



September 30, 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

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### \*OPENING WORDS

Jenny Sue LeSchander, Lector

Upon this gathering of your people,

**pour out your Spirit, O Lord.**

Be near to us and speak to us,

**and we will proclaim your glory.**

##### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Shout to the North” #319 GTG

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

In faithful prayer there is power to save the sick; anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore let us confess our sins and pray for one another so that we may be healed.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our strength and savior, you know our great transgressions,  
our hidden faults, our secret sins.**

**With our hands we grasp at power; with our feet we stumble into evil:  
with our eyes we look out for ourselves.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**Forgive us, gracious God, and lead us in your holy way  
of life and love and peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **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*

## **THE OTHER 6 DAYS - Jenny Sue LeSchander**

### **GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Through loving deeds and generous acts,  
we become a blessing to others  
and give honor to Christ's name.

What greater reward could we ask  
than to share in God's saving work?

## **OFFERTORY**

Kaitlyn Ronstadt

**\*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**

Your gift of life, O God,  
is more precious than gold  
and sweeter than honey to our lips.  
Take these gifts of our lives:  
refine and purify them,  
and let them be for the world  
a sign of your goodness and grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Lord God, by the power of your Spirit, enlighten our eyes, instruct our minds rejoice our hearts, and revive our souls so that our lips and our lives may bear witness to your Word. **Amen.**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 146 (pg. 581 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

"We Rejoice in All Your Ways" (Bedford)  
St. James Chancel Choir

### **SERMON READING**

Isaiah 32:16-20 (pg. 660 in pew Bible)

### **SERMON**

"Peace in God's Reign"  
The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

### **\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"O Christ, Surround Me" #543 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**

"Live into Hope" #772 GTG

### **\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

### **POSTLUDE**

Please stay briefly after the service for  
information regarding the 2019 Stewardship Campaign.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*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.*

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**Attention bread bakers** - We're seeking donations of loaves of bread for World Communion, Sunday, Oct. 7. 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:** Work Day: A work day is when there is no story. During our typical Sunday morning time there is often not enough time for some of our art responses or to explore all they want to in the classroom so we have work days where the children are able to more fully engage in the "Play" part of Godly Play.

**Bringing Godly Play home:** On work days you can ask your child what work they choose and why they choose that work.

**Interfaith's Warm Coat Drive** continues through Oct. 14. Please bring your gently used winter wear to share with those in our community who are in need. Place items under the signs to the left of the St. James entry doors.

**PCUSA Peace & Global Witness Offering** will be taken on Sunday, Oct. 7. NW Youth services will receive 25% of the total offering for their efforts to support vulnerable young people in our community. Please see insert.

**Presbyterian Women** will meet twice in October. 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. 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 30, 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**

Grant us, Lord,  
not to be anxious about earthly cares,  
but to love that which is above,  
and even now,  
while we live among transient things,  
to hold fast to those things that shall endure;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.

### **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 24

Sermon reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

## LOOKING AHEAD

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES (OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 7)

<b>Monday</b>	10am Grief Support 4pm St. James Fitness 5:15pm Tai Chi 7pm Boy Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:15am Yoga 10:30am Pres. Women Bible Study & Luncheon 5:30pm Buildings & Grounds 7pm Bhm Community Chorus 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
<b>Wednesday</b>	3:30pm Mission & Social Action 7pm Christian Faith Formation
<b>Thursday</b>	10:15am Yoga 5:30pm Congregation Life 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir
<b>Friday</b>	4pm St. James Fitness
<b>Saturday</b>	3pm World Peace Poetry

### Next Sunday - World Communion 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](mailto:hlearningsolutions@gmail.com) for times and dates.

## **THE SAINT JAMES STAFF**

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

Children & Family Director: Tracy Caruso  
Ministry Assistant: Kate Hoskin  
Treasurer: Marina McLeod  
Music Director: Carolyn Mullen  
Pianist/Accompanist: Kaitlyn Ronstadt  
Teachers: Erika Singh-Cundy, Sophie Rose Kendrick,  
Lucy Sieczka, Holly Jones

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Give online to St. James:  
<https://saintjamespres.churchcenter.com/giving>

### **Office Hours:**

Tuesday-Friday, 9am-2pm

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### **PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

Lector: Jenny Sue LeSchander                      Sacristan: Carla Shafer  
Flowers: Sue Schreiber                              Head Usher: Milt Schayes  
Coffee Hour: Deacons

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

