through Ephesians, part two

August 18, 2024

11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

In this time of worship, may all gathered here experience your lavish love, O God,
through your Word and through one another. Amen.

Gathering In

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to God!

People: We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.

Leader: We give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

People: We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, for solitude, for fears.

Leader: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain, our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands.

Hymn – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

UMH 139

Opening Prayer

Offering

Doxology

UMH 95

Proclamation and Response

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – Psalm 111

NRSV pew Bible, pp. 531-532 (OT)

Anthem – “I Am With You” M. Ijames

Sanctuary Choir

Yanni Anwar, prologue; Amber Hitchcock, violin

Scripture Reading – Ephesians 5: 15-20

NRSV pew Bible, p. 183 (NT)

Sermon – Making Good Choices

Pastor Amanda Bunce

Response to the Word

Affirmation of Faith: A Modern Affirmation

UMH 885

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

Let us pray to God, saying “You have redeemed your people. **Holy and awesome is your name.”*

The Lord's Prayer: 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.

Sending Out

Hymn – “Spirit of the Living God”

UMH 393

Dismissal with Blessing

Going Forth

The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by Roy & Carolyn Bishop in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary.

Today's Greeters: Prince & Gloria Jones
Today's Sound System Operator: Tim Johnson

Next Week's Greeters: Chip & Jeanette Gray
Next Week's Sound System Operator: Steve Snow

Correction - The flowers in worship on August 11 were given to the glory of God by the Sanctuary Choir in honor of Wanda Ramm's birthday on August 11.

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.

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).

Sermon Notes

Rev. Amanda Bunce, Lead Pastor amanda@stjamesraleigh.org
Wanda Ramm, Music Director music@stjamesraleigh.org
Jeff Bottoms, Organist/Accompanist music@stjamesraleigh.org
Sue King, Assistant Organist sue@stjamesraleigh.org
Bailey Martin, Youth Director youth@stjamesraleigh.org
Martha Brown, Office Manager office@stjamesraleigh.org
LaTonia Tyner & Brenda Smith, Finance Office — Onsite Tuesdays only finance@stjamesraleigh.org

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

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Prayer Requests email prayerrequests@stjamesraleigh.org

TODAY, 8/18 *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall*
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
SJ Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall: Movement w/Cheryl Walfall-Flagg
Worship Team, 4PM in Room 12
Nominations Committee, 5PM in the Library

Mon, 8/19 **Accelerated Integration Meeting, 6-8PM in Carson Hall**

Tues, 8/20 *Library Committee, 9AM in the Library*
Staff Meeting, 10:30AM in the Office

Wed, 8/21 **Coffee & Conversation Lunch, 11:30AM at Applebee's, 7831 Target Circle,**
Raleigh 27616
Choir Rehearsal, 7PM in the Sanctuary

Thurs, 8/22 *New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in the Music Room*
CT Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall

Fri, 8/23 *Bread Ministry, 9PM in the Kitchen*

Sat, 8/24 *Bread Ministry, 9PM in the Kitchen*

Sun, 8/25 **PROMOTION SUNDAY AT BOTH 9:15 & 11AM WORSHIP SERVICES**
SJ Youth, 4PM in Room 12: Creating with Pastor Amanda

What to know this week...

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, 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 6th graders will promote into their new Discipleship classes and 3rd 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.*

ST. JAMES UMC ANNUAL BBQ

**Friday, September 27,
2024**

11:00am – 7:00 pm

**3808 St. James Church Rd.,
Raleigh, NC 27604**



***Drive-Thru Pickup in Parking Lot
Dine-In available 5-7PM ONLY***

\$10 per plate,

**Includes BBQ, boiled potatoes, slaw, hush puppies and brownie
(+ tea/water for dine-in)**

or

\$12 pre-packaged quart bag

**Contact Sharon Johnson (wjohnson99@mindspring.com)
for orders of 10+ plates.**

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!