



St. James United Methodist Church

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October 20, 2024

Laity Sunday

11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

We welcome each of you to God's house. As we gather to draw near to God,
may we also draw near to those worshipping with us.

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Every morning is your love, great God of Light,

People: And all day long you are working for the good of the world.

Leader: Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors;

People: to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord.

Leader: And all God's people say

All: AMEN.

***Hymn – "This Is My Father's World"**

UMH 144

Opening Prayer

Offering

***Doxology**

UMH 95

***Prayer for Illumination**

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 133

Anthem – "Live a Life of Love" M. Patterson

Sanctuary Choir

New Testament Reading – John 17: 20-26; Ephesians 4: 4-6

Sermon – That We May Be One

Sandra Horton, Lay Leader

***Modern Affirmation**

UMH 885

***Greeting our Brothers and Sisters in Christ**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn – "Majesty, Worship His Majesty"**

UMH 176

Blessing and Going Forward in the Name of Christ

Today's Greeters: Phil & Pat Fasone
Today's Sound System Operator: Tim Johnson

Next Week's Greeters: Prince & Gloria Jones
Next Week's Sound Operators: Steve Snow

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).

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Sermon Notes

Are you ready? **Our annual Trunk or Treat is next week, Sunday, October 27, from 4:00-6:00PM.** As a reminder, each family or 'group' is responsible for decorating their own vehicle and providing their own candy. Last year was our largest turnout ever, with over 200 people attending the event! Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/2024-Trunk> to let us know you will be joining. Contact Keith Walkowiak (ktwalkowiak@gmail.com) with any questions.



Calendar this week...

TODAY, 10/20 **Laity Sunday, Lay Leader Sandra Horton preaching**
Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus
Traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
Confirmation Class, 3PM in Montague Hall
SJ Youth, 4:30PM in Montague Hall
SPRC, 5PM in the Library
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Tues, 10/22 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
GS Troop 733, 6:15PM in Montague Hall

Wed, 10/23 Choir Rehearsal, 7PM in the Sanctuary

Thurs, 10/24 New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in the Music Room
CT Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall

Fri, 10/25 Bread Ministry, 9PM in the Kitchen

Sat, 10/26 Bread Ministry, 9PM in the Kitchen

Sun, 10/27 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus
Traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
Trunk or Treat, 4-6PM in Carson Hall, patio & parking lots
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

What to know this week...

Pastor Amanda is out of the office on vacation October 17-23. If there is a pastoral care emergency, Rev. Janet Baucom will be covering, as well as our wonderful Congregational Care team. If you have a pastoral care emergency, please contact Sandra Horton (919-218-2577; sbhorton1957@gmail.com) or Pat Fasone (919-630-5909; patfasone@aol.com).

Hurricane Helene Relief: Please see the insert or weekly email for details: we will pack flood buckets for Western NC flood victims next Sunday, October 27, following Common Thread worship. Please help by donating items from the insert list or money to help purchase these needed items.

New Peanut Price: The UMM voted at their October meeting to raise the price of peanuts to \$5 per jar, making cases \$60. This price increase goes into effect November 1. The reason for the change is that the cost of jars has gone up and the cost of the peanut oil has doubled in the last year. The UMM appreciates everyone's continued support of their peanuts!

Charge Conference is coming! St. James UMC's annual Charge Conference will be held Sunday, November 10, 3pm at Soapstone UMC. All members are invited to attend; lay leadership is encouraged to be present for voting.