



St. James United Methodist Church

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Grateful hearts,



**LIVING INTO THE
PROMISE**

Transformed lives

November 17, 2024
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Friends, I welcome you to worship this autumn day. Let us bless the Lord and open our hearts to his guidance and grace. Amen.

Gathering In

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who came to seek and save the lost!

People: Let us worship the God who came to seek and save each of us!

Leader: Let us welcome God into our homes and our hearts.

People: Let us give of ourselves in this worship time that we may know God.

All: Let us joyfully and with gratitude worship God!

Hymn – “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

UMH 400

Opening Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology

UMH 95

Proclamation and Response

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – Psalm 119: 137-144

NRSV pew Bible, p. 538 (OT)

Anthem – “Give Me a Vision” B. Terrell

Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading – Luke 19: 1-10

NRSV pew Bible, p. 77 (NT)

Sermon – Did You Hear About Zaccheus?

Bailey Martin

Response to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 883

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Sending Out

Hymn – “We Meet You, O Christ”

UMH 257

Dismissal with Blessing

Going Forth

Today's Greeters: Ed & Ellen Giunco
Today's Sound System Operator: Tim Johnson

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

Altar Flowers: Karen & Jonathan Owens IMO Rev. Ralph I. Epps & his 60 years of ministry

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

Food Pantry Hours: Monday –Thursday, 9:30AM—1:30PM

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Calendar this week...

- TODAY, 11/17 *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall*
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus
Traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
Board of Trustees, 3PM in Room 12
Confirmation Class, 3PM in Montague Hall
Finance Committee, 4PM in Room 12
SJ Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
Administrative Council, 5PM in Carson Hall
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall
- Mon, 11/18 **Clara Swain Circle, 7PM in the Library**
- Tues, 11/19 *Library Committee, 9AM in the Library*
Staff Meeting, 10:30AM in the Office
- Wed, 11/20 **Coffee & Conversation, 11:30AM at Outback Steakhouse,**
5200 Capital Blvd., Raleigh
Choir Rehearsal, 7PM in the Sanctuary
- Thurs, 11/21 *New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in the Music Room*
CT Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall
- Fri, 11/22 *Bread Ministry, 9PM in the Kitchen*
- Sat, 11/23 *Bread Ministry, 9PM in the Kitchen*
- Sun, 11/24 *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall*
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus
Traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
Family Life Committee, 12:15PM in Room 12
Dr. Lacey Warner Q&A/Friendsgiving Potluck Dinner, 4PM in Carson Hall
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

What to know this week...

Keep supporting our November THANKS for GIVING Food Drive! We've had a surge of community members visiting our Food Pantry in the past few weeks: please help us keep it stocked! The list of needed items is available on the info table in the back of the Sanctuary and on the clipboard wall in the lobby. You may also donate money by designating Food Pantry on your check, envelope, or online contribution. Please contact Helen McGee (919-880-7881 or Helen.McGee@LMcompanies.com) with any questions. Helen can also provide you with a listing of the best prices available for our items at local grocery stores.

Everyone is invited to a St. James Friendsgiving Potluck dinner on Sunday, November 24, 4-6PM! Special guest Dr. Lacey Warner, author of our current Bible study *Knowing Who We Are* and Bailey's professor, will join us at 4PM in Carson Hall for a question and answer session about her book. Dinner will follow at 5PM: the UMM will provide fried chicken, peach cobbler, and water/tea/lemonade. Please bring potluck items to share based on your last name: A-H: salads; I-P: sides; and Q-Z: sweets. We hope everyone will come out for this wonderful time of fellowship! Contact Bailey Martin (youth@stjamesraleigh.org) with any questions or if you're uncomfortable driving after dark but would like to attend.

Please join the Social Committee at **our annual Christmas Movie Night on Friday, December 6.** Children and adults of all ages are invited to attend. Pizza, popcorn, and hot chocolate will be served. Festive dress is encouraged. We'll gather at 6:00PM in Carson Hall for some food and fellowship and dim the lights for the movie around 6:30PM. While it is not required to attend, signing up at <https://tinyurl.com/2024ChristmasMovieNight> does help us plan for food. Please contact Keith Walkowiak (ktwalkowiak@gmail.com) with any questions.

The Christmas Cookie Walk Is Back! Visit Carson Hall on Saturday, December 7, at 9:30AM to select from the United Women of Faith's festive tables of Christmas goodies to bring holiday cheer to loved ones – or yourself! To make this a successful event, we need your participation! Please sign up <https://tinyurl.com/SJ-CCW> or in the church lobby by November 17 to bake 2 dozen Christmas cookies of your choice. Have a baking party with your family, friends, or grandchildren! Many of you participated last year and had a lot of fun: we hope you'll participate again this year. The funds raised will go towards the UWF's many different charities. If you have any questions, please call Sharon Johnson (919-624-9465).