



 **St. James**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 11, 2018

**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 "Praise Waltz" (Mazzatenta) The St. James Bell Choir
Julian Fajardo, Pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Faye Hill, Lector

The glory of God shines
like a consuming fire.

**We have seen the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

The voice of God thunders
like a mighty storm.

**Out of the cloud, God speaks:
This is my beloved Son; listen to him!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "The Mighty God with Power Speaks" #13 GTG

CALL TO CONFESSION

God alone is righteous;
God alone is perfect;
God alone is judge.
Yet this holy, righteous God
comes to us in love, to save us.
Rejoicing in God's grace,
let us confess our sin.

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all glory, beauty, and grace,
we have tried to hide from you—
to hide our faces, to hide our sin—
yet you have never hidden your love for us.
We have tried to search for you—
in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—
yet you have already revealed yourself to us
in the face of Jesus Christ.
Forgive us, and transform us
so that our lives may shine
with your glory, beauty, and grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

***RESPONSE TO WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

“Glory to God” #583 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

The God who speaks
and summons the earth into being
now speaks to us,
calling us to offer up our lives
as a sacrifice of praise.

OFFERTORY

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” (arr. Moklebust)
St. James Bell Choir

**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**

Gracious God, we give you thanks
for the light of love around us
and the fire of faith within us.
As we go forth from this place
let our lives reflect the One
who is the image of your glory:
Jesus Christ, the light of the world. **Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 50:1-6 (pg. 519 in pew Bible)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Here Comes the Light” (Graham)

SERMON READING Mark 9:2-9 (pg. 44 in pew Bible)

SERMON “Who is the Christ? He is the Lord!” The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** “More Than Conquerors” (insert attached)

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

Elders

Faye Hill, Tracy Caruso, and Tim Crandall

Deacons

Marlene Amman, Adam Beaty, Kate Haworth, and Julie Keyes

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

**Please stand as you are able.*

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

"Shine, Jesus, Shine" #192 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 18

"Special Guest - Jim Schmotzer - Preaching while Pastor Seth is away".

First Reading: Psalm 25:1–10

Sermon Reading: Mark 1:9–15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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)**. Courses will be after church Feb. 25 and Mar. 4 and will include lunch. New members will join the church on Mar. 25! Sign up with Pastor Seth in person or via email (pastor@saintjamespres.org). All are welcome!

**Please stand as you are able.*

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.

COMBINED ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Please join the communities of St. James, First Presbyterian, and Birchwood Presbyterian Church for a combined Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday February, 14 at 7pm at First Presbyterian (1031 N. Garden St.). This a service of repentance that involves the imposition of ashes and communion. All ages are welcome as there will be a children’s sermon and the service is scheduled to be 45 minutes long. We will be blessed that night by the sonorous voices of the 3-church mass choir.

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 11-February 17)

TODAY 12pm Session BOYL

Monday 4pm Cross-fit
5:15pm Tai Chi
7pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday 10:15am Yoga
6pm Finance
7:30pm WA Gender Alliance

Wednesday *Ash Wednesday*
Valentine's Day
4pm Mission and Social Action
7pm Combined Ash Wed Service at First Presbyterian
See announcement

Thursday 10:15am Yoga
6:30pm Bell Choir
7:30pm Choir

Friday PULSE items are due today!
4pm Cross-fit

Saturday 9:30am Weavers Guild

Next Sunday

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

Faye Hill

Sacristan

Carolyn Mullen

Coffee Hour

Deacons

Flowers

Marlene Amman

Sound System

Jim Mullen

Ushers

Bill Read

Martha Speer

Milt Schayes

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.

This Sunday's Godly Play lesson focuses on the Parable of the Great Pearl (Matthew 13-45).

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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