



January 20, 2019

 **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.

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

Largo from Sonata Op. 10 No. 3 - L. Beethoven

“We Shall Overcome”

Jim Gresham

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Merry Thomas, Lector

Our God calls – can you hear?

We listen with ears open to the Divine.

Together let us seek God's truth.

We come, bringing our life – stories.

Each story is valued and sacred here.

We come, seeking God.

Let us worship together!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Arise Your Light Has Come!” #744 GTG

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's love has become known to us in Jesus Christ,
yet we sometimes live as if that made no difference to us.

Let us confess to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have called us to live in faith and freedom, yet too often we live with tightness in our chest. You have called us to move in new directions, yet we tend to cling to the path we know. You have called us to reach out to others in love, but we want to draw inward for protection. You have called us to live with abandon, in trust, but we live carefully, in fear. God forgive us. Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

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

Holy One, in this precious hour, we pause and gather to hear your word.

Free us in these moments from every distraction that we may focus to listen, that we may hear, that we may change. **Amen**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 36:5-10 (pg. 510 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" - arr. R. Ringwald
St. James Chancel Choir

SERMON READING

John 2:1-11 (pg. 93 in pew Bible)

SERMON

"New Wine"
The Rev. Dr. Cindy Bauleke

A LITANY FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING SUNDAY

See Insert

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"We Shall Overcome" #379 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.

**Please stand as you are able.*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God is a generous giver of gifts
that flow like a river from the fountain of life.
Bring offerings and tributes with thanks and praise;
for the gifts we give are the gifts of God.

OFFERTORY

“Nobody Knows the Trouble I See” - arr. J. Gresham
Jim Gresham

***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**

At the wedding feast at Cana
you gladdened the guests with divine generosity,
filled to the brim and flowing over.
We offer our gifts with grateful hearts.
Bless them and our lives to your service,
that they may reveal your glory,
nurture faith, and manifest the common good.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" #339 GTG

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

***BLESSING & CHARGE**

POSTLUDE

“Maple Leaf Rag” - Scott Joplin
Jim Gresham

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.*

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.

Godly Play: The Parable of The Good Shepherd

In this lesson we hear the parable of the Good Shepherd. This parable tells the story of a shepherd who searches for his one lost sheep, even though that means leaving the other ninety-nine to do so. This parable is often considered more of an identity statement than a parable.

Bringing Godly Play Home:

Explore with your student their experience of being lost *and* found. Share your experiences and listen to their experiences of the Good Shepherd during seasons of good grass and cool water or times of danger and faith.

Movie Night! We will be hosting a movie night on Friday, January 25 from 5:30-8:00pm. We will be watching *Indian Summer* in the Fellowship Hall for teens and older. The nursery will be open and staffed to watch *The Lorax* and/or play. Pizza is at 5:30pm, movies start at 6:00pm. Please RSVP by Thursday, Jan. 24. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Flower Committee

The flower sign-up sheet is posted in the Horizon Room for 2019!

Arts & Crafts

Come and make valentines for your honeys! The craft group will meet on January 30 at 9:30am in the Horizon Room to make valentines. All materials will be provided. If you are interested but cannot participate during the date, contact Alice Beaty at alice_beaty@msn.com

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.

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday will be celebrated at St. James on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 3. We won't be watching the game together or enjoying party food but we will be collecting donations in our soup pots to support our March 2-3, Mobile Pack Day for FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN. Cans of soup would also be appreciated for our on-going support of street youth served through NW Youth Services.

Family Promise: Taco Tuesday!

St. James is hosting another Taco Tuesday dinner on Feb. 5 at Sacred Heart. Please sign up to donate items for the meal, in the Horizon Room.

Church Pianist/Accompanist. We are 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 zolphavn@gmail.com with a cover letter and resume.

Alpha Courses

Birchwood Presbyterian Church is starting a 10 week, no cost, interactive series to discuss life and the Christian Faith in an informal, fun, and friendly environment. Dinner is included. Alpha starts Tuesday, February 5, from 6:00-8:00pm and meets weekly through April 9th. Please contact Curry Miles cmarchitec@msn.com if interested.

LOOKING AHEAD

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

January 21- January 27

Monday, 1/21	10:00am Grief Support Group 4:00 St. James Fitness 5:15pm Tai Chi 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm St. James Book Club
Tuesday, 1/22	10:15am Yoga 10:30am Presbyterian Women Bible Study & Luncheon 7:00pm Bellingham Community Chorus 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
Wednesday, 1/23	8:30am Toddler Time
Thursday, 1/24	10:15am Yoga 6:30pm St. James Bell Choir 7:30pm St. James Choir
Friday, 1/25	4:00pm St. James Fitness 5:30pm Movie Night
Saturday, 1/26	9:00am Hawthorne SAT Prep 2:00pm Glen Titus Memorial Service
Next Sunday, 1/27	9:30 Adult Bible Study 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: 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

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
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 to Saint James Online:
<https://saintjamespres.churchcenter.com/giving>

Office Hours:

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

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lector: Merry Thomas
Sacristan: Jenny Sue LeSchander
Head Usher: Robb McGregor
Coffee Hour: Deacons

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

