



November 4, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING WORDS

Carla Schafer, Lector

The Lord offered himself—once and for all—
so that our conscience can be free from all things that lead to death.
Let us freely go and worship the living God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Jesus Calls Us” #720 GTG

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God,
from whom our help comes.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you have been faithful,
yet we have not loved you with our whole hearts.
You showed us how to love our fellow human beings,
yet we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Turn us back to you, O God,
that we may follow your commandments;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

**Please stand as you are able.*

INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

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

Our God is ever faithful

and provides everything that we need.

Let us praise the Lord through our giving,

that our offerings may be acceptable to God.

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**

Dear God, we offer you these gifts

that they might build up the work of your kingdom.

Make us living witnesses to the way of your righteous reign.

For the glory of your son, Jesus Christ,

in whose name we pray. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Hear the word of the Lord.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 9:11-14 (pg. 223 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“The One” (Courtney)
St. James Chancel Choir

SERMON READING

Mark 12:28-34 (pg. 49 in pew Bible)

**Please stand as you are able.*

SERMON

“At the Table with the Other”
The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Will You Come and Follow ” #726 GTG

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed (pg. 34) GTG

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts.

We open them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

It is right to lift up thanks and praise.

THE INVITATION & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

“The body of Christ, given for you.” **Amen.**

“The blood of Christ, shed for you.” **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD’S AMBASSADORS

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise” #648 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.*

Weekly Prayer Practice

For the Week of November 4, 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

Dear Lord, you are our only hope.

Teach us to put our trust in you.

God, you are our Help.

Teach us the path of righteousness

and turn us from the ways of the wicked,

for we know that you love those who do justice.

We will forever praise you for the glory of your righteous reign, 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

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

First Reading: Psalm 127

Sermon Reading: Mark 12:38-44

Godly Play: *The Ark and the Tent*

In today's story we see how Moses experienced God's presence on Mt. Sinai and in the tent of meeting. The story describes how the two traditions of the tent and the ark came together in the tabernacle.

Bringing Godly Play Home:

Ask your student the *Wondering* questions: What part of the story did they like best? What part was the most important? Where they see themselves in the story? Could we leave any part out and still have everything we need? Remember this is not a quiz to see how much they remember. Your role is to listen in a supportive way.

Usher Sign-Ups are posted in the hallway outside the church offices. Please sign up for November and December!

Prime Timers Lunch Group will meet on Fri, Nov. 9 at 12:00pm. This will be the last meeting until April.

Arts & Crafts group will be meeting on Mon, Nov. 12 & 26 at 10:00am in the Horizon Room. We will be focusing on holiday card-making.

Bake Sale: The St. James Presbyterian Women will be participating in the Christmas Market at *Winterfest* on Sat, Nov. 24 from 12:00-5:00pm. If you would like to donate baked items please contact Merry Thomas.

Interfaith Coalition invites you to attend **Hope-Filled Dreams** on Sun, Nov. 18 at 2:30 pm at the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship.

Stewardship Campaign: Thank you to all that have contributed time & talent and financial pledges. The final results of the October Stewardship Campaign will be posted in the December *Pulse*.

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.

Mission and Social Action Committee would like to announce that Dr. Yoav Litvin, Israeli-American Psychologist and Neuroscientist, will be speaking at Garden Street United Methodist Church on Nov. 7 at 7:00pm.

St. James Book Club will be meeting on Mon, Nov. 19 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES November 5 - November 11

Monday	9:30am Grief Support Group 5:15pm Tai Chi 7:00pm Boy Scouts
Tuesday	Election Day 10:15am Yoga 4:15pm St. James Fitness 6:00pm Finance 7:00pm Bhm Community Chorus 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
Wednesday	3:30pm Mission & Social Action
Thursday	10:15am Yoga 6:00pm St. James Bell Choir 7:30pm St. James Chancel Choir
Friday	12:00pm Prime Timers 4:15pm St. James Fitness
Saturday	1:00pm Bellingham Ukulele Group
Next Sunday	9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship 11:30am Coffee and Cookies 12:00pm Session

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

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Office Hours:

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

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lector: Carla Schafer
Sacristan: Faye Hill
Head Usher: Bill Read
Coffee Hour: Deacons
Flowers: Amber Wainscott
Communion: Jennie Sue LeSchander, Jill Hoyt,
Julie Keyes, Marlene Amman

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

