



July 29, 2018

 **St. James**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.

Please silence electronic devices before the service.

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).

Prelude

Kaitlyn Ronstadt, Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Words**

Jenny Sue LeSchander, Lector

God, one and three

God, three and one

Stand beside us this morning as we arise.

Always rising, always giving

Always revealing, always unveiling,

Stand beside us this day as we stand

Christ who suffered, bled and died

Christ who rose, sent us and mediates for us,

Stand beside us at the dawn

"Trinity Prayer" by Colin Gunton

***Hymn of Praise**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" #1 GTG

Childhood favorite hymn of Marilyn Horn

**Please stand as you are able.*

Call to Confession

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish,
but have eternal life.

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

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, love, and communion,
we confess that we have failed to love you
with all our heart, soul, and mind;
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
We ignore your commandments,
stray from your way, and follow other gods.**

Have mercy on us.

**Forgive our sin and raise us to new life
that we may serve you faithfully
and give honor to your holy name. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

***Response to Words of Forgiveness** "Glory Be to the Father" #581 GTG

Children's Moment

The Passing of 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 earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.

Let us return to God the offerings of our life
and the gifts of the earth.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Offertory

“On Eagle’s Wings” #43 GTG

Olivia Engels says, “This was a family favorite. My siblings and I could belt it out. It reminds me of my family who all live very far away.”

***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**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love;
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Holy, Holy, Holy One
guide us by the Spirit of truth
to hear the Word of life you speak,
and to give all glory, honor, and praise
to your threefold name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 145:10-18 (pg. 581 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Reading

John 17:20-24 (pg. 111 in pew Bible)

Sermon

“The Trinity: A Mystery of Inclusion” The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

***Hymn of Response** “Just as I Am, without One Plea” #442 GTG
*Joy Rain proclaims, “God accepts us and loves us just as we are, though
tossed by many conflicts , doubts and fears.”*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” #687 GTG (verses 1-4)
Peter van der Veen shares, “This hymn helped me in my growth of faith.”

***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.*

Nursery care is available during worship, but preschool and older children are invited to stay in the sanctuary with their parents and explore the Scriptures with our Illustrated Children’s Moment bulletins.

Godly Play will resume in September.

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week - August 5, 2018

We welcome guest preacher, Rev. Doug Bunnell of First Presbyterian Church of Bellingham, next week as a part of a 3-week pulpit swap with FPC and Birchwood Presbyterian.

Sermon Title: "Three-in-One God: The Spirit"

Sermon Reading: John 16:7-15

August Pulpit Swap — Bellingham Presbyterian Pastors!

In August, we have a unique opportunity to get to know two other Bellingham Presbyterian pastors, Rev. Greg Ellis (of Birchwood) and Rev. Doug Bunnell (of FPC), as we do a 3-way pulpit swap on the weeks of August 5 and August 12. Pastor Doug will join St. James in worship on August 5 and Pastor Greg on August 12 as Pastor Seth preaches at BPC and FPC those weeks. We will be hearing a 3-part sermon series on the Trinity. What a joy to share in our worship with our Presbyterian family!

Our **Bountiful Harvest table** in the Horizon room features fresh veggies and fruit produced by congregational gardeners. You are welcome to take what you can use, and encouraged to share produce from your own garden as well. Monetary donations given for the produce are donated to the Bellingham Food Bank.

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

Jenny Sue LeSchander

Coffee Hour

Deacons

Song Leader

Carolyn Mullen

Sacristan

Jenny Sue LeSchander

Flowers

Carla Shafer

LOOKING AHEAD

This Week at St. James (July 29-August 4)

Monday

3pm Membership

4pm St. James Fitness

5:15pm Tai Chi

Tuesday

10:15am Yoga

1pm Personnel

7:30pm WA Gender Alliance

Wednesday

3:30pm Mission and Social Action

7pm Christian Faith Formation

Thursday

10:15am Yoga

5:30pm Congregational Life

Friday

4pm St. James Fitness

Saturday

1pm Bellingham Ukulele Group

Next Sunday

9am Adult Church School

10:30am Worship—Rev. Doug Bunnell (of FPC) preaching

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

The Saint James Staff

Pastor: The Rev. Seth J. Thomas
pastor@saintjamespres.org

Administrative Secretary: Natasha Orme

Music Director: Carolyn Mullen

Pianist/Accompanist: Kaitlyn Ronstadt

Treasurer: Marina McLeod

Children's Ministry: Tracy Caruso

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

St. James Presbyterian Church

910-14th Street, Bellingham, WA 98225
360-733-1325, office@saintjamespres.org
www.saintjamespres.org

Give online to St. James:

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

Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday, 9am-2pm

