

AS SERVANTS, WE LISTEN TO GOD

Memory Verse for today, James 1:1

"James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings."

Memory Verse for next Sunday, October 25, from Ecclesiastes 9:17

"Words of the wise, spoken quietly, should be heard
Rather than the shout of a ruler of fools."

New Testament Reading from Mark 10:42-45 (NKJ)

Jesus called [His disciples] to *Himself* and said to them,

"You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

⁴³ "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

⁴⁵ "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Song of Praise: # 551

"O to Be like Thee!"

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Ms. Gail Parker

AS SERVANTS WE LEARN FROM GOD

Children's Bible Chat:

After the chat, children 7 and under are invited to attend the Children's Church by leaving through the door next to the organ.



NEXT SATURDAY FROM 4:00 – 7:00 P.M.

**We'll need donations of cakes, pies,
cookies and helpers!**

**And the Christian Mission will have
barrels here to collect items that they
need specifically: pasta, pasta sauce,
canned meat products and boxes of cereal**

**Please bring an item for the Christian
Mission barrels when you come to have
Fun!**

4:00 p.m. Fall Festival Fun Begins

5:30 p.m. Hot Dogs in the Dining Hall

6:45 p.m. Grab a to-go bag of candy

7:00 p.m. Goodbye.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Young People

Nursery (0 - 3 y/o)	Rm 104
Toddlers (2 - 4 y/o)	Rm 103
Beginners I (PK - 1st)	Rm 105
Beginners II (2nd - 3rd)	Rm 102
Apprentices (4th - 5th)	Rm 110
Catecumens (6th - 8th)	Rm 108
So What? (9th - 12th)	Rm 111

Adult Options

Study	Room	Leader
First Peter	101	D Drennen
Acts	106	JNewcombe/RMusetti
John	107	S Roseman
Consequences Flwshp of Ideas	J Jorgensen Hall	

Fall Quarter | **Sundays**
September - November | **@ 9:45 AM**

Chorus of Worship: #660

"I Will Serve Thee"

Prayer of Confession and Invocation

Assurance of Pardon from 1 Kings 8:35b-36a (NKJ)

When your people confess Your name,
and turn from their sin because You afflict them,
then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your servants

Confession of Faith from Chapter 21 of the Westminster Standards

Q. How does nature itself and Scripture show we should serve God?

A. The light of nature shows that there is a God, who has lordship and sovereignty over all; is good, and does good unto all; and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served, with all the heart, and with all the soul, and with all the might.¹ But the acceptable way of worshipping the true God is instituted by Himself, and so limited by His own revealed will, that He may not be worshipped according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representation, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scripture.²

[Citing ¹Rom 1:20; Acts 17:24; Ps. 119:68; Jer. 10:7; Ps. 31:23; 18:3; Rom. 10:12; Ps. 62:8; Josh. 24:14; Mark 12:33. ²Deut. 12:32; Matt. 15:9,10; Deut. 15:1-20; Exod. 20:4-6; Col. 2:23.

Hymn of Worship: # 38

"Ye Servants of God"

AS SERVANTS, WE PRAY TO GOD

Sharing of Praises and Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer

AS SERVANTS, WE SERVE GOD

Hymn of Service: #415

"We are Called to Be God's People"

stanzas 1& 2

REFLECTION BASED ON PROVERBS 14:35 (NKJ)

"The king's favor *is* toward a wise servant,
But his wrath *is against* him who causes shame."

BENEDICTION FROM HEBREWS 12:28 (NKJ)

"Since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."

Benediction Song: #426

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Postlude

Ms. Gail Parker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord's Day schedule is as follows:

9:00 a.m. Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Musicians practice-if you want to play along, come and practice the hymns together.

9:45 a.m. Sunday School—classes for all ages!

11:00 a.m. Worship Service with overflow seating in the Fellowship Hall

12:30 p.m. SHORT meeting of the Fellowship Committee in Library

Meetings this week:

Monday, October 19	7:00 p.m.	Stated Officers Meeting
Wednesday, October 21`	5:30 p.m.	AWANAS Meet
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, October 24	4:00 p.m.	FALL FESTIVAL
Sunday, October 25	6:00 p.m.	Digging Deeper Bible Study

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Today: Marilyn Drennen
Cassidy Martin
April Pruitt

GREETERS

Maria Green
Isaac Haddock

Sermon on James 1:1, Have you been introduced to the Writer of this letter?

[1] WE KNOW THIS WRITER BY HIS NAME, JAMES

- A. "*Iakobos*" is the Greek form of the Hebrew Name, Jacob, the Grandson of Abraham
- B. There are 7 men named James in the NT, but by process of elimination, this James best fits the half-brother of Jesus (Matt 13:55)
- C. James came to believe in Jesus by His resurrection appearance (1 Cor 15:7), and he became "senior" pastor of the Church in Jerusalem (Acts 12:17; 15:13; 21:18)
- D. The Burial Ossuary of James gives the earliest archaeological evidence of Jesus, so what an testimony he was in life and death!

[2] WE KNOW THIS WRITER BY HIS DESCRIPTION AS A servant.

- A. This is the same status Jesus uses of Himself (Mark 10:45) as the Lord's Servant (Matt 12:18)
- B. Is a "servant of all" your highest calling in the Church (Mark 9:35)?

[3] WE KNOW THIS WRITER BY WHOM HE SERVED

- A. Which God does he have in mind? (James 2:19, 3:9)
- B. Also, this God has some relationship to "the Lord Jesus Christ" (James 2:1) so expect to learn much about Him from this letter.

[4 WE KNOW THIS WRITER BY HIS RECIPIENTS, WHOM HE CALLS 'THE 12 TRIBES SCATTERED ABROAD.'

- A. He applies the 12 tribes of Israel (Gen 49:28) to the scattered Church (Acts 8:1), suggesting this letter is the first NT book written.
- B. Though the recipients were Jewish believers, James 5:14 locates them in the Church, so this book belongs to all of us!

[5] WE KNOW THIS WRITER BY HIS GREETING.

- A. Is it coincidence the letter in Acts 15:23 opens with the same greeting?
- B. Another translation is "Be rejoicing" (as in 1 Thess 5:16) so James will teach us how to "rejoice in God" as Paul does in Romans 5:11.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP, OCTOBER 18, 2026

“Knowing Christ and Making Him Known”

Welcome and good morning! This Lord’s Day, as you prepare for worship, please meditate on our memory verse James 1:1 as we start a new sermon series on this fascinating letter of the New Testament, “James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings.”

Welcome and Announcements

AS SERVANTS, WE WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: Ms. Caroline Cleaveland

Choral Special: “Lead Me To That Rock” Ms. Gail Parker and Shearer Choir

Call to Worship from Psalm 86 (From the CEB, The Common English Bible)
Worship Leader Jim Newcombe

L: "LORD, listen closely to me and answer me, because I am poor and in need.
ALL: Guard my life because I am faithful. Save your servant who trusts in you--You! My God!
L: Have mercy on me, Lord, because I cry out to you all day long.
ALL: Make your servant's life happy again because, my Lord, I offer my life to you, because, my Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of faithful love for all those who cry out to you.
L: All the nations that you've made will come and bow down before you, Lord; they will glorify your name, because you are awesome and a wonder-worker. You are God. Just you.
ALL: I give thanks to you, my Lord, my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify your name forever, because your faithful love toward me is awesome and because you've rescued my life from the lowest part of hell.
L: “You, my Lord, are a God of compassion and mercy; you are very patient and full of faithful love.
ALL: “Come back to me! Have mercy on me! Give your servant your strength; save this child of your servant!

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