



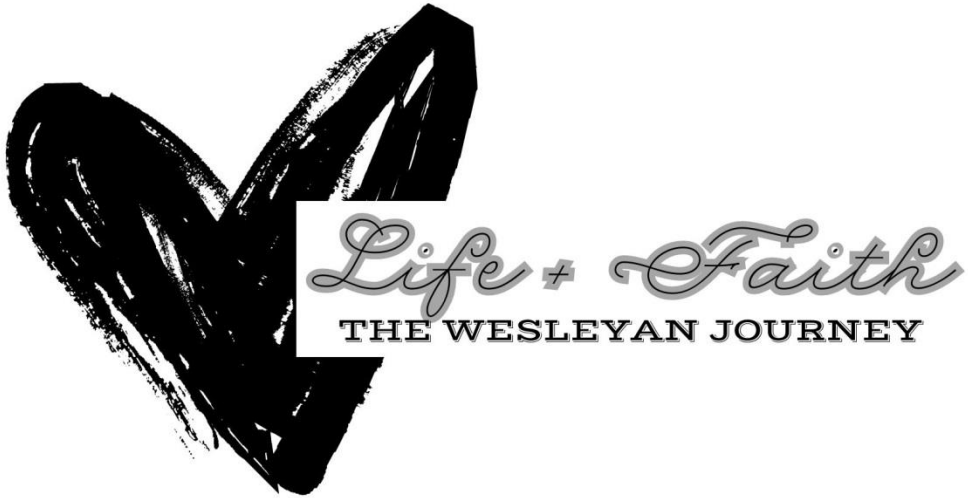
St. James United Methodist Church

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September 15, 2024
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Welcome to worship in the name of God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — who created you,
saved you and makes you holy. Amen.

Gathering In

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We are the branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

People: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

Leader: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

People: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

Leader: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

People: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

Leader: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

All: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

Hymn – “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

UMH 500

Opening Prayer

Offering

Doxology

UMH 95

Proclamation and Response

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – Psalm 63: 1-8

NRSV pew Bible, p. 498 (OT)

Anthem – “No Want Shall I Know” D. Peterson

Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading – John15: 1-11

NRSV pew Bible, p. 103 (NT)

Sermon – #3 Stay in Love with God

Pastor Amanda Bunce

Response to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 881

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Sending Out

Hymn – “Be Thou My Vision”

UMH 451

Dismissal with Blessing

Going Forth

The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by Mary Ellen Mauney in memory of Kenneth Westmoreland for his birthday.

The red, white & blue floral arrangement on the information table is presented by the Rigda family in memory of the 23rd anniversary of the fireman, EMS and law enforcement personnel who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Today's Greeters: Tim, Heather, Evan & Carter Johnson

Today's Sound System Operator: Tim Johnson

Next Week's Greeters: Renee Aycock and Winnie Webb

Next Week's Sound System Operator: 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).

Sermon Notes

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Calendar this week...

TODAY, 9/15 *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall*
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
CT Band – Bluegrass practice, 12PM in Carson Hall
Administrative Council, 4PM in Carson Hall
SJ Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Mon, 9/16 *Clara Swain Circle, 7PM in the Library*

Tues, 9/17 *Library Committee, 9AM in the Library*
Staff Meeting, 10:30AM in the Office
Capital Squares Beginners Class, 6:30PM in Carson Hall

Wed, 9/18 *Coffee & Conversation, 11:30AM at Buffalo Brothers, 3111 Capital Blvd., Raleigh*
Choir Rehearsal, 7PM in the Sanctuary

Thurs, 9/19 *New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in the Music Room*
CT Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall

Fri, 9/20 *Bread Ministry, 9PM in the Kitchen*

Sat, 9/21 *Capital Squares, 6:30PM in Carson Hall*
Bread Ministry, 9PM in the Kitchen

Sun, 9/22 *Common Thread Bluegrass Sunday, 9:15AM in Carson Hall*
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
Family Life Committee, 12:15PM in Room 12

What to know this week...

Are you looking for a Sunday School class? *The Kindred Spirits and Landing Spot combined class is starting a new study TODAY in Room 12 at 10:15AM! Join us for Advice Columnists: The Letters of James and Peter. Just as we turn to advice columnists to figure out how to navigate tricky social situations, family drama, and work relationships, Christians have been turning to the epistles from James and Peter for 2,000 years for practical advice on how to live as a Christian. This study dives into these letters. For questions, please reach out to Sandra Horton (sbhorton1957@gmail.com) or Temple Walkowiak (tawalkowiak@gmail.com). We hope you will join us!*

Bluegrass Service in Common Thread! *Sunday, September 22nd we will be having a Bluegrass style service with special music and instrumentation. Sure to be a good time of down home worship.*

Confirmation Mentors Needed! *Confirmation is quickly approaching! This year we have a handful of young people ready to embark on a journey to discover what a life of faith looks like for them. If you are interested in being a mentor to one of these brave explorers **we will have a quick informational meeting on September 22 after either service** to discuss expectations and requirements of*

mentorship. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to participate in the confirmation journey this year!

Dinner with the Pastor! As Pastor Amanda continues to settle in here at St. James, she has scheduled 6 dates for fellowship and conversation in small groups. Sign up for one of the date;, more information will follow regarding the location of the restaurant once the reservation number is determined. You may register online at <https://tinyurl.com/PastorDinners> or on the physical sign-up sheets in the lobby. Dates to choose from: 9/22, 12:30pm; 9/24, 6pm; 10/3, 6pm; 10/6, 12:30pm; 10/9, 6pm; 10/14,6pm. Reservation will be made based on RSVPs, meal is Dutch treat.

The Annual BBQ Fundraiser is coming Friday, September 27! Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help support our annual BBQ! We still need volunteers to work both inside and in the drive-thru line for the afternoon and dinner service. Sign up to help at <https://tinyurl.com/SJ-BBQVolunteers>.

Bible Study Opportunity: Knowing Who We Are by Lacey C. Warner

Join us for a 6 week study of what it means to be a United Methodist and how that has always been grounded in the love of God and the love of our neighbors. Whether you are a cradle Methodist or new to the denomination, let's gather together to learn and remember the roots of the Methodist movement, who we are, who we are called to be, our connectional structure, our mission and ministry, the texts that shape us, and how we are always growing in God's grace. Two classes will be offered: Mondays at 11am beginning 10/7 - 11/18 or Tuesdays at 7pm beginning 10/8 -11/19. Sign up through the weekly email link or in the lobby by September 30 to have your book ordered for you (approx. \$14).

Register now for the Stan Whitt! The 15th annual Stan Whitt Golf Classic to benefit Pancreatic Cancer Research will be held Friday, October 11 at Wendell Country Club. Cost is \$80/individual or \$320/foursome. Registration forms are available in the church lobby or you can download one [here](#).