



September 23, 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

Pat Nelson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING WORDS

Lindsay Anderson, Lector

Let every tongue confess the good news:

Jesus Christ is Lord; glory to God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” #610 GTG

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us give up boasting and dishonesty, turning to the Lord with our confessions, because the one who knows us through and through has promised to renew us.

Prayer of Confession

O God, who makes known to us all truth, we confessed that we are weighed down by our failings; envy distances us from other people; greed alerts us only to our own desires. Where we might bring reconciliation, we create conflicts. Where you call us to give, we take. Where your presence beckons, we resist. Deal with us not as we deserve, O God, but forgive us, cleanse us, teach us your way. Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

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 one who sows sparingly

will also reap sparingly;

the one who sows bountifully

will also reap bountifully.

Let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

OFFERTORY

Carolyn Mullen

***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

We thank you for the wealth you shower on us daily, O Lord,

and we witness the marvelous goodness that comes from you.

Transform these gifts into signs of welcome

for all who are touched by their use.

Transform us into people who bless others throughout each day,

in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

We pray for your great wisdom, O God,

to come to your people and set us free.

Help us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church this day. **Amen.**

**Please stand as you are able.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 66:1-12 (pg. 528 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Ubi Caritas (Live in Charity)” (arr. Snyder)
St. James Chancel Choir

SERMON READING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 (pg. 731 in pew Bible)

SERMON

“Peacemaking in the City”
The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“All Who Love and Serve Your City” #351 GTG

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**

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” #761 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.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Attention bread bakers - The Sacristy committee is seeking donations of loaves of bread for World Communion Sunday Oct. 7. The bread will be placed on the Communion table alongside our collection of chalices. All types of bread are welcome - rye, whole wheat, challah, etc. If you can donate a loaf, please contact Carolyn Mullen (360-595-0934). Thank you.

Godly Play - The Flood and the Ark

In this lesson we move with the people of God from the creation to the re-creation and God's promise to Noah, to God's family and to us.

Bringing Godly Play home - This story is so familiar to so many of us this is a great story to use to see how your children are hearing it and what they are taking from it. In Godly Play we are always asking different wondering questions. Have your child tell you the story, or read it together and then ask them: I wonder what part of this story you like best? I wonder what part is the most important? I wonder where you are in this story or what part of the story is about you? I wonder if there is any part of the story we can leave out and still have all the story we need? Remember that there are no right or wrong answers!

Warm Coat Drive - Interfaith Coalition's annual winter warmth drive provides warm outerwear for everyone from babies to seniors. Please bring clean, gently-used or new winter coats and jackets, gloves, scarves and hats to worship services through October 14. If you are a knitter, handmade hats and scarves are also cherished. For many of our neighbors, this program means they won't need to spend limited income on a winter coat or do without. Thank you for sharing the warmth!

Presbyterian Women will meet twice in October because of not having a September meeting. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Oct. 2 and Tuesday, Oct. 23. Meet at 10:30 a.m. in the lounge for a bible study - lessons one and two in the new Horizons study book. Each Tuesday's bible study will be followed by a potluck salad luncheon at noon in the Horizon Room. The meetings will focus on new ideas for the group, so be there and make your voice heard!

Weekly Prayer Practice

For the week of September 23, 2018

The following is a simple prayer practice that can be used at home or work throughout your week. Included is a short prayer, which roots you in God's presence, followed by guided pauses for you to speak of what is on your heart, and closes with the Lord's Prayer.

Scripture texts for the upcoming week's worship at St. James Presbyterian, are also included, for daily reading and reflection.

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
you created the heavens and the earth,
and humankind in your image.
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Guided pauses

People of God, for what do you...

Know Gratitude...

Know Longing...

Cry in Lament...

Seek Forgiveness...

Hold Hope...

The Lord's Prayer

Next week's Scriptures

First reading: Psalm 146

Sermon: Isaiah 32:16-20

LOOKING AHEAD

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES (SEPTEMBER 24-SEPTEMBER 30)

Monday	9am Personnel Committee 5:15pm Tai Chi 6:30pm Boy Scouts
Tuesday	10:15am Yoga 4pm St. James Fitness 7pm Bhm Community Chorus 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
Wednesday	***
Thursday	10:15am Yoga 7:30pm Chancel Choir
Friday	3pm Membership Committee 4pm St. James Fitness
Saturday	***

Next Sunday

9am Adult Church School
10:30am Worship

PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY:

12 Step Programs

AA Men's Book Study Group: 6:30pm Mondays
Al Anon: 5:30pm Tuesdays
AA SOS Men's Group: 6pm Wednesdays
AA Fairhaven Group: 7:15pm 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

Pastor: The Rev. Seth J. Thomas
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Music Director: Carolyn Mullen
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Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday, 9am-2pm

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lector: Lindsay Anderson

Sacristan: Carla Shafer

Flowers: Valerie McBeth

Head Usher: Jean Seater

Coffee Hour: Deacons

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

