



August 12, 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

Faye Hill, Lector

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt God's name together.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #12 GTG

CALL TO CONFESSION

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, confessing our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children.
We have been angry with this world
and nursed grudges against our adversaries.

**Please stand as you are able.*

**We have hoarded the fruits of our labors
rather than share our bounty with the needy.
We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness
but have indulged in evil gossip.
We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done,
even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ.
Heal us, O God,
and give us the grace to love
as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. 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

Who will enter the presence of the Lord?

Who will stand in this holy place?

Those who offer their whole lives to God—

heart and mind and soul and strength—

they will receive the blessing of the Lord.

OFFERTORY

"I Believe" Dave and Pat Nelson

***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**

The earth belongs to you, O God,
the world and all its people.
For the blessings of this life
and the gift of your salvation
we give you thanks and praise.
As you have sought us out to save us
help us to seek your face among our neighbors
so that all may know the wonder of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, your word is life
and your promise is trustworthy and true.
By the power of your Holy Spirit
write your words upon our hearts
so that we may be your new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-5 (pg. 1 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Revelation 21:1-5a (pg. 259 in pew Bible)

SERMON

“Three-in-One God: The Father” The Rev. Greg Ellis

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“The Mighty God with Power Speaks” #13 GTG

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**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 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" #32 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.

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.

Next Week - August 19, 2018

Pastor Seth Thomas will be back with us next week as we conclude our 3-week pulpit swap with Birchwood and First Presbyterian churches.

Sermon Title: "Three-One-God: The Christ"

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Sermon Reading: Colossians 1:18-23a

**Please stand as you are able.*

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lector

Faye Hill

Coffee Hour

Deacons

Sacristan

Faye Hill

Flowers

Madeleine Smith

Song Leader

Jenny Sue LeSchander

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. James welcomes new staff!

We are pleased to announce that our new Director of Children & Family Ministries, Tracy Caruso, begins her work at St. James this week.

Tracy brings years of children's experience to this position, as well as a deep heart for the families and congregation of St. James. She will be serving our church part-time, helping us develop our Godly Play program, connection opportunities for families, and expanding the ways we engage spiritual formation for people at all stages of their faith journey.

We are also excited to share that we have hired at Church Custodian. Colleen Komenda comes highly recommended to us, with years of experience in cleaning both large scale facilities and churches. Colleen will be working with our diligent Building & Grounds Committee, under the direct supervision of Pastor Seth, to help keep St. James spic-and-span week to week! Her work will likely be a little bit behind the scenes, but if you do get a chance to meet her, please welcome her to our community and share your gratitude for her work.

LOOKING AHEAD

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES (AUGUST 12-AUGUST 18)

Monday	4pm St. James Fitness 5:15pm Tai Chi 7pm Boy Scouts
Tuesday	10:15am Yoga 6:30pm Bayside 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
Wednesday	***
Thursday	PULSE NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE TODAY 10:15am Yoga
Friday	4pm St. James Fitness
Saturday	9:30am Weavers Guild

Next Sunday

9am Adult Church School

10:30am Worship—Rev. Greg Ellis of Birchwood Pres preaching

PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY:

12 Step Programs

AA Men's Book Study Group: 7pm Mondays

AI 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.

THE SAINT JAMES STAFF

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