

Saint James Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

A "Matthew 25" Congregation

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Reverend Dr. Phanta I. Lansden, Senior Pastor

October 2023 Edition

Welcome To Saint James Presbyterian Church!

The members of the Saint James Presbyterian Church are pleased to have you worship with us during the month of October. We ask that you kindly fill out our electronic visitor's card located here: https://forms.gle/L33q5q23H92pnnrV9. You can also contact us during worship through our Zoom chat, our FB Messenger or send an email after worship to: stjoffice820@gmail.com. We would like to have a record of your visit and a way to keep you updated on what is happening here at Saint James. Your information will remain confidential. Welcome

Are you interested in joining Saint James?

We welcome you to join Saint James Presbyterian Church and are committed to helping you grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ. You may become a member of the Saint James Presbyterian Church in one of the following ways: (1) You can fill out our electronic visitors card located here: https://forms.gle/L33q5q23H92pnnrV9 and we will reach out to you. (2) You can contact us during worship through our Zoom chat, our FB Messenger or send an email after worship to: stjoffice820@gmail.com. We look forward to helping you make this decision!

Connect With Us!
Office Phone Number: 336-273-6658

Saint James Office Staff:

Ms. Nicole Campbell, Temporary Administrative Coordinator Elder Andrea Russell, Business Manager Elder Timisha Corpening, Treasurer

Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjamespresby Follow us on Twitter: @stjames gsonc

Follow us on Instagram: @saintjamespresbync Visit our Website: www.stjamespresby.org

Our Purpose Statement:

"The purpose of Saint James Presbyterian Church is to touch lives through Jesus Christ by providing joyful worship, life changing teaching, warm community, and dynamic, meaningful ministries that serve to bring a new generation of believers to Christ and to nurture those who are already growing in faith."

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WORSHIP

Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities.

Virtual Order of Worship:

Count down

Announcements

Opening Song of Praise Hymn First Sundays

Opening Prayer

Welcome/Greetings

Offertory Prayer

Call to Offering

Sermonic Selection

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Holy Communion on First Sundays

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction & Closing Song

October Participants:

Worship Leader:

Rev. Dr. Phanta I. Lansden

Worship Elders:

Elder Tyrone Collins

Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah

Musicians:

Mr. William Brown, Minister of Music

Dr. Ronald Campbell, Organist & Keyboardist

Mr. Nick Hayes, Percussionist



October Lectionary

Let's continue reading together! As we journey into the month of October, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship by reading the scheduled lectionary texts each week.

The texts are listed below. Before you read each text, practice a few minutes of centering prayer to clear your mind. Pray for clarity and focus. While reading, physically or mentally take notes so that you can summarize what the scripture is saying. Finally, go back and pick out any themes or recurring ideas that may be relevant to your personal life, Saint James or the church at large. Close your reading time with a Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's word and revelation.

1st Sunday

• Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

2nd Sunday

Psalm 65

3rd Sunday

• Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

4th Sunday

Psalm 99

WORSHIP Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities.

Join us for in-person worship!
Visit <u>www.stjamespresby.org</u> for registration information
Virtual service options are also available!

To join us online at Zoom for our Sunday Service:

Click the link here -----> https://zoom.us/j/742365808

To join us on our conference call,

dial in to: 929-205-6099

Enter Meeting ID: 742 365 808#

(This Meeting ID is just for our Sunday Service and virtual sanctuary hangout)

You can also join us live on our YouTube Channel: Click the link here -----> Saint James Presbyterian Church YouTube Page

Join our live Sunday Service stream on Facebook. Click the link here -----> <u>www.facebook.com/stjamespresby</u>

To visit our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/stjamespresby

or visit www.facebook.com

Go to the search bar and type in "St. James Presbyterian Church" Click on the picture of our logo! Visit our website to sign up for email updates.

www.stjamespresby.org

<u>Did you miss any services?</u> Our services are now on YouTube! You can find all of our Sunday and Special Services on our YouTube page. All of our Bible Studies are continually added as well! Please click the link to enjoy any one of our services that you may have missed. Click the link above to watch.

Serve Around the Church

<u>Ushers</u>

Would you like to serve on a phenomenal team? We are looking for volunteers to serve as Ushers for our Sunday morning services. Please reach out to any usher on Sunday or contact the church office for more details!

Choir

Can you sing? Join the choir! We are looking for people to share their musical talents with us. Choir rehearsals are held every Tuesday from 6-7 pm. See any choir or praise team member for more information on joining.

WORSHIP Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities

Happy Birthday to our members born in October!!



Linda Adams **Brooks Artis** Regina Artis **Allison Avent** Lula Burns Paul Carlton, III **Maxine Covington Harold Cundiff Robert Evans** Lynn Goode Jalen Graves **Ashley Halley Gary Halley** Arionna Jones **Robert Patterson Angela Phinx Aaron Siler** Valerie Spaulding-Little **Grant Turner** Sandra Wallington **Amryl Ward** Tyler Young



The church will celebrate birthdays occurring between July and the end of the year, in December. The date will be announced in November!

Please remember to send us your birthdays to include each month!

Send your info to stjoffice820@gmail.com

MONTHLY MISSION PROJECT monthly opportunities for mission

Mission of the Month - Youth Director

We are thankful for the continued growth in the attendance of our young people at Sunday Services and Sunday School. Their inquisitive minds and desire for deeper understanding while enhancing their faith network is key to the continuing development of our church.

Saint James Presbyterian Church would like to employ a "Director" to prioritize the needs of our young people by creating and developing programs and activities that will engage their curiosities and stimulate their interest in the church.



Please indicate "Youth Director" in the memo section of your check or online giving choice as it is payable to Saint James Presbyterian Church.

Thank you!

SJPC Affordable Housing Committee: S.E.E. – Service, Education, Engagement

Mark Your Calendar:

October 26, 2023 (new date) – Greensboro Housing Coalition Summit – Greensboro Coliseum Terrace Room, 8:00AM until 2:00PM. An opportunity to educate ourselves about what various organizations and agencies are doing to address the housing crises in Greensboro.

SJPC Affordable Housing Committee will engage with the Interfaith Affordable Housing Initiative (IAHI), Temple Emanuel, and Guilford County Schools Homeless Services and Community Support in a Sukkot Event, October 4, 2023. During this event donations of Food Lion gift cards from the IAHI churches will be presented to the GCS Homeless Service coordinator.

S.E.E. Service, Education, Engagement

DISCIPLESHIP Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings

Marie Florance Presbytettes (MFP)

MFP will meet Sunday, October 29 at 12:15 PM in Classrooms 1 & 2 and on Zoom. We will discuss lessons 1 & 2 of our new bible study *Sacred Encounters*. We invite women who are not in a Circle to join our bible study conversation. Lesson leaders will be announced later. Please bring your lunch or a snack.

https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83885377253?pwd=RopjVkN1TnVmdGdVeXRrdkVBU3k3U

Meeting ID: 838 8537 7253

Passcode: 451922

The **Sara Barber Circle** will meet at the home of Karen Yehudah, in Greensboro on October 22 at 3:00 pm. Lesson two, entitled *The Exorcism in Gerasa* from the study guide <u>Sacred Encounters</u>, will be coordinated by Adnee Bradford and led by the members. Scripture: Luke 8:26-39. Visitors are always welcome.

Linda Adams, Moderator

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC) Monthly Gathering

The October PWC meeting will take place on Sunday, October 8, at 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Live streaming will not be available for this meeting. Dr. Adnee Bradford, our Spiritual Coordinator will lead a discussion about our new bible study Sacred Encounters. All women of the church are invited to participate in this dynamic conversation. You do not need to be a member of a Circle to attend.

The Older Adult Ministry

Look for updates on schedules and events from The Older Adult Ministry Moderators. ~Elders Marie Martin & Pauline McNair, Co-Moderators

For Older Adults who need assistance in the home,

PACE of the Triad is still enrolling new participants. PACE provides medical care and support services to older adults. Services may include, but are not limited to, a health aide for those who qualify, medical transportation, medicines, supplies, therapy, respite, and an optional day program. If you or a loved one can benefit from PACE services, contact PACE at 336-550-4046 for a free assessment or more information. A doctor's referral is not needed. PACE of the Triad is located at 1471 E. Cone Blvd. Greensboro in the Roses Shopping Center. Schedule a tour or free consultation today. Call 336-550-4046 or visit the website www.pacetriad.org/help.

DISCIPLESHIP Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings

Presbyterian Men

Look for updates on schedules and events from The Presbyterian Men's Leadership Team. ~Saint James Presbyterian Men

ADMINISTRATION Church Business & Officer Information

Updated Office Hours

The church office has updated hours! The office will now be open from 10:00am-5:00pm Monday thru Thursday. We're here to serve. 336-273-6658

Monthly Informer Article Deadline

Please feel free to mail or e-mail: <u>stjoffice820@gmail.com</u>. Articles can be sent prior to the deadline with the subject: "November Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is *Tuesday*, *October 23*, 2023 by 12:00 noon.





Update on Printing through the Office

Finally! Implementation of copy codes and limits has been updated. There will be cost for printing in the church office. Every ministry will receive a printing allotment for the year. Prints over the allotted amount will be billed to each ministry. Contact the office with any questions or code requests.

Yearly Allotment per Ministry: Black & White Copies: 300, Color Copies: 175

Printing Charges: Black & White: \$0.01 per letter-sized impression

Color: \$0.08 per letter-sized impression

Tabloid: Each 11x17 impression counts as two letter-size impressions.

Car Wash Gift Cards For Sale!

Does your car need a little TLC? Purchase a \$20.00 Autobell Car Wash Gift Card today! These cards are a great way to invest in Saint James and to keep your ride sparkling in the spring sun. The Autobell Car Wash Gift Card is also an excellent card filler or gift to someone who loves a clean car. Contact the Church Office to purchase your card today!

Contact Information Updating

Have you moved? Changed your phone number? Did you know that you can send update your contact information anytime? Our contact information form is always available online. To fill out the form online, please click: https://forms.gle/bncJhjh5d4gwHafUA
You can also visit our website and click on the link to be taken to the Contact Information Update form. If you would like a physical form, please call the church office and one will be mailed to you. Your information will remain confidential.



ADMINISTRATION Church Business & Officer Information (continued)

Congregational Care Ministry! Congregational Care is an integral part of the ministry of Saint James Presbyterian Church especially during the Pandemic. Due to Elder changes and the desire to continue to care for one another, the Congregational Care Ministry has been updated. Congregational Care functions as a pastoral care arm of ministry. The purpose of the Congregational Care ministry is to care for our congregation by providing presence through prayer, calls and cards during times of medical procedures, health crisis, transitions, and illness. Our Pastor is the primary provider for end-of-life care, bereavement, and funerals. Our Congregational Care team provides presence for ongoing care concerns. The foundation for this ministry is in scripture. Just as Moses was admonished to appoint elders to assist with the care of God's flock (Exodus 18); and just as the early church provided people to care for widows as the apostles gave themselves to prayer and the teaching of the word (Acts 2), our church stands in a biblical tradition to commission people of faith to provide for the care of God's people.

How does Congregational Care Work?

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To help ensure that everyone has an Elder, including those on the Forget Me Not List, our congregation is divided into groups based on the first letter of your last name. Each member of the congregation has been assigned a Congregational Care team member as seen below. Some examples of when to contact the church include but is not limited to prayer, notice of a medical procedure or surgery, notice of a current or past hardship. Please call the church office at 336-273-6658 or email stjoffice820@gmail.com. The office will notify the Pastor and your Congregational Care Provider immediately. If there is an end-of-life situation, the Pastor is the primary provider. All information is private unless permission is given to share with the entire church during prayer and/or through the Forget Me Not list. The Congregational Care Team is eager to serve, so do not hesitate to share your need.

Congregational Care List 2023 (subject to change)

Mambare of the Congregation

Members of the Congregation
A, B
C, D, E
F, G, H, I
J, K, L
M, N, O
P, Q, R
S, T
U, V, W, X, Y, Z

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY



Social Justice Advocacy Ministry October Updates

Social Justice Advocacy Ministry Discussion Connects the Academic World with Direct Social Justice Action- Sunday, October 1, 2023, 12:30-1:30 pm Church Fellowship Hall.

Dr. Amy Aldridge Sanford is an award-winning author and professor of communication whose scholarly work and lived experience center around social justice. She has connected the academic world to activism and to direct action using communication as a tool to help achieve permanent and systematic changes. The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry of Saint James Presbyterian Church invites you to come and engage with Dr. Sanford on Sunday, October 1, 2023, from 12: 30p.m-1:30p.m. Please join us for worship at 10:00a.m., and light refreshments will be served following Dr. Sanford's presentation in the fellowship hall. For any questions, please contact Althea B. Bradford at (336) 202-7399.



FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP Young Adult and College Ministry

Faith Point Fellowship meets on Thursdays at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Minister Corie Wilkins always brings an exciting message from God. Did we mention that he gets inspiration from comic books? Young adults 18 - 35 are invited to be part of our dynamic conversations where all topics are on the table! Do you wonder how scriptures can be relevant to your everyday life? Do you feel disappointed when you go to church? Do you want to improve your prayer life? Faith Point is a safe, judgment free space for you to get answers to your questions.

Get updates and stay connected to Faith Point Fellowship? Text FPF to 55469 and receive words of inspiration and meeting updates. Look for us on social media @FaithPointFellowship.

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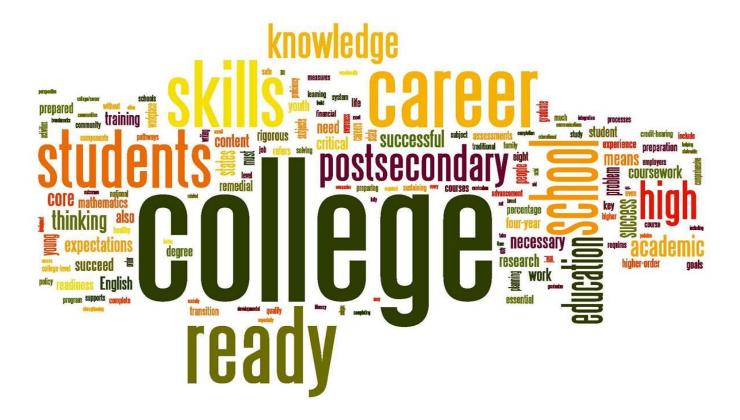
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Want to stay connected to Faith Point Fellowship?

FORGET ME NOT LIST - COLLEGE STUDENTS

Forget Me Not List for college students is currently being updated, it will be coming soon.





Want to stay connected to Faith Point Fellowship?

Text FPF to 55469 to receive words of inspiration and regular updates or visit our website at faithpointfellowship.org. We are also on social media

@FaithPointFellowship

FORGET ME NOT LIST Remember to pray for those who cannot attend worship

Shaquille & Sheryl Davis 3938 Eastland Ave., 27401

Clarence Durham 3313 Janet Ln., 27405

Hyla Cundiff 2214 New Castle Rd. 27406

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John Guthrie 4504 Southall Dr., 27406

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Bowie, MD 20715

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Minneapolis, MN 55411

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Charlotte, NC 28216

Nancy Rives 4813 Weston Pl.

Jamestown, NC 27282

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Greensboro, NC 27455

8100 Grahamson Ln. Amryl Ward

Charlotte, NC 28269

Erica Ward (niece of Elder Nancy Rives) 81 Dogwood Trail Dr.

Stockbridge, GA 30281

Mrs. Thelma Williams

Moses Cone Health Rehabilitation Center Frank Wood

1121 North Church St. 4 West Rm. 16

Greensboro, NC 27401



FELLOWSHIP Expressions of gratitude, celebrations and church functions!

Thank you...

Dear Minister and members,

Thank you for your generous donations to the The Blessed Table Food Pantry. As you know, the need is great. We are serving 12-15 families daily. God bless you as you spread the news of Jesus.







OUTREACH MINISTRY We are busy serving the community- Join Us!

Tiny House Community Development, Inc. – Building Tiny Houses with Big Hearts!

Tiny House Community Development's (THCD) mission is to be a coalition of diverse individuals and local organizations who aim to reduce homelessness by engaging in public and private partnerships to create tiny home communities. Working alongside people experiencing homelessness, our goal is to encourage positive community engagement and foster an educational experience in a welcoming environment.

There are plenty opportunities for YOU to get involved!

- Volunteer at a workday; contribute your skilled labor for designing, building, plumbing and electrical work, etc.
- Volunteer with "Breakfast 4 our Friends"; Breakfast is served every Saturday Morning at The HOPE Center located at <u>360 W Gate City Blvd. Greensboro</u>, NC <u>27406</u>; from 8:00am 9:00am
- Donate We appreciate anything you can give, whether it be monetary, your time, or donated building materials. If you'd like to find out more about what we need and to make an online donation visit our website.

https://www.tinyhousesgreensboro.com/get_involved

Donations can be mailed to - THCD, PO Box 20691, Greensboro, NC 27420 Contact Elder Paula Pierce for additional information pfp25@msn.com



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<u>Homeless Committee:</u> The Homeless Committee wishes to acknowledge with warm appreciation the congregation for the donation of 51 boxes of Quaker Oats for the Greensboro Urban Ministry.

Stephen Ministry, a Christ-centered ministry that provides care in alleviating pain and stress of life, remains attentive to the needs of others. Our personal contact via the phone allows us to connect. As we venture day by day through this pandemic, we extend the promises of God and the affirmation of His Omni-presence. Our goal is to represent the love, concern and care of Jesus in a confidential way. If we can be of assistance as we journey together, please call a Stephen Leader: Adnee Bradford (336) 202-6989, Yvonne Patterson (336) 375-0122, Cynthia Latham (336) 324-7252

For at home care assistance, please see *The Older Adult Ministry*



STEWARDSHIP Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities.

October Informer Stewardship Faith's Acid Test: Trusting in God's Love

"As Christians we often confuse worldly confidence with the life of faith. Day after day, we live like we have faith in God. Yet our actions often show that we depend primarily upon our own abilities. It is easy to confuse worldly confidence with the life of faith since both require action on our part. Worldly confidence, however, means that we trust in our own strength to carry us through, whereas the life of faith requires that we trust in God..."

"Trusting God acknowledges God's love in our lives. Abrahams's trust in God allowed him to see God's faithfulness. But if we never trust God, we will never see the love of God for us. Our slave fore-parents, in the midst of terrible pain and suffering, echoed this belief in their words and deeds. They believed that experiencing God's love with the gift that accomplished acts of faith.

Faith-based actions will cause us to say again and again in the face of our needs, "God alone will provide..."

*The African-American Devotional Bible, copyright 1997, Zondervan Rev. Dr. Willie James Jennings, Verse: Genesis Corp., pg.27 22:14, Passage: Genesis 22:1-18.

Have you gotten behind in your personal giving plan and need help catching up? The Stewardship Committee is here to help. Simply call the church office (336) 273-6658 and a member of our team will contact you.

Special Offerings

Peace and Global Witness September-Octoberd Finally - Let's not forget to contribute to our Emergency Relief Fund! If you are giving on line or using Cash App, please indicate the nature of your special giving where it states "add special instructions" or "add a note"

The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your financial commitment to our church.

Spread the Word: Emergency Rental Assistance

Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, billions of dollars in federal rental assistance is reaching renters behind on housing costs, as well as landlords who have struggled during the pandemic. These programs are run locally, and right now emergency rental assistance is available across the country.

The federal government is continuing an all-out push and issuing a call to action to Members of Congress, state and local officials, companies, advocates, nonprofits, the faith community, and more to conduct an all-out push to make sure tenants and landlords take advantage of federal rental assistance to help cover rent, utilities, and other housing costs and keep people in their homes.

Please spread the word about emergency rental assistance. Help is available for renters who are having trouble paying rent, utilities or other housing costs as well as for landlords who have tenants in this situation. State and local programs are distributing billions of dollars in rental assistance.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) recently developed a new "Rental Assistance Finder" tool for renters and landlords to find information on rental assistance in their area. The tool is now live at: https://www.consumerfinance.gov/renthelp The CFPB's site also includes resources to help renters and landlords understand other resources to help navigate various financial hardships related to the pandemic.

For additional information about the Emergency Rental Assistance program, <u>visit the unified federal housing assistance portal hosted by the CFPB.</u>





Matthew 25 in the PC(USA):

A bold vision and invitation

We are a Matthew 25 church!

Our congregation has accepted the PC(USA)'s invitation to follow Jesus' teachings in Matthew 25:31–46 by becoming active disciples and making a difference in our community and the world.

As part of our Matthew 25 commitment, we pledge to embrace one or more of these three areas of focus:

- Building congregational vitality by deepening and energizing our faith and growing as joyful leaders and disciples actively engaged with our community as we share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed
- Dismantling structural racism by fearlessly applying our faith to advocate and break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color
- Eradicating systemic poverty by acting on our beliefs and working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor

To learn more and for ideas on how to get involved and do your vital part as a member of a Matthew 25 church, please visit pcusa.org/matthew25.



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