



*Give Thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.
Psalm 107:4*



**November
2021**

From Pastor Jay

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Worship Schedule

**9:00 am
Contemporary Service
(CLC)
&
11:00 am
Traditional Service
(Sanctuary)**

Live-Streamed

Please see JPC's website to
view live-stream services

**Rev. Dr. Jay Smith
Senior Pastor**

**Rev. Casey Riker
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**Rev. Judy Fitchett
Parish Associate**

SESSION

Class of 2021

Mary Brooke Guernier
Ricki Hall
Kim Schoepske
Brian Stroud
Michelle Wentz
George Wissmiller

Class of 2022

Lenny Dean
Gary Fulp
Joanne Graham
Karen Johnson
Danielle King

Class of 2023

Randy Dabbs
Krista Hannah
Doug MacColl
Chris Mills
Darryl Ray
Bruce Shaw

Time flies in a pandemic. Time really flies in a pandemic when you get a twelve-week vacation from work. I can't believe that I am writing a Thanksgiving article for 2021. It seems like only yesterday it was March of 2020 and Lent was getting going and then BOOM it was the fall of 2021. It seems like only last week when I agreed to serve on a presbytery committee (Budget and Finance) and yet I have never been able to meet the people on that committee in person. I see their faces on my computer, but I have no idea how tall they are or if they are even wearing pants on their Zoom call?

As the world flies by it is easy to forget to be thankful. If you blink Thanksgiving and Christmas will be gone and we will have been doing this for two years. It is not only easy to forget to be thankful, but it is easy to grow impatient. We started making Christmas Eve plans for the church in October and I have found myself getting more and more frustrated. I am not sure I want things to go back to normal, but I at least want to understand what is allowed and what isn't, what the 2022 definition of normal will even be.

Every day you turn on the TV or read the news and you are told that you can't get the things you need, like a new car. You are warned that if you didn't get your Christmas shopping done before you put away your white shorts at Labor Day your family is doomed to a loveless Christmas with nothing under the tree. If you brave Facebook you see painful arguments between friends and family members about vaccines, masks, the President, schools, and every other thing under the sun. Remember, I just joined Facebook in January of 2020. I am sad to say I miss the days when all that you could find on there were braggards showing their grandchildren doing something very basic, vacation photos, and cat videos.

It is easy to lose hope. I have spent the last week working on an Advent sermon series and with all my heart I want to do something special this year. But the temptation is to say, "special left town." The temptation is to put conditions on our thankfulness. We might be tempted to say, "I will be thankful when... I don't have to wear a mask, or I can go on vacation, or when I don't have to worry about the rising costs of everything!" When we do this, we are missing all that is going on around us. We are missing all that God is doing in our midst. Even the Psalmist David, in the deepest of pits, remembered to be thankful in his suffering. We need to do that too!

I want to encourage you to turn off the TV and look away from Facebook and take a moment to reflect on what you are thankful for. I was so blessed to be able to take a sabbatical. I was able to really unplug and get refreshed. I was able to go to amazing places and see fascinating things. I was able to learn about so many things

that I never would have seen or thought of in another year. I want to share with you some of the things I am thankful for this year.

I am thankful for a restored relationship with my brother. Its not as if we were estranged or anything before, we just didn't make it a priority. Since Christmas of last year, we have talked weekly, if not more, about all sorts of things. This is something to be thankful for. I am thankful for time spent with my parents. The trip that Julia and I took with them is something none of us will ever forget. Every so often Julia and I will bring up the most random things from our trip and laugh. Life is short and parents are easy to be too busy for. I would encourage you to cherish the resources of your family members and elders. I am thankful for the unique relationships I have with each of my children. Over the course of my leave, I was able to really discover who they are, what makes them tick. Josh and I were able to take a couple trips. Julia and I spent 24 hours a day together for over 2 weeks. Jordan and I were able to have adult conversations. Discovering the identities of my children is perhaps the thing that I am most thankful for. I am also incredibly thankful for the next chapter of my relationship with my spouse. I am thankful that we have been able to work as a team to get these kids through life. Although I know that Erin is thankful that I am back at work!

I am thankful for this church. More than any other I have served I feel like I am part of the family as much as I am a leader. I am thankful for your generosity toward the work of the Lord and my family. I was blown away with all the pastor appreciation cards, goodies, and gifts. I am thankful that God has called me here and that this is the church I call home.

Did you notice something about my list? None of the things I am thankful for have much of anything to do with stuff. Admittedly, many of these things happened while on great trips but it was more about the company than the journeys. When we focus on the periphery we miss the point. God gave us our families as a gift. God gave us the responsibility of rearing children as an opportunity to mold them and impact the world. It hardly seems like what we do matters each day but it really does.

As Christians, we should strive to reflect Christ and help our families to come to know Christ. Then we can be thankful in knowing that our lives are dedicated to the Lord. When we live for Christ we are naturally more thankful. When we are weighed down by the problems of this world we just let the thanksgiving fade. This November I want to encourage you to be truly thankful. Even though the world may not seem great and "normal" may never return if you look hard enough you can't help but say, "Thank you Jesus!"





GROWING AND PROSPERING IN OUR THIRD YEAR

In November new crops are popping up: spinach, collards, kale, beets, carrots. Yes, the okra and eggplant is still producing. We are proud to provide some of these to Afghan refugees settling in our area as well as Family Services and Church World Services. Next month will these vegs be poking through snow?

Preparing Veggies grown in JPC Community Garden

by Kathy Coolidge

Crispy Roasted Kale Chips

2 bunches curly kale (about 2 1/2 pounds)
1/4 cup good olive oil (or a flavored oil)
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat Oven 350

Lay each kale leaf on a board and, with a small sharp knife, cut out the hard stem. Tear large leaves in half. Place the kale in a large bowl of water and wash it well. Drain the kale and dry. Dry the bowl, and put the kale back in the bowl.

Toss the kale with the olive oil, 1 teaspoon kosher salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Divide the kale among 3 sheet pans or roast them in batches. If you put too much kale on one pan, it will steam rather than roast and will never become crisp. Roast for 15 minutes, until crisp.



DONATIONS

Donation to Avery Snead Preschool Scholarship Fund
In memory of Stu Schurr by
Bonnie Schurr

Donation to JPC Youth Mission Fund
In memory of Stu Schurr by
Bonnie Schurr

Donation to JPC Outreach Endowment Fund
In memory of Wes Craver by
Anne Barts
Charles Stanfield & Melanie Wood
Leanne Dennis
Wayne & Betty McCray
Mike & Tara Daniel
Cecil & Pat Little
Louise Monroe, Jennifer, Eric and Rebecca
Vivien Carson
Fred & Brenda Ellas
Pam Werstlein
Nancy Kennon
Andy & Monica Adams
Joan Brisley
Vaden & Pam Richardson
Charles & Sally Wilson
Frank Prevatt
Howard & JoAnne Comstock

Donation to JPC Food Pantry Fund for Lisa's Kids
In honor of Pastor's Appreciation Month by
Dick and Lou Whitt

Donation to JPC Outreach Endowment Fund
In honor of the work of Kim Schoepske and Linda
Honeycutt by
Anne Barts

Donation to JPC Food Pantry
In memory of Wes Craver by
Dave & Kim Schoepske

Donation to Lane Pleasants Scholarship Fund
In memory of Wes Craver by
Bill & Clarajo Pleasants

Donation to Jamestown Presbyterian Church
In memory of Dollie Smith by
Kim Watson

Donation to the Joy House
By
Once Upon A Child

Morning Circle will meet on Monday, November 15th at 10:00 am in Room 222. We will be filling Grace Group bags, so please bring your goodies!

We hope to have a great turnout!



Butterflies!

We will meet Thursday, November 11th at 1:00 pm
in the Parlor. We hope to see you all there!



PLACEMATS AVAILABLE

If you would like to borrow placemats for your Thanksgiving, Christmas or Epiphany meal, please contact Carroll Miller! Thank you!



A Good Word from Your JPC Stephen Ministry Team:

WORDS

"A soft answer turneth away wrath."

"What are the magic words?"

"You catch more flies with honey than you do with vinegar." All of these truisms and many more speak to the importance of using words judiciously to smooth interactions between people.

Help us, Lord God, to choose our responses and our statements wisely to reflect Your expectations.

-Proverbs 15:1

Leisure Fellowship Thanksgiving Lunch



Thursday, November 18, at 11:30, we will be meeting at Mimi's Cafe at Shops at Friendly for Thanksgiving lunch. We must have a reservation so we need to know how many will be going. Please let Charlotte Griner know if you will join us at 336 402-5001 or clgriner@earthlink.net. You do not have to attend Leisure meetings to go, everyone is welcome. Come join us for some great food and fellowship!

MEET THE ELDER CLASS OF 2024



VIVIEN CARSON

Since accepting Christ as my Savior and being baptized at a very early age, I have been involved in His church not only as a member, but often in leadership. In particular when my husband and I were members of JPC in the 1980s, I sang in the choir, taught an adult Sunday School class, was president of Presbyterian Women, was co-chair of a major refugee project and ultimately became an Elder. At another time and in another church I was the financial secretary overseeing funds coming in and going out. Since returning to North Carolina to live at Pennybyrn in 2016 and later rejoining JPC, it has been my hope to one day become active again in church. So, for me it would be an honor and a privilege to continue to serve the Lord as a member of the JPC Session.

CARLOS FRONTERA

I was born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico with a twin brother and two sisters. I have my Bachelor in Science in Electrical Engineering from Texas A&M University, Master in Science in Electrical Engineering from The Ohio State University and MBA in International Business from Florida Atlantic University. I work as the Strategic Supply Chain Manager for Collins Aerospace with offices in Winston-Salem. I have two daughters: Natalie and Tatiana both born in Boca Raton, Florida. Natalie attends the Graduate School of Business at Georgetown University and Tatiana the College of Textiles at NC State University. I have been a member of JPC since 2005; proud to have participated in mission trips to Mississippi and Sunset Gap; was a Sunday School Teacher for 3-5th graders for 8 years and a member of the Courageous Sunday School Class. My hobbies include golf, running, working out and watching all sports...except hockey.



JOHN M. "JOHNNY" MARTIN

Hi, I'm John Martin some people call me Johnny. I grew up attending Ash Avenue Baptist Church in South Boston, Virginia. My fondest memories as a child were getting baptized, attending Bible School in the summer and youth group trips to Kings Dominion and Busch Gardens amusement parks. We used to come to Greensboro and go ice skating at the Carolina Circle mall with the youth group. I graduated from Halifax County Senior High in South Boston, Va and attended East Carolina University in Greenville, NC obtaining a degree in Computer Science and Business Administration. I am a Systems Specialist in the IT department for ITG Brands where I am completing my 25th year with the company. My wife Tammy and I started attending Jamestown Presbyterian 20 years ago after getting married and moving to Jamestown. We have 3 sons, Kyle, Kasey and Kaleb. We spend most of our time taking care of our boys and our family in Virginia. I am looking forward to serving as an Elder.



CLAYTON ROBINSON

I am Clayton Robinson and I married Jane Robinson. We have three grown sons, Michael (Kansas City), Stephen (Raleigh) and Nicholas (Nashville). We have eleven grandchildren. I graduated from NC State in 1963 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and in 1974 with a Masters in Industrial Engineering. My work history includes General Electric, Gilbarco and Miller Brewing Company. I started as rotating equipment design engineer and then into maintenance management. I really enjoyed my work and the responsibility that went with it. We started attending Jamestown Presbyterian Church in 1984 and joined in 1988. We enjoyed that time and were very active in the church. We left in 2000 and returned in 2017. We are enjoying being back. I was on the Board of Deacons and was moved up to the Session when the church changed to unicameral structure in 1992 I think. I was involved with stewardship, finance and the men's organization during that time. I would be honored to serve on the Session again and help lead the church forward.



BRIAN STROUD

Brian Stroud has been a member of JPC for over 10 years. He graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill where he double majored in Management & Society and Religious Studies. During his time at JPC has been a recipient of the Lane Pleasants Memorial Scholarship, served as the Interim Director of Youth Ministries, VBS Coordinator, served on the 50th Anniversary Committee, and is currently serving a one year term as an elder on the Connections team. He is thrilled to have the opportunity to serve JPC for three additional years! Brian is currently employed as Activity Director for Independent Living at River Landing at Sandy Ridge and is blessed that he is able to see so many church members daily at work. Brian enjoys spending time with friends and family.



JOANNE VITELLI

I have been married to Bob for 46 years. We have 2 sons and 2 daughter-in-laws! We also have a grandson named Mason who is 5 and a 3 year old granddaughter named Mari. I have been retired for almost 2 years as a dental hygienist. I worked for 42 years and really loved my job most of the time. I love to make all kinds of crafts! Come to JPC'S Holiday Market November 13! You will be glad you did! Bob and I really enjoy NC State's sports! We have season tickets to all home football and basketball games. I am so glad to have joined JPC! We have so many wonderful friends here.





FROGS

FROGS met on October 17 for a movie and service project. They decorated Christmas food bags for Outreach. Big thanks to Kirk and Katherine Lesley for chaperoning and to Grayson and Kim Jellous for yummy refreshments.

Our next FROGS gathering will be on Sunday, November 21. Also, mark Sunday, December 5 for riding on the JPC float in the Christmas parade!

PASSPORT dates are **June 15-18, 2022** at **Camp Eagle-Eyrie** in **Lynchburg, VA.**



FOOD *for* THOUGHT

Faith came singing into my room,
And other guests took flight.
Fear, anxiety, grief and gloom
Sped out into the night.
I wondered that such peace could be;
But Faith said gently "Don't you see?"



Jamestown Presbyterian Church
Welcomes you to our 9th

ANNUAL HOLIDAY MARKET

Saturday, November 13th from 8am-1pm

***Complimentary breakfast**, provided by JPC Men, 8-9am

***Local Craftsmen, Vendors & Bake Sale**

***Raffle Items & Gift Baskets**

***Lunch and snacks available**, 11am-1pm

Proceeds benefit our Angels & Elves Christmas Program

The GNO Annual Holiday Market is around the corner!
We are so excited to be able to host this fun event again!

Your help is needed in several ways! If you are interested in being a **vendor**, please contact Rick Hall or the church office for a vendor registration form. We are also looking for **bakers** to donate their amazingly delicious baked goods!

The bake sale is always a favorite highlight of the market, and we could not have a successful event without our amazing JPC bakers! If you are interested, please check our the link on the eblasts or contact the office.

And finally! We are in need of **raffle items!** Do you own a business or make handmade items and are willing to donate an item or a gift certificate? Perhaps you know a business owner who may be interested in donating a gift bag, basket or gift certificate. All items are welcome and appreciated!

Please reach out to Angelin Ham or Ricki Hall.

Thank you! We appreciate your help in making our annual
Holiday Market a success!

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