



**St. James**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 25, 2018  
Second 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**

John Sibold, Lector

From water to wilderness:

**God's covenant continues;  
God's kingdom comes near.**

On stone and in hearts:

**God's covenant continues;  
God's kingdom comes near.**

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

**God's covenant continues;  
God's kingdom comes near.**

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,  
**for where he is, we would be also.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**      "The Summons – Will You Come and Follow Me?" #726 GTG

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Trusting in God's promise of salvation,  
let us confess our sin and repent.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians.  
We claim to follow Jesus, but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.  
We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear  
the cost of discipleship.  
We affirm the virtue of self-denial,  
but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.  
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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**

What will it profit for us to gain the whole world and forfeit our life?

With all humility let us make our offering to God,  
trusting not in worldly gain, but in God’s sustaining grace.

## **OFFERTORY**

Randy Bowers

## **\*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 THANKSGIVING**

Almighty God, we thank you for the covenant  
you established with Abraham and Sarah,  
which you have opened to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Accept these offerings with the dedication of our lives,  
that we may be for the world a sign of your abiding love  
and a testament to your enduring promise.

In Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours,  
Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word,  
reveal to us the good news,  
and enable us to trust in the promise of salvation  
in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22:23-31 (pg. 501 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CHOIR ANTHEM

“Let Me Hide Myself” (Hayes)

### SERMON READING

Mark 8:31-38 (pg. 44 in pew Bible)

**SERMON** “A Time To Seek, and A Time To Lose” The Rev Seth J. Thomas

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Turn, Turn, Turn” (Peter Seeger)

Chorus:

**To everything (turn, turn, turn)**

**There is a season (turn, turn, turn)**

**And a time to every purpose, under heaven**

**1. A time to be born, a time to die**

**A time to plant, a time to reap**

**A time to kill, a time to heal**

**A time to laugh, a time to weep (Chorus)**

**2. A time to build up, a time to break down**

**A time to dance, a time to mourn**

**A time to cast away stones, a time to gather stones together. (Chorus)**

**3. A time of love, a time of hate**

**A time of war, a time of peace**

**A time you may embrace, a time to refrain from embracing. (Chorus)**

**4. A time to gain, a time to lose, A time to rend, a time to sew**

**A time for love, a time for hate**

**A time for peace, I swear it's not too late. (Chorus)**

*\*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** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" #700 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 - March 4**

*"A Time to Break Down, and A Time to Build Up"*

First Reading: Psalm 19:7-10

Sermon Reading: John 2:13-22

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LENTEN VESPERS SERVICES** As we enter the season of Lent, we invite you to attend 3 special evening services, TODAY 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 2-week course this Lent, 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](mailto:pastor@saintjamespres.org)).

The **Annual Interfaith Hope Auction** is Saturday, March 24. Susan Burklund will be gathering donations and items for a garden “basket”. Jenny Sue LeSchander, Gary Culbertson and Gretchen Pfueller have auction tickets for this enjoyable dinner evening. This event supports Interfaith’s 11 housing units. CAST Food Outreach and the new Family Promise. Please come!

**CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER** Sunday, March 18, we will be preparing and serving the **Southside Community Meal** at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church at 5:00 pm. This is a community meal which is served monthly and opened to all. We need several people to help with set-up, food prep and cooking, serving and clean-up. Please contact Gretchen Pfueller if you are willing to help.

**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**. 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 or concerns:

**[stjamestreasurer.bham@gmail.com](mailto:stjamestreasurer.bham@gmail.com)**

## LOOKING AHEAD

### This Week at St. James (February 25-March 3)

**TODAY** 12pm Communitas Presbyteros Gathering  
7pm Vespers Service

**Monday** 4pm Cross-fit  
5:15pm Tai Chi  
6pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday** 10:15am Yoga  
10:30pm Women's Bible Study  
12pm Women's Salad Potluck Luncheon  
7:30pm WA Gender Alliance

**Wednesday** 6:30pm Christian Faith Formation

**Thursday** 10:15am Yoga  
5:30pm Building and Grounds  
5:30pm Congregational Life  
6:30pm Bell Choir  
7:30pm Choir

**Friday** 4pm Cross-fit

**Saturday** 1pm Bellingham Uku-  
lele Group

### Next Sunday - Third Sunday in Lent

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](mailto: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.

## PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

### Lector

John Sibold

### Sacristan

Carolyn Mullen

### Ushers

Marlene Arman

Adam Beaty

Jean Seater

### Flowers

Gale & Gretchen Pfueller

### 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 Faces of Easter II: Christ is the one who was lost and then found.

**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

Treasurer: Marina McLeod

Children's Ministry: Tracy Caruso

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

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