

St. James United Methodist Church

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Philippians 2:4, NRSV



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Welcome to on-line worship from St. James United Methodist Church!
We are pleased to have you as part of our family of faith today and every Sunday.

Visit www.stjames-umchurch.org and click on online worship at the top of the homepage. Turn your sound on and follow along with this bulletin.

The announcements are at the end of the bulletin.

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2026



ENTRANCE

GATHERING MUSIC

Choir

GREETING

Robin House

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Brenda DuLong

OPENING PRAYER

Brenda DuLong

Almighty God, surround us with your love and open our hearts to your grace, that we may worship you with heartfelt praise and thanksgiving. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who comes into the world bringing your hope, love, peace, and joy. Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" (UMH 64) Together

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

SPECIAL READING (from *Sermon on the Mount* by Amy-Jill Levine)

Robin House

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

ANTHEM

Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Brenda DuLong

John 17:20-23 NRSVUE and Philippians 2:1-8 from Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney's "Lectionary for Whole Church"

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kelly Turney

*HYMN

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (UMH 196)

Together

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER (UM Book of Worship)

Together

**O creator and mighty God, you have promised strength for the weak, rest for the labores,
light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love.**

O creator and mighty God, help us to continue in your promise.

**Teach us to remember to pray for others. May we be so bound up in love with those whom we
pray that we may feel their needs and intercede for them with faithfulness.**

This we ask in Christ's name. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

Together

Pray the Lord's Prayer in any version or language you feel comfortable with.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

Online worshippers can participate in the offering via PayPal by scanning the QR code below.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Choir

* DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

Together

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Together

O God, most merciful and gracious, accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the sorrows and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (UMH 664)

Together

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

*DISMISSAL with BLESSING

Rev. Kelly Turney

The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Younglang Seonwoo.

Who is helping in worship next week?

The following people will help worship run smoothly next Sunday November 1.

Ushers: Debbe Walter and Younglang Seonwoo

Greeters: Joyce Hawkins

Liturgist/Worship Leader: Brenda DuLong

Refreshments: Brenda DuLong and Lesley Fallu.

Counters: Joe Marrone, Gary Ponder Williams, Dick Wallace

Announcements – October 25, 2026



Coffee Hour volunteers needed

There are still a couple Sundays in November and December that we need coffee hour volunteers. The sign up sheet is on the large green bulletin board in the hallway.

Church Conference Preview Meeting

To give all of our church members a chance to preview and ask questions about reports that will be presented at the November 8 church conference, especially those items that will be voted on, we will have a preview meeting immediately following worship here in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 1. Copies of the meeting packet will be available and an abbreviated version (just the items that will be voted on) will be sent out by email. A Zoom invitation will be sent in case you can't be here in person.

2026 Annual Church Conference

Each church meets annually as a community of God to celebrate ministries, conduct the business of the church, and to resolve to answer the call of Jesus Christ in the year ahead. The Church Conference format is one of Holy Conferencing where the business agenda is blended into worshipful work.

Our annual church conference has been scheduled for November 8 at 2 pm at Milford United Methodist Church. All St. James parishioners are invited although only church members can vote.

St. Paul's Craft Fair

St. Paul's UMC, 335 Smyth Rd. in Manchester is having a craft fair with cookie walk, bake sale, silent auction, white elephant sale, café and vendor tables on Saturday, November 14 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Londonderry UMC Craft Fair

Londonderry UMC, 258 Mammoth Rd. in Londonderry is having a craft fair with artisan and food vendors on Saturday, November 14 from 9 am to 2 pm.

2027 Altar Flowers

The Flower Chart for 2027 is up on the big green bulletin board in the office hallway. If you would like to contribute flowers for a particular Sunday, add your name to the list. Altar flowers cost \$30 per arrangement and you can take them home after church that day so you can enjoy them all week long. Make checks payable to St. James UMC and write "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. You can place checks in the offering plate or mail them to the church.

Save the Date – Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 5, 2026 from 9-11 am in the Fellowship Hall here at St. James Church

Join us for a festive morning of fun, food and holiday cheer! Enjoy a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast. Visit and take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Ticket information will be available soon.