

St. James Presbyterian Church

December 31, 2017



**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, Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Faye Hill, Lector

Praise the Lord!

Praise God from the heavens.

Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

Let us praise the name of the Lord,
whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven

***Hymn of Praise**

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” #143 GTG

**Prayer of Confession Merciful God,
we confess that we have not lived as your
faithful children.**

**We have kept silent in the midst of prejudice
and hatred.**

**We have been idle in the face of violence
and injustice.**

**Please stand as you are able.*

**We have not been a light to the nations,
and our lives have not revealed your glory.
Forgive us, Merciful God.
Repair the ugliness of our sin
and restore in us your beautiful grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

Invitation to Godly Play

The Peace

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

Please pass prayer cards to an usher

First Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4 (pg. 218 in pew bible)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

John 1:1-5 (pg. 91 in pew bible)

The Examen

Awareness

Gratitude

Presence

Response

Anticipate

**Please stand as you are able.*

Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed (pg. 34 in GTG)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

**Please stand as you are able.*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 9:2-7 (pg. 638 in pew Bible)

Sermon Reading

Luke 2:1-14 (pg. 58 in pew Bible)

***Hymn of Response**

"Love Has Come" #110 GTG

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Offering and Doxology

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**

"Joy to the World" #134 GTG

Announcements

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

As our worship concludes, so our service begins.

**Please stand as you are able.*

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

Title: Who Is the Christ? He is Beloved.”

First Reading: Psalm 29

Sermon Reading: Matthew 3:13-17 (Baptism of the Lord)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our 2018 Annual Meeting will be January 14 following Sunday morning worship.

Annual Reports for 2017 are due this Friday, January 5, 2018.

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. Today is 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 (January 1-January 6)

Monday	7pm Boy Scouts
Tuesday	10am Staff 10:15am Yoga 4pm Cross-fit 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
Wednesday	3:30pm Mission and Social Action
Thursday	10:15am Yoga 4pm Cross-fit 5:30pm Building and Grounds 5:30pm Congregational Life 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Choir
Friday	* * *
Saturday	Bellingham Ukulele Group

Next Sunday

9am Adult Church School
10:30am Worship

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

Faye Hill

Ushers

Adam Beaty

Katy Read

Flowers

Cheryl McGregor

Coffee Hour

Deacons

Sacristan

Cheryl McGregor

The Saint James Staff

Pastor: The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

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Teachers: Erika Singh-Cundy, Sophie Rose Kendrick, Lucy Sieczka

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