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175 Years
& Beyond



WORSHIP

Sundays

10 am

Live & via
Zoom

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Wednesday

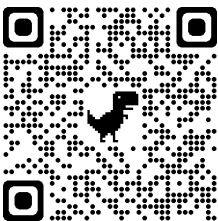
7pm

Share the
welcome.

Invite a
friend.

Zoom link
found at our
website:

[www.stjames
folsom.org](http://www.stjamesfolsom.org)



THE VOICE OF ST. JAMES



Thoughts from Pastor

From Joyce Rupp's *The Cup of Our Life*,

One of my favorite parts of the day is when I come in from my early morning walk and have a cup of freshly brewed, steaming hot coffee. On cold winter days, I especially like the feel of my favorite coffee mug in my hands and I thoroughly enjoy the sips of liquid that bring welcomed warmth into my body.

My coffee mug reminds me that cups are containers designed to hold something refreshing, just as we are containers meant to hold the Divine Presence. Because God dwells within me, I like to think of myself as a mini Ark of the Covenant. God goes with me wherever I go. I carry God into each relationship and experience. A powerful thought, that one.

Our understanding and our experience of God shapes our image of God and our spirituality. Who is God? Where do

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we find this God of ours? If we look at the Hebrew scriptures, we will find that Divine Presence is everywhere, always moving and always calling to people, wherever they may be. If we look at the Christian scriptures, we find a significant addition: this Divine Presence has made a home in us. Jesus said, “make your home in me” (Jn. 15:4). He used the image of the vine and the branches to emphasize that the same life that surges through all parts of the plant is similar to the life of God that surges through our being. God is no longer just “out there.” God is also here, within us. The spirit of Jesus lives on in our own bodily temples. We have become the home of God.

Some days I go zooming along, checking off all the “stuff” I have on my “to do” list, and I totally forget that I am the home of God. When this happens, I can easily lose my reverence and my awareness of all the beauty around me. On the other hand, when I remember that God has made a home in my heart and in the heart of each one I meet, I look at people and life quite differently. I am more patient and kind and much less judgmental.

As you move through this day, brush off the old dust and cobwebs caused by busyness and non-attention, and become aware of how God travels with you.

I invite you to ponder Rupp's words and think about how you can look at yourself and others differently when you remember that God is traveling with you and with them.

Shalom



**4th - Mike & Lauren
Gigliotti**



**4th - Nick Chille
5th - Suzanne Tichy
8th - Charles Librizzi
9th - John Houck
10th - Ali Richer
10th - Devyn Gigliotti
21st - Gabriella Tichy
26th - Ron Warriner
26th - Courtney
Thompson
30th - Tammy Rodio**

We would like to invite you to join us for a fun year of Bible Study, for children up to 6th grade! Feel free to invite children of friends and family to join our wonderful program.

Classes will be held on Sundays at 9:00 AM

Dates:

October 13th & 27th
November 17th & 24th

Future dates will be posted, if there are any changes in the dates listed above, you will be notified.



October Worship Volunteers

On Sunday, October 20th, we will welcome
Pastor Glenn Englehardt,
who will be leading us in worship.

We will need assistants to help with our service.

Please sign up in the narthex or let Pastor Pam or
Amanda know. Thank you!



6th - Jim Valenti
13th - Michael Hozik
20th - Fred Tichy
27th - Ed Volpa

1st - Betty Pollock
8th - Betty Pollock
15th - Betty Pollock
22nd - Betty Pollock



1st - Volunteers Needed
8th - Volunteers Needed
15th - Volunteers Needed
22nd - Volunteers Needed



OCTOBER

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>AA Groups Tue - 7pm Wed - 7pm (Women only) Fri - 8 pm Sat - 6:30pm Sun - 7:30pm</p>		<p>1 7pm Outreach</p>	<p>2 7pm Worship</p>	<p>3 11am Grief Support Group 7pm Book Study</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 2pm God's Work Our Hands Event</p>
<p>6 10am Worship</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 1pm God's Stitchers 7pm Worship</p>	<p>10 11am Grief Support Group 7pm Book Study</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 5pm Service for Prayer & Healing</p>
<p>13 9am Sunday School 10am Worship</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 7pm Worship</p>	<p>17 11am Grief Support Group 7pm Book Study</p>	<p>18 5:30 Trunk or Treat at Folsom School</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 10am Worship w/ Pastor Glenn Englehardt</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 7pm Worship</p>	<p>24 11am Grief Support Group 7pm Book Study</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 6:00 pm Halloween Gathering at Grasso's</p>
<p>27  9am Sunday School 10am Worship</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 NO Evening Worship</p>	<p>31 11am Grief Support Group 7pm Book Study</p>		



This Halloween Season St. James will be participating in a **Trunk-or-Treat** event at Folsom School on **October 18**. We will gather at 5:30 to set-up with treating at 6:30 pm.

Our theme is *Horror Hospital*.

We are collecting candy for this event. We are especially looking for Tootsie Rolls and Jolly Ranchers to fill rubber gloves. Please bring your donations to church on Sundays before or after worship, or on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm.

We will be preparing for the event after church on Sunday, October 13 after worship. Come and join in the fun.



Halloween Gathering and Bonfire

October 26 at 6 pm
Join us for a night of fun at Beth and Don Grasso's.

Invite friends. Sign up in Narthex or email office to let us know if you are coming.

Please bring snacks or beverage to share.



SERVICE OF
HEALING
OCTOBER 12
5:00 PM

Join us as we pray and
anoint for healing
and wholeness.
Invite family and/or friends.

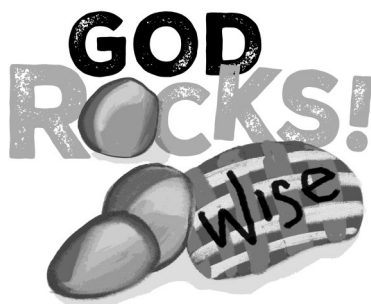


With fall we
start
Sunday
School,

Outreach Programs,
and various events.

They provide
opportunities for you to be
involved in the ministry of
St. James. Your
assistance is invaluable in
ensuring these ministries
run smoothly and
successfully. We would be
grateful for any help you
can provide during this
busy time.

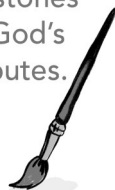
Signup sheets will be
available in the bulletin
or the narthex, listing
opportunities to assist.
Simply fill it out and place
it in the offering plate.



Make decorative stones
as reminders of God's
many great attributes.

What you need:

- Flat, smooth stones
- Printed, decorative napkins
- Paintbrush
- Clear-drying craft glue
- Scissors
- Permanent marker



What you do:

1. Unfold the napkin, carefully separating the printed side from the solid side.
2. Brush a thin layer of glue atop a stone. Lay the napkin (printed side up) on the glue and press down. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
3. Turn the stone over and paint more glue on the back. Wrap the napkin edges around the stone, trimming as needed. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
4. On the stone, write an attribute of God (loving, wise, powerful, merciful, etc.).
5. Repeat with more stones. Use them as gifts, paperweights, table decorations, etc.



thank you

PASTOR

for your
FAITH &
DEDICATION

Pastor
Appreciation
Day
October 13th



"Tears are prayers
too.

They travel to
God when we can't
speak."

-Psalm 56:8

Grief Support Group

Beginning on Thursday, October 3 through Dec. 19 we will resume our grief support group. This group will help provide you with comfort, coping skills and resources to help you deal with loss.

We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month at 11:00 am.

Attend as you are able.

**Sunday, October 27th is
Reformation Sunday.**

Reformation Sunday

*Therefore, since we have
been justified through
faith, we have peace with
God through our Lord Jesus
Christ, through whom we
have gained access by faith
into this grace in which we
now stand.*



Romans 5:1-2, 11

We invite you to **wear red**,
and worship with us as we
hear the stories of the
people who came before us
and taught us about faith.
Where we return to the core
of our faith.

**‘God loved us first,
and God continues to
shower us with
grace and mercy’.**



Sunday, November 3rd,
we invite you to honor our
beloved Erika Warriner and
Donald Haines whom we
have lost this past year.

Also, to honor and remember any family and/or
friends who have passed in the past year.



*"We grieve those
empty chairs,
but know that
in Christ, our
separation
is only a
temporary thing"*





Dolores Fiori, Laura Librizzi, Claire Gilmore, Joan & Marx Heller, Diane Eby, Winnie Ziegler, Hannah Bonchi, Margaret Rea, Jennifer Johnson, Linda Kisby, Rita Ricca, Gillian Lee Phillips, Betty Haines, Dorcas Schellhas, Henry Butterhof, Bette Jackson, Maggie Rider, Marlene Triggian, Bob & Ellie Frietag, Ed Shine, Christina Spahn, George Cappucio, Jessica Lewis, Dan P., Tom Dixon, Arlene Calletta, Ed Volpa, Mike Fountas, Nick Pobletti, Arlene Deptula, Sophie Stites, Thomas Rose, Linda Slater, Annette Scipione, Baby Octavia Marie Kozole, John Thame, George Castine, Chip Stewart, Joe Chille, Lisa D'Ambrosia, Chenza Cerrato, Sadie Peterson, Kathy Gorbig, Bill Link, Carl Anderson, Edythe Aselta, David Butterworth, Louie Rider, Emily Shemansky, Karen Fiorilli, Lori Truitt, Charlie Patton, Jennifer Robinson, Ed & Toni Marinelli, Joe & RoseAnn Lucca, Frances Penza, Thomas Penza, Mia Arrison, Debbie O'Connor, Cass Seddon.

and For the NJ SYNOD, Bishop Bartholomew and staff, and the ELCA, Bishop Eaton, and its ministries.



It's that time of year again! Stop by the donation board in the Narthex and pick up a

card for the food item you would like to donate for our Outreach Group's Thanksgiving Baskets.

Please have your donations in by Nov 17th

Box of Stuffing

Box of Instant Potatoes

Canned Sweet Potatoes

Canned Corn

Cranberry Sauce

Jar of Gravy

Bisquick

Brownie Mix

Powdered Drink Mix

BOOK STUDY – BOOK OF JOY

by Bishop Desmond Tutu
and the Dali Lama.

We are organizing another book study and invite you to join us on Thursdays at 7pm beginning on October 3rd, running roughly through November 21st. To join, please sign up in the narthex.

If you wish for us to purchase the book on your behalf, kindly indicate this on the sign-up sheet, the cost is **\$16.00 for paperback, \$17.00 for hardcover**. Alternatively, if you prefer to purchase a copy yourself, the book is available on Amazon.

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Fred Tichy - Vice President Judy May
Regina Moschik Quinn Cowan

Worship - Sundays 10 am
Live and Via Zoom
Link on www.stjamesfolsom.org

Our Mission

Welcoming all people to abide in Christ,
to experience God's love, and
to do God's work in the world around us.



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