



January 13, 2019



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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Carla Shafer, Lector

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Sing of God Made Manifest" #156 GTG

CALL TO CONFESSION

God loves us and calls us each by name.

Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved,

let us boldly confess our sins before God.

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We are precious in your sight,
yet we often forget that we are your beloved.
We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant.
We follow selfish goals
and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world.
We are sorry and we want to change.
Create in us a clean heart,
strengthen our resolve,
reconcile us one to another,
and bless us with your peace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for your healing mission
the heavens opened in a flash of glory
as vision and voice blazed upon the waters.
May your Spirit so burn in us
that we hear your word translated into deed
and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. **Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7 (pg. 672 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Come to the Water" - Schrader/Foley
St. James Chancel Choir

**Please stand as you are able.*

SERMON READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (pg. 60 in pew Bible)

SERMON

“A Light for All the World to See”

The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #475 GTG

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostle's Creed (p. 35 GTG)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***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**

O God,

at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son,
and through him you opened to us a way
to become your children by grace.

May these gifts we return to you

be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons,
born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" #547 GTG

**Please stand as you are able.*

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

*BLESSING & CHARGE

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.

Annual Meeting

We will hold our annual congregational meeting on January 27 following worship. The meeting will be to approve the St. James Session adopted budgets and terms of call for Pastor Seth. All are welcome to attend to hear reports of God's faithfulness in our ministry--looking back on 2018 and into the year ahead.

Next week we will welcome the Rev. Dr. Cindy Bauleke to preach at St. James. Pastor Seth will be away on vacation and return to the office on January 22.

Godly Play: Baptism

In this lesson we learn that Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into the Church. For Christians, this rite is the gateway into the family of families we call the Church. We ask the children to remember or look forward to the day of their baptism by lighting candles from the light of the Christ Candle, since this is also the day they receive their "light."

Bringing Godly Play Home: If your student has been baptized, talk to them about that day and show pictures if you have them. Talk about *when* and *why* they were baptized. If they have not been baptized, talk about any other baptism they may have seen: *who*, *when*, and *why*.

Toddler Time will be held on Wednesday mornings from 8:30-10:00am for ages 4yrs old and younger. Too wet and cold for the park? Come join us in the St. James Fellowship Hall for an open playtime. Parents have a chance to socialize with other parents and enjoy free coffee while their children play. This is a free, unstructured playtime; while it will be staffed, parents/guardians must be present at all times. We provide a few toys but feel free to bring your own to share.

Church Pianist/Accompanist. We seeking to hire someone for ongoing support of the music program at St. James. If you know someone who may be interested, please have them contact Carolyn Mullen at zolhavn@gmail.com with a cover letter and resume.

St. James Book Club

Our selection for the January 21 meeting is *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave. The library book kits will be kept in the office. Grab a book and join us at 7:00pm!

Presbyterian Women

The women of the church will meet Tuesday, January 22, for the monthly Bible study at 10:30 a.m. and luncheon at noon. This month's luncheon will be soup and bread, provided by the hostesses.

Movie Night! We will also be hosting a movie night on Friday, January 25 from 5:30-8:00pm . Stay tuned for movie details! There will be a movie set up for kids in the nursery along with a movie set up in the Fellowship Hall for adults. **All are welcome and encouraged to attend!**

Annual Reports

Committee chairs and elders, please complete and submit your annual reports as we are beginning to compile them for our January 27 annual meeting. Please submit reports to office@saintjamespres.org

Pulse contributions are due January 16 for our February newsletter! Please send your submissions to office@saintjamespres.org

LOOKING AHEAD

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

January 14 - January 20

Monday, 1/14	4:00 St. James Fitness 5:15pm Tai Chi 7:00pm Boy Scouts
Tuesday, 1/15	10:15am Yoga 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
Wednesday, 1/16	8:30am Toddler Time
Thursday, 1/17	10:15am Yoga 12:00pm Worship & Music Committee 6:30pm St. James Bell Choir 7:30pm St. James Choir
Friday, 1/18	4:00pm St. James Fitness
Saturday, 1/19	9:30am Weavers Guild
Next Sunday, 1/20	9:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship 11:45am Deacons

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: 6:00pm, Wednesdays

AA Fairhaven Group: 7:15pm, Thursdays and Sundays

OA: 10:00am, 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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Children & Family Director: Tracy Caruso
Ministry Assistant: Kate Hoskin
Treasurer: Marina McLeod
Music Director: Carolyn Mullen
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Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am-2:00pm

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lector: Carla Shafer
Sacristan: Jenny Sue LeSchander
Head Usher: Martha Speer
Coffee Hour: Deacons
Flowers: Carolyn Mullen

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

