

The Worship of God

8:30, 9:40 and 10:50 a.m.

Last Sunday after Epiphany

February 19, 2012

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

PRESERVICE MUSIC (8:30)

Marlene Bryan, piano

PRELUDE (8:30)

Blessed Assurance—arr. Breazeale

PRELUDE (10:50)

Isn't He—arr. Wilhelmi

GATHERING SONG—HYMN NO. 601 (10:50)

Thy Word Is a Lamp

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glenn Cole

GREETING TIME (10:50)

WE PRAISE GOD WITH OUR MUSIC, GIFTS, AND PRAYERS

HYMN NO. 560 (8:30, 10:50)

Help Us Accept Each Other

OFFERTORY

LaMurl Morris & Bill Emerson, piano duet

DOXOLOGY—HYMN NO. 94

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAISE MUSIC

THE READING OF THE WORD

Ephesians 2:11-22

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, No. 881 (8:30)

WE LIFT OUR SPIRITS IN PRAYER

The Rev. Jerry Meredith

(10:50 a.m. service): Children may be dismissed to Children's Church in Room 103. Pre-K (4 years old by Sept 1, 2011) through 2nd Grade

WORSHIP IN SONG

Believe Me Now—arr. Stephen Curtis Chapman
Gretchen Bowen

WE HEAR HIS WORD

SCRIPTURE

The Rev. Jerry Meredith

SERMON

John 17: 20-26
"Relationships ... Love ... Life ... HELP!"

OUR RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 557

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

SENDING FORTH

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING:

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever,
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see his face, know His grace is for you,
May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

POSTLUDE

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Altar Color for Sunday, February 19th — White

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, February 19

Worship Services at 8:30, 9:40 and 10:50 a.m.

8:30 am **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)
9:00 am Coffee & Doughnuts (Fellowship Hall)
9:40 am **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)
9:40 am Bible Classes
10:50 am **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)
5:30 pm Student Leadership Meeting (The Jimmy)
6:00 pm Youth Supper Club (The Jimmy)
6:00 pm Hebrew Class (Room 220)

Monday, February 20

6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00-9:00 pm AA Regular Meeting (Room 101)
7:00 pm Clarke Middle Wyldlife (FH)
7:00 pm Leadership Board (Room 219)
8:00 pm Wesley Small Group (The Jimmy)

Tuesday, February 21

7:30-8:30 am Bible Study (Room 219)
10:00 am Ministry Staff Meeting (Room 217)
2:00 pm Fidelus Nu (FH)

Wednesday, February 22

10:30 am-12:00 pm Staff Meeting (Room 212)
Wednesday Night Activities
5:15 pm Family Fellowship Meal (FH)
6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Children's Activities
6:00 pm Nursery Provided
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Room 213)

Thursday, February 23

6:00-10:00 pm Perspectives Class (Sanctuary)
7:00-9:00 pm A.A. Regular Meeting (FH)

Friday, February 24

SJUMC Office Closed on Fridays

8:00 am Men's Prayer (Parlor)

Saturday, February 25

8:30 am-11:30 pm Timothy Estates (FH)

(Note: FH=Fellowship Hall)

Miss a Sunday?

Pastor Jerry's teachings are on our website.
Go to www.sjumc.org and click on the
"Teachings" tab.

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THE LIGHT



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 19

8:00 am **Worship Service**
10:00 am **Sunday School**
11:00 am **Worship Service**

Thursday, February 23

11:30 am **Soup & Sermon**

St. James

"The river of the water of life... flowing from
the throne of God and of the Lamb..."

- Revelation 22:1



February 19, 2012

"Let's Make Our Sacrifice This Lent More Meaningful!"

Self-denial is about making a sacrifice that makes a difference, focusing on the Cross, and reminding ourselves what Christ gave up for us.

GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, "In everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is OK, but "moaning, groaning, and complaining" are not Christian disciplines.

GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed! Instead, use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion. A few minutes in prayer WILL keep you focused.

GIVE UP looking at other people's worst attributes. Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first.

GIVE UP speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting or to offer a smile. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door?

GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything! Instead, learn the discipline of love. "Love covers a multitude of sins."

GIVE UP your worries and anxieties! They're too heavy for you to carry anyway. Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about—like tomorrow! Live today, and let God's grace be sufficient.

GIVE UP TV one evening a week! Instead, visit someone who's lonely or sick. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the "tube?" Give someone (your family) a precious gift—your time!

GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself! Instead, give the money to God. The money you would spend on the luxuries could help someone meet basic needs. We're called to be stewards of God's riches, not consumers.

GIVE UP judging others by appearances and by the standard of the world! Instead, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only one who has the right to judge—Jesus Christ.

'Til next time,

Jerry



The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Zachary Gegen by Mike & Mary Gegen.

Bill Hurst, Head Usher — February 2012

THANK YOU FOR TURNING OFF ALL CELL PHONES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICES AND BIBLE CLASSES.

Our St. James Prayer Ministers will be available at the altar immediately following the service to pray with anyone desiring prayer.

Wednesday Dinner Reservations

Please call the Church Office (706-548-1680) **BEFORE 11:00 AM** on Monday mornings to reserve your dinner reservations for Wednesday's Fellowship Meal. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that we have an accurate count for the meal on Wednesday.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Worship at 8:30, 9:40, and 10:50 a.m.

The Rev. Jerry Meredith

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2012

2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9



HYMN FESTIVAL — FEBRUARY 26

DO YOU HAVE A STORY?

During our Hymn Festival on February 26, we will celebrate and rejoice in the heritage of singing in worship! Has there been a time in your life when a hymn has comforted you, encouraged you, challenged you, or reminded you of God's truth? Please write about it and email to Bill Emerson at bemerson@sjumc.org or feel free to drop it off in the Church Office by February 14.



Celebrate the glory of hymn singing!!!



Missions Possible 5K Race

St. James 5th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Missions
April 14th — 8:00 a.m.

Location: Watkinsville First Baptist Church
Register online at www.active.com or pick up registration form in St. James Church Office.
Questions?

Contact Gretchen Bowen: gretbowen@hotmail.com

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"
Romans 10:15

Men's Ministry



The Men's Ministry of St. James will have a

WILDGAME SUPPER — FEBRUARY 28th.

Gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm.

Dinner at 7:00 pm.

Drinks, cups, plates and eating utensils provided.

Bring a dish, with or without wild game, to share.

This an invitation to all men! We look forward to seeing you!

If you have any questions, please call

Gary Bowen at 706-207-9273.

Prayer Requests

Andrew Morgan	Eleanor Grimes	Louise Gibson	Sandy Martin
Anne Kenan	Gail Perno	Margaret Legato	Sheila Bridges
Ben Gegen	Garrett Family	Marty Brobst	Sherry Jones
Bill Burgin	George Simpson	Meredith Shy	Terry Gautreaux's father
Claire Lowery	Helen Price	Quinn Daly	Tim Crowe
Darlene Wright	Jan Snyder	Ray Preston	Torry Madurski
Dennis Struemp	Jean Fleet	Richard Andersen	Vonnie Johnston
Diann Floyd	Jena Cabaniss	Rick Baker	Sally Stowers
Katherine Wolf	Bette Daniel	Gary Barton	

Serving in the Military

1st Lt. Charles "Chip" Knox	Capt. Nathaniel Chittick	Maj. Chris Himmelsbach
1st Lt. Harding Brumby	Chris Walker	Matt Cole
2nd Lt. Courtney Strack	Cody Maxwell	Zach Cole
2nd Lt. William Mahoney	Corp. Shay Jennings	
Capt. Brett Thomas	Kyle Crume	

Wednesday Night

February 22, 2012

**LEARNING TOGETHER,
GROWING TOGETHER IN CHRIST**

5:15 PM Fellowship Meal

Cost: Adult \$5.00/Child \$2.50

**Menu: Chili, Tossed Salad, Baked Potato,
Crackers, Lemon Ice Box Pie**

*Please call the Church Office at 706-548-1680
for reservations by Monday, February 20th at 11:00 am*



Ash Wednesday Service

February 22 — 6:00 pm

St. James Sanctuary

Youth will participate in the 6:00 pm service.
Children & Nursery Activities will be provided.

**Join us Wednesday evening
for this special service.**

COLLEGE

Tip of the Week: Hey College Students!

This week's tip is simple. Have you checked out the Wesley Foundation at UGA recently? They've got incredible worship opportunities a couple nights a week, small groups, tons of fellowship time to help you meet new people, and some incredible ministries that you can jump into...ministries like foreign missions, outreach specifically to freshmen, dance, outreach to UGA's foreign students, caring for people who work in Athens' night clubs, and even serving right here at St. James leading a small group with our youth. Having a family here at school is so important, and we think that St. James and the Wesley Foundation would make a great family for you! Hope you have a great week!

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Confirmation Retreat



Please remember our students at the Confirmation Retreat this weekend — February 17-19. We ask that you pray for these students by name asking God to continue the work He started in them, drawing them to Himself, and making their faith in Christ real and personal. Participants are: Harrison, Josh M, Eve, Peyton, Calina, Dalton, Kleo, Lindsey, Josh E, and Brad.

St. James Church Retreat
March 2-4, 2012



Sign up in the Church Office ASAP!
Reservation Deadline — February 26

For more information, contact Pat Bennett at
706-207-6699 or pbennett113@charter.net.

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