St. James United Methodist Church

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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.

23rd Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026

ENTRANCE

GATHERING MUSIC — Choir

GREETING — Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

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 — Together

Everlasting God, we gather with joyful hearts to worship you on this All Saints Sunday. Grant us humble hearts to live as the saints you call us to be. As we bow and praise before You, graciously accept our worship and surround us with your abiding grace in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***** HYMN OF PRAISE "Shall We Gather at the River" (UMH 723) — Together

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.
Refrain

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.
Refrain

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace
Refrain

BREATH PRAYER Breathe in: "Abiding Grace," Breathe out: "Humble Hearts."

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION “Spirit of the Living God” UMH 393 Together

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

ANTHEM Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 12:1-2 Brenda DuLong

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Unending Hymn” Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

*HYMN "For All the Saints" (UMH 711, verses 1,4,6) Together

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

COMMUNION LITURGY

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Leader: (continue prayer)

People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: (continue prayer)

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: (continue prayer)

All: 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.

Leader: (continue prayer)

All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Worship Resource: United Methodist Book of Worship

GENEROSITY MESSAGE Donna Wallace

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 Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN "For All the Saints" (UMH 711, verses 1,4,6) Together

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Alleluia, Alleluia!
*DISMISSAL with BLESSING Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by the Barb family in honor of Frankie's birthday.

Who is helping in worship next week?

The following people will help worship run smoothly next Sunday November 8.

Ushers: Dick Wallace and Dave Bagley
Greeters: Dave and Jane Jenkins
Liturgist/Worship Leader: Evan Carlson
Refreshments: Dianne Tate and George Kenson.
Counters: Robin House, Joyce Hawkins, Carol Hurwitch

Announcements – November 1, 2026

Say Yes to God in 2027

During November, we will share ways that we can Say Yes to GOD. If you are ready, after prayerful consideration, Say Yes by completing the 2027 pledge card at the end of this bulletin and return it to the church office. If you have questions about the pledge card, please contact Brenda DuLong, Financial Secretary.

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 today. Copies of the meeting packet will be available and an abbreviated version (just the items that will be voted on) has been sent out by email.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83542269964?pwd=bVicI4Mwva9XMvzfefaCAbEdbpATbt.1

Join and take notes
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83542269964?pwd=bVicI4Mwva9XMvzfefaCAbEdbpATbt.1&mynotes=on

Meeting chat link
https://us06web.zoom.us/launch/jc/83542269964

Meeting ID: 835 4226 9964
Passcode: 470665

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.

Wellheart School Update

As most of you know, we have leased part of our building to Wellheart Chartered Public School. They use the four classrooms in the Fellowship Hall Building, as well as Fellowship Hall, the kitchen, and bathrooms. They also use the playground and, occasionally, some other outdoor spaces.

The Fellowship Hall, kitchen, bathrooms and playground are shared space. This means that church members have access to these areas after 4:30 each day from Monday to Friday, and all day on Saturday and Sunday. The school has exclusive use of the four classrooms. Likewise, school personnel and children do not have access to other areas of our facility, unless approved by Trustees. The school has designated parking from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. near the entrance to Fellowship Hall along the tree line.

The school has important security protocols to follow. From Monday through Friday, church members and guests cannot enter the Fellowship Hall before 4:30 from any door. To access the church, please use the office door or the ramp door.

If any issues arise, please contact Dick Wallace, Chair of Trustees. Please do not address school personnel or children directly. The school has been asked to do the same. If they have an issue with something, they will report it to their board.

We realize that this is difficult to get used to. If you have any questions, please speak to a Trustee. Thank you for your patience as we all adapt to these new inconveniences.

St. James Board of Trustees

St. James Community Food Pantry

The food pantry has been serving approximately 60 families each week, but not necessarily the same 60 each week. Although we serve the communities of Merrimack, Nashua, Litchfield and Bedford, the large majority of clients are from Merrimack. We have seen an increase in food insecurity as the colder weather approaches.

For Thanksgiving this year, we are giving out 70 turkeys and gift cards for people to purchase the vegetables of their choice. We are looking for donations of cranberry sauce and canned pie filling (apple, blueberry, cherry).

There will be a collection bin in the office hallway. All thanksgiving donations must be received by November 15. Thank you for your continuing support.

Lesley Fallu and Cheryl Barb

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.

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 silent auction, and artisan and food vendors on Saturday, November 14 from 9 am to 3 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.

THE POWER OF GENEROSITY: A PLEDGE TO ST. JAMES FOR 2027

In grateful recognition for all of the ministries of St. James, I (We) join with others to:

_____pray for the mission and ministry of St. James United Methodist Church

_____grow in my (our) giving to the General Fund as follows:

My (Our) new financial commitment is $_____ per _____week _____month _____ year

for an annual total of $_____

Name (please print)_____Current Envelope #_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Phone(s)_____ Email_____

_____I /We would like printed envelopes for 2027. _____ I /We need a new envelope number for 2027.