



St. James
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 11, 2018

First Sunday in Lent

**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**

Sue Smith, Lector

People of the covenant:

God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

The God of salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

**All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness;
we put our trust in God.**

Let us worship God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days” #166 GTG

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's bow has been hung in the clouds—
a unilateral disarmament in spite of our sin.

God remains faithful to the covenant of steadfast love,
even when we are unfaithful.

Without fear, then, we confess our sins.

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,
we begin this Lenten season in confession.
We do not live according to your ways,
but according to our own.
We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice,
and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others.
Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths
other than those you set before us.

Teach us your commandments;
help us to turn from evil in its many guises,
and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.
In covenantal love, remember us, we pray,
and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***RESPONSE TO WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

"Create in Me" #422 GTG

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

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Because we believe that in Jesus Christ,
God's time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near,
we respond in tangible ways,
By doing acts of justice and compassion
and by sharing our resources,
we bear witness to the good news of the gospel.
The offering is received in gratitude to God.

OFFERTORY

**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**

God of steadfast love and faithfulness,
we are humbled as we try to do what is right and to walk in your ways.
Receive, we ask, these offerings,
and use them for your own good purposes
in the church and in all creation.
We pray in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, in rushing waters and in dry wilderness,
in every season and circumstance,
we need your sustaining word.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
proclaim the good news among us today
so that we may repent and believe
and see anew how the time is fulfilled
and the kingdom has come near;
in Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 25:1-10 (pg. 502 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Lonesome Valley” (Martin)

SERMON READING

Mark 1:9-15 (pg. 34 in pew Bible)

SERMON

“It’s about time...” Jim Schmotzer

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” #65 GTG

**Please stand as you are able.*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" #546 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 - February 25

"A Time To Seek, and A Time To Lose"

First Reading: Psalm 22:23-31

Sermon Reading: Mark 8:31-38

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN VESPERS SERVICES As we enter the season of Lent, we invite you to attend 3 special evening services, February 25, March 25, and March 30 (Good Friday), each at 7pm. Come for a time of quiet prayer, contemplative practice, and communion.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Communitas Presbyteros - Joining St. James this Lent! What does it mean to “belong” to a church community? Have you considered membership at St. James? Join our upcoming Communitas Presbyteros 2-week course this Lent, starting after service on February 25 to learn more about **Belonging (Communitas) and Presbyterianism (Presbyteros)**. This courses will be after church Feb. 25 and Mar. 4 and will include lunch. New members will join the church on Mar. 25! See Pastor Seth in person or via email (pastor@saintjamespres.org). All are welcome!

International Justice Mission at WWU (IJM at WWU) presents: Just(is) Love Want to know more about Human Trafficking? This is a 2 hour worship and performance experience that takes the audience through the realities of global modern day slavery, as well as giving space to worship and put hope on the Lord’s work and his heart for Justice! We hope to educate and give opportunity to find practical ways to get involved with the fight to end Human Trafficking. Date: February 24, Time: 6-8 PM, Admission is free!

ST. JAMES CAN NOW ACCEPT ONLINE DONATIONS!

Using our new system you can:

- give from your bank account or using a credit card
- make a one-time donation or set up a recurring gift
- designate your gifts as part of your annual pledge
- designate your Per Capita contribution

All of these options are available online at:

<https://saintjamespres.churchcenter.com/giving>

You can also set up a credit card or bank account for instant giving via text message. To receive a link for set-up, text any amount to **84321**.

Please talk to Seth or our treasurer Marina if you have questions or concerns. These are *additional options*. Please note that we are still happy to process your in-person or by-mail donations as well. Thank you for your patience and your questions as we launch this new opportunity. Treasurer's email address for questions:

stjamestreasurer.bham@gmail.com

LOOKING AHEAD

This Week at St. James (February 18-February 24)

TODAY	11:45pm Deacons
Monday	<i>President's Day</i> 10:30am Grief Support Group 4pm Cross-fit 5:15pm Tai Chi 7pm Boy Scouts
Tuesday	10:15am Yoga 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
Wednesday	* * *
Thursday	10:15am Yoga 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Choir
Friday	3pm Membership Committee 4pm Cross-fit 6pm Bingo Night!
Saturday	* * *

Next Sunday

9am Membership Class
9am Adult Church School
10:30am Worship
7pm Vespers Service

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.

This year the **Flower Committee** will decorate our Sanctuary with beautiful azalea plants for Easter. Cost is \$20 for a living plant that can be taken home following Easter morning worship. Look for the sign up sheet to come.



PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lector

Sue Smith

Sacristan

Carolyn Mullen

Ushers

Kay Carr

Barbara Harnden

Katy Read

Flowers

Gale Haines

Coffee Hour

Deacons

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.

The Mystery of Easter (1st Sunday of Lent). Children begin to understand the solemn season of Lent and its connection to Easter. They also learn that Easter is not just one day, but a season.

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.

The Saint James Staff

Pastor: The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

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Administrative Secretary: Natasha Orme

Music Director: Carolyn Mullen

Pianist/Accompanist: Julian Fajardo

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