



## St. James United Methodist Church

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September 22, 2024  
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

“Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth. ... I will praise your name,  
Lord, for it is good” (Psalm 54:2, 6, NIV).

## **Gathering In**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: God our Creator, we call you Father, Mother, Author of Life:

**People: Draw us closer to You, O God.**

Leader: Christ our Savior, we call You the Son, the Messiah, the One who Saves:

**People: Draw us closer to You, O God.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, we call You the Advocate, the Inspirer, Breath and Wind of God:

**People: Draw us closer to You, O God.**

Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory:

**People: Draw us closer to You, O God.**

**All: Draw us in, Spirit, Christ and Creator, that we might journey with You more fully and deeply, in this life and beyond. Amen.**

**Hymn – “This Is a Day of New Beginnings”**

*UMH 383*

**Opening Prayer**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offering**

**Doxology**

*UMH 95*

**Proclamation and Response**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – Micah 6: 6-8

NRSV pew Bible, p. 816 (OT)

Anthem – “O God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy” H. Hopson

Sanctuary Choir

**Scripture Reading – James 2: 14-26**

NRSV pew Bible, p. 216 (NT)

**Sermon – Faith in Action**

Pastor Amanda Bunce

## Response to the Word

Affirmation of Faith  
Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer

UMH 881

## Sending Out

Hymn – “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

Dismissal with Blessing  
Going Forth

UMH 557

Today's Greeters: Renee Aycock and Winnie Webb  
Today's Sound System Operator: Steve Snow

### **NEXT WEEK: YOUTH SUNDAY 10AM COMBINED WORSHIP IN CARSON HALL**

Next Week's Greeters: Tom & Stephanie Wilson with St. James Youth  
Next Week's Sound Operators: Keith, Meredith & Thomas Walkowiak

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

# Sermon Notes

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### **Calendar this week...**

- TODAY, 9/22**      *Common Thread BlueGrass worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall*  
*Confirmation Mentor meeting, 10AM in Carson Hall*  
*Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus*  
*Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary*  
*Confirmation Mentor meeting, 12PM in the Sanctuary*  
*Family Life Committee meeting, 12:15PM in Room 12*  
*SJ Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall*  
*NA, 7PM in Saints Hall*
- Tues, 9/24**      *Library Committee, 9AM in the Library*  
*Staff Meeting, 10:30AM in the Office*  
*GS Troop 733, 6:15PM in Montague Hall*  
*Capital Squares Beginners Class, 6:30PM in Carson Hall*
- Wed, 9/25**      *Mary Brown Circle, 10AM in Room 12*  
*Choir Rehearsal, 7PM in the Sanctuary*
- Thurs, 9/26**      *BBQ Setup, 4PM in Carson Hall & the Kitchen*  
*New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in the Music Room*  
*CT Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall*
- Fri, 9/27**      ***Annual BBQ Fundraiser, 11AM-7PM in Carson Hall, Kitchen & North Parking Lot***  
*Bread Ministry, 9PM in the Kitchen*
- Sat, 9/28**      *Capital Squares, 6:30PM in Carson Hall*  
*Bread Ministry, 9PM in the Kitchen*
- Sun, 9/29**      ***Youth Sunday Combined Worship & 3Q Special Offering, 10AM in Carson Hall***  
*SJ Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall*  
*NA, 7PM in Saints Hall*

### **What to know this week...**

**Are you looking for a Sunday School class?** *The Kindred Spirits and Landing Spot combined class has just started a new study 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](mailto:sbhorton1957@gmail.com)) or Temple Walkowiak ([tawalkowiak@gmail.com](mailto:tawalkowiak@gmail.com)). We hope you will join us!*

**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 TODAY 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 dates, 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: 9/24, 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>.

**NEXT SUNDAY: Join us for our 5th Sunday combined worship at 10AM in Carson Hall as we celebrate Youth Sunday!** Our St. James Youth will be in charge of the service and will share what they have learned about different spiritual disciples over the past few months. **We will also be collecting our 3rd Quarter Special Offering, which will benefit our own Critical Repairs fund.** Please designate 3Q Special Offering or Critical Repairs on your online offering, offering envelope, or check. Thank you!

**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 at <https://tinyurl.com/> or in the lobby by September 30 to have your book ordered for you (approx. \$14).

**College Ministry:** Our College Ministry is alive and well at St. James! We like to stay in touch with our college students with cards, calls, packages, and possibly a get-together around Christmas. If you have a young adult in college, please send Linda Odom ([grannyodom5@gmail.com](mailto:grannyodom5@gmail.com)) the student's name, name of college/university, student's college address, email address and cell phone number, birthday, the date student joined St. James and the parents' names, address, and phone numbers. Thank you!

**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](#).