

St. James Presbyterian Church

June 4, 2017



Pentecost

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Order for Worship

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

A Time for Gathering and Quiet Meditation

Please silence electronic devices at this time. Prayer Cards, located in the pew pockets, can be filled out and passed to an Usher or placed in the offering plate. If you desire, check the appropriate line on the prayer card and your prayer will be shared during worship. We use two song books. The purple hymnal, called Glory to God is abbreviated GTG. The black book, entitled The Faith We Sing, is abbreviated FWS.

Prelude

2 Southern Hymns

Welcome and Announcements

Please pass the Friendship Pads in the pews, place your name on the sheet, and note who is in the pew with you so that you can greet them after the service.

Choral Introit

"In the Spirit of the Lord"

***Call to Worship**

Carla Shafer, Lector

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

we dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises

and speak of all God's marvelous works

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

who was and is and is to come!

***Hymn of Praise**

"On Pentecost They Gathered" #289 GTG

Call to Confession

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

God our redeemer, we confess

that we remain captivated by sin.

We fail in our love for you,

forgetting your gracious acts.

**Please stand as you are able.*

**We fail in our love for one another,
forsaking our neighbors in need.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Let us be no longer bound by sin,
but released, restored, set free
to worship and serve you in freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

***Affirmation of Faith**

**The Holy Spirit builds one church,
united in one Lord and one hope,
with one ministry around one table.
The Spirit calls all believers in Jesus
to respond in worship together,
to accept all the gifts from the Spirit,
to learn from each other's traditions,
to make unity visible on earth.**

Children come forward during the response for the Time with Children

***Response to Words of Forgiveness**

"Water River, Spirit, Grace" #2253 FWS

Time with Children

Minute for Mission

Carla Shafer

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Let us present ourselves to God
as those who have been delivered
from death to life.

Offertory

*"Wade in the Water" (arr. M. Hayes)
Melany Armstrong & the St. James Guy Thing Singers*

***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.**

**Please stand as you are able.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of abundant love,
we thank you for the gift of your Spirit,
poured out on all who live in Christ.
May these gifts be our response of abundant love;
use them to bless others,
through Christ, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of wisdom and truth,
pour out your grace upon us
as we listen for the living Word,
that our hearts may be set on fire
and our lives proclaim
your deeds of power.
Amen.

First Lesson

Acts 2:1-13 (pg. 119 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

“Fill-A-Me-Up” (Choplin)

Second Lesson

Acts 2:14-21 (pg. 119 in pew Bible)

Sermon

“Hearing In Unity” The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

***Hymn of Response**

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” #291 GTG

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Please stand as you are able.*

The Invitation & Words of Institution

All of the bread at Saint James is gluten free. All cups contain grape juice. Communion is served by intinction. Beginning with those seated at the back, please come forward using the center aisle. Take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake of both elements at the same time before returning to your seat using the outer aisles.

Welcome to the Table

“The body of Christ, broken for you.”

“The blood of Christ, shed for you.”

Communion Prayer

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. 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.

Joys and Concerns (Read from Prayer Cards.)

Prayers of the People

***Closing Hymn**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” #66 GTG

***Benediction**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Let us share signs of God’s peace.

Postlude

“Rhapsody in Blue” (George Gershwin)

As our worship concludes, our service begins.

We invite you to join us for coffee and cookies in the Horizon Room, adjacent to the Narthex, overlooking the bay.

Please introduce yourself to those new to you and extend the hand of peace, friendship and welcome to everyone.

**Please stand as you are able.*

LOOKING AHEAD

This Week at St. James (June 4-June 10)

TODAY	Pentecost Reception for Melany Armstrong following the service
Monday	10am Grief Support Group 5:15pm Tai Chi 6:30pm Boy Scouts
Tuesday	10:15am Yoga 4pm Cross-fit 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
Wednesday	11:15am Tai Chi 12:15pm Chair Tai Chi No Parish Walk This Week 1:30pm Congregational Life 4pm Mission and Social Action
Thursday	10:15am Yoga 3pm Christian Faith Formation 4pm Cross-fit
Friday	12pm Prime Timers 6:30pm Church Work Party
Saturday	* * *

Next Sunday

9am Adult Church School
10:30am Worship
12pm Session BYOL

**St. James Salmon
Barbecue**
Friday, June 23, 5:30pm
in the Fellowship Hall



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we are celebrating Melany Armstrong. We are grateful for our longtime organist, Melany Armstrong, who is retiring from our staff. We will miss her talented fingers, but we are excited for her to enter a new chapter of life here in Bellingham. Today is Melany's last Sunday. There will be a reception to celebrate her following the service, in the Horizon Room.

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life with an offering intended to nurture the faith of those newest among us. Today's offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start. 40% of the **Pentecost offering** is retained by St. James to make an impact in the lives of young people. This year St. James will contribute to: Montana de Luz, a hospice in Honduras, Homeport Learning Center, a transitional alternative school for at-risk youth, and ATFALUNA SOCIETY FOR DEAF CHILDREN, a non Governmental Organization in Gaza City. Please see the insert for more information.

Solstice Sing-A-Long June 20th is the longest day of the year, the day we celebrate the fullness of the sun's light and remember that Christ's light shines brightly in our lives. This year, we're hosting a hymn-sing at Saint James at 8pm! Join us for hymns and praise songs, led by Pastor Seth. We'll sing and pray together for about an hour and wrap up just in time to head outside for the sunset!

Church Accompanist/Organist, 3-6 Hours per week (hourly). If you or someone you know are interested, contact office@saintjamespres.org with cover letter and resume.

Sign up for **SPRING DINNERS FOR 8!** Congregational Life encourages you to participate in this opportunity to get to know others in our congregation around the dinner table. Hosts are always needed! If you are able to host (in your own home, at church or in a different location) please indicate so on the sign-up sheet. The sign-up sheet is in the Horizon Room.

The Grief Support group is held bi-monthly at 10am on the first and third Mondays in the Lounge. The next meeting will be June 5.

Mission and Social Action Committee will be hearing the latest updates, regarding **Family Promise**, from representatives of Interfaith Coalition at our meeting this Wednesday, June 7, 4pm, in the Lounge.

We invite everyone to come and hear about ways St. James can help homeless families in Whatcom County.

Looking for Office Helpers! (No experience necessary) The Church office is in need of office helpers from 9-2pm on Tuesday, July 18 and Thursday, July 20, to answer the phone and greet any visitors who may come. Feel free to share a day with someone! Check out the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact Natasha at office@saintjamespres.org

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

Church school is available for children pre-school through 5th grade.

Today in Sunday School Focus scripture is Acts 2:1-21. Children will become aware of the church as a place for all ages and all people. They will be introduced to the concept of being guided by the Holy Spirit.

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.

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lector

Carla Shafer

Usher

Nancy Peck

Music Director

Carolyn Mullen

Organist/Pianist

Melany Armstrong

Coffee Hour

Deacons

Sacristan

Ann Lary

Flowers

Sue & Mike Smith

*In honor of the
Deacons.*

Communion Servers

Mark Beaty

Jenny Sue LeSchander

Gale Pfueller

Gretchen Pfueller

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