



November 25, 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.

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

Sonata, Op. 14, No 2 (L. Beethoven)
Jim Gresham

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING WORDS

Merry Thomas, Lector

Grace to you and peace from the one who is
and who was and who is to come,

**and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead, and the rule of the kings of the earth.**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of God's glory.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Almighty God" (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world,
but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord,

but yield to you only fragments of our lives.

You had nowhere to lay your head;

we surround ourselves with comfort.

We expect to serve you with what remains

after we have indulged our desires.

Forgive our greed, our lack of trust,

our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to your call.

In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow,

even at the cost of our lives. 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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Sisters and brothers, we worship the One who stands at the *beginning* and at the *end* of history—the God for whom all time is *now*.

Every day we have a chance to participate in the work God is doing in the world.

By bringing our gifts each week,
by offering our lives each day,
we affirm our trust in a power beyond violence,
beyond greed. Let us gladly offer who we are—
and what we hold—in service to God.

OFFERTORY

Randy Bowers

***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

Holy God, the psalmist declares that in your realm,
all the poor are satisfied with bread.

Plant that promise firmly in our hearts,
that we might be agents of your covenant love.

Use these gifts, shape our desire, until hunger is no more—
for Jesus taught us to seek our neighbor's daily bread,
and we pray by the power of his name. **Amen.**

**Please stand as you are able.*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Hear God's word.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 1:4b-9 (pg. 245 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" (Courtney)
St. James Chancel Choir

SERMON READING

John 18:33-37 (pg. 112 in pew Bible)

SERMON

"Awaiting the King"
The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" #839 GTG

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed (pg. 35) GTG

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"
#265 GTG

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

"Accentuate the Positive" (Harold Arlen)
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.*

Weekly Prayer Practice

For the Week of November 25, 2018

The following is a simple prayer practice that can be used at home or work throughout your week. Included is a short prayer to root you in God's presence, followed by guided pauses that invite you to speak of what is on your heart. The practice 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

Sovereign God, come to us now in silent, holy power.
Still our distracted minds, our bruised hearts, our longing bodies.
Then speak the power of Jesus' name
in such a way that we might hear it,
in such a way that we might bear it into the world—
as people who seek not to preserve what we know
but to make palpable who you are—
for we move and pray by the gift of your breath within us. **Amen.**

Guided Pauses

People of God, for what do you

Know Gratitude...

Know Longing...

Cry in Lament...

Seek Forgiveness...

Hold Hope...

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.

Next Week's Scriptures: Advent Week 1

First reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Sermon: Luke 21:35-36

Godly Play: *Work Day*

A work day is a Sunday when the students don't hear a story. There is often not enough time on a typical Sunday morning for students to complete their art responses or explore in the classroom. 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, ask your child about the work they chose to do! Students will bring home "change containers" to raise money for *Feed My Starving Children*, a Christian non-profit committed to feeding God's starving children in developing nations around the world. Donations may be brought in any Sunday: November 25-December 30.

Advent Festival:

Join us after worship, December 2 for a meal and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall as we start the Advent season together. Gingerbread houses and activities for all!

Arts & Crafts group will be meeting on Mon, November 26 at 10:00am in the Horizon Room. We will be focusing on holiday card-making.

Advent Wreath Lighting: We are looking for families or groups to light the candles on our Advent Wreath during the month of December. All are welcome to participate. Contact Jill Hoyt or Pastor Seth if interested.

St. James Book Club will be meeting on Mon, December 17 at 7:00pm. If interested, please contact Alice Beaty.

Christmas Wreaths are for sale at St. James to support *Feed My Starving Children*. Large wreaths are \$25.00 and medium wreaths are \$20.00. Please reserve your wreath on the sign-up board in the Horizon Room.

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 zolphavn@gmail.com with a cover letter and resume.

Congregational Meeting: Join us December 9 for a brief meeting immediately following worship, where we will hear a report from the Nominating Committee and elect church officers for the upcoming year.

LOOKING AHEAD

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES November 26 - December 2

Monday	10:00am Arts & Crafts 5:15pm Tai Chi 6:30pm Boy Scouts
Tuesday	10:15am Yoga 10:30 Pres. Women Bible Study & Luncheon 4:15pm St. James Fitness 7:00pm Bhm Community Chorus 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
Wednesday	4:30pm Mission & Social Action
Thursday	10:15am Yoga 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm St. James Choir
Friday	3:00pm Membership
Saturday	10:00am SOS Celebration
Next Sunday	9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Advent Festival

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
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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: Faye Hill
Head Usher: Jean Seater
Coffee Hour: Deacons
Flowers: Cheryl McGregor

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

