



April 8, 2018

 **St. James**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**St. James Presbyterian Church
Order for Worship**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

A TIME FOR GATHERING AND QUIET MEDITATION

Welcome. We are so glad you have joined us for worship today. Please fill out our Friendship Pad, located at the end of your pew, so we can get to know you. Prayer cards are also available in the pew pockets. If you would like to have your prayer shared in worship, please fill out the card and hand it to an usher during the Passing of the Peace.

We worship using a variety of liturgy, printed in your bulletin, and two song books. The purple hymnal called Glory to God (GTG) and the black book, The Faith We Sing (FWS). Please silence electronic devices before the service.

PRELUDE

Julian Fajardo, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jenny Sue LeSchander, Lector

Peace be with you.

**How good and pleasant it is
when we live together in unity.**

Receive the Holy Spirit.

**It is like precious oil on the head,
the blessing of the Lord.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” #662 GTG

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just
will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Trusting in God's mercy,
let us confess our sin.

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You have shown yourself to us, O God,
by Word and Spirit,
with signs and wonders,
in flesh and blood,
yet we still struggle to live and believe
the good news of Jesus Christ.
Have mercy on us; forgive us.
Enter into our lives
and cast out our fear
so that we may come to trust in you
and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

***RESPONSE TO WORDS OF FORGIVENESS** "Glory Be to the Father" #581 GTG

INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Please pass prayer cards to an usher

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Remember the first believers—
who shared one heart and soul,
held their possessions in common,
and distributed them to all in need.
In that same spirit,
let us present our offerings
at the feet of the risen Lord.

OFFERTORY

Randy Bowers

**Please stand as you are able.*

***DOXOLOGY** “For the Life That You Have Given” #717 GTG

**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
With these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise
for light and life and love, and—above all—
the presence of the living Lord among us.
By your Spirit who breathes within us,
strengthen our faith, use our gifts,
and work in our lives to bear witness
to the resurrection of Christ our Lord,
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

God of all who doubt and believe,
by the gift of your Spirit
enable us to hear with our ears,
to see with our eyes,
and to touch with our hands
your Word of life—Jesus Christ—
our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 133 (pg. 575 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“All Things New” (Courtney)

SERMON READING

1 John 1:1-2:2 (pg. 238 in pew Bible)

SERMON

“The Beloved Community” The Rev Seth J. Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“More Than Conquerors” *see insert*

**Please stand as you are able.*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Prayers of the People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

***CLOSING HYMN** "We Know That Christ is Raised" #485 GTG

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

As our worship concludes, so our service begins.

We invite you to join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Horizon Room, to your right as you leave the sanctuary, overlooking the bay. Please introduce yourself to those new to you and extend the hand of peace, friendship, and welcome to everyone.

Next Sunday - April 15, 2018

Sermon Title: "Children of Righteousness"

First Reading: Psalm 4

Sermon Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't miss the **ST. JAMES WOMEN'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE** Saturday, April 14, from 9am-3pm in the Fellowship Hall. Donate clean clothing in good repair, household items, small appliances in working order -- no large appliances. Smaller furniture, books, CDs, and other media are also welcome. Items can be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity to clean out your closets -- and to fill them back up again!

FAMILY PROMISE The new Family Promise Center is ready! St. James has 15 volunteers who want to help homeless families at the host church, Sacred Heart from April 15-22. The next step is FP training on Tuesday, March 27, 6pm-8:30pm at Sacred Heart. Other training dates are available. This is a necessary opportunity to know everything about Whatcom FP and be prepared even if you are just thinking of volunteering. Please sign up in the Horizon Room.

"Next Ladies Night Out" Friday, April 13th at 6pm. We will eat out at a local restaurant - yum!

16th Annual Habitat for Humanity Raise the Roof Auction

Saturday, April 28, 5:30-9:00, Northwood Hall (3240 Northwest Avenue - Bellingham). A fun evening of music, games, appetizers, great dinner and drinks for only \$45. Contact Gretchen for tickets or purchase online through Habitat for Humanity Whatcom Co.

The nursery for children birth through 3 years of age is located downstairs at the south end of the building.

Godly Play, is our educational program for kids age 4 through 5th grade. Work Day.

Parents We would appreciate having your children registered for Godly Play, as a measure of security. You only need to register once. Please ask a teacher for a registration sheet.

Children of all ages are welcome throughout the service to worship with their families. Kid Packs are available in the Kids' Cupboard in the Narthex. Please see an Usher for details.

LOOKING AHEAD

This Week at St. James (April 8-April 14)

TODAY	12pm Session BYOL
Monday	4pm Cross-fit 5:15pm Tai Chi 7pm Boy Scouts
Tuesday	10am Staff Meeting 10:15am Yoga 7pm Community Chorus Rehearsal 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
Wednesday	10am Worship Committee 4pm Mission & Social Action
Thursday	10:15am Yoga 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Choir
Friday	12pm Prime Timers 4pm Cross-fit 6pm Ladies Night Out
Saturday	9am Rummage Sale 9am Church Work Party

Next Sunday

9am Adult Church School
10:30am Worship
11:45am Deacons

Programs sharing our St. James facility:

12 Step Programs

AA Men's Book Study Group: 7pm Mondays
Al Anon: 5:30pm Tuesdays
AA SOS Men's Group: 6pm Wednesdays
AA Fairhaven Group: 7:30pm Thursdays and Sundays
OA: 10am Saturdays

Bayside Co-op Preschool Information (360-733-3972)

Hawthorne Learning Solutions Contact Matt and Emily Hawthorne at hlearningsolutions@gmail.com for times and dates.

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lector

Jenny Sue LeSchander

Sacristan

Cheryl McGregor

Coffee Hour

Deacons

Ushers

Adam Beaty

Bill Read

Milt Schayes

Martha Speer

The Saint James Staff

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