



October 14, 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 & St. James Bell Choir

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*OPENING WORDS

Jim Gresham, Lector

God you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted you, and you delivered them.**

To you they cried, and they were saved;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

**God, you are holy.**

**All praise to you, now and forever!**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come, Thou Almighty King" #2 GTG

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

God is not far from us.  
When trouble is near,  
God is our help and our refuge.  
Let us confess our sins to God,  
that we might receive mercy.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of justice and mercy, we confess  
that we put ourselves first  
and trust in things that will not last.  
We desire the evil and scorn the good;  
we gather up power and wealth  
and push aside the needy in our way.  
O Lord, be gracious to us  
in spite of our great sin.  
Teach us to love your justice  
and share in your mercy.  
Help us to seek the treasure  
of heavenly life with you;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

### **INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY**

### **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.**

## **WELCOMING & THANKING**

*Please pass prayer cards to an usher*

## **GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**All that we have—our lives, our possessions—  
comes from God, to whom we owe everything.  
Come, then, and give,  
for Scripture tells us that in giving,  
we will have treasure in heaven.  
Come! Give!**

## **OFFERTORY**

St. James Bell Choir

**\*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.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, we present these gifts and renew our commitment to leave everything behind and follow you. Give us the courage to fulfill your will so that with everything we do and say we can become a living offering, worthy of being called your disciples. **Amen.**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Hear the word of the Lord.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 6:25-29 (pg. 6 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

“No Other Name” (Roseberry, arr. Besig)  
St. James Chancel Choir

**SERMON READING**

1 Chronicles 29:10-19 (pg. 387 in pew Bible)

**SERMON**

“All Things Returned to God”  
The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Bless the Lord” #544 GTG

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed (pg. 35) 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**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

“The Earth Belongs to God Alone” #715 GTG

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## 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.*

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### **Godly Play: Exodus**

In this story we see that God was with the People as they “went out” (the literal meaning of the word exodus) from slavery into freedom through water. The People of God look back to this time to sustain them when God is hidden and they feel lost. For the Jews, the Feast of Passover keeps this core event alive. For Christians, Baptism reawakens this event.

### **Bringing Godly Play Home:**

The story of the Exodus as told in Godly Play is "telescoped" so as not to distract children from the primary narrative. At home you can talk about the story of Joseph and his brothers (Gen 42). You can also talk about the different plagues in detail: the Godly play narrative simply says "many strange things happened in the land," but does not list specifics.

**Stewardship Campaign:** The stewardship campaign is on for the month of October. Packets not picked up have been mailed. If you do not have a packet, contact the church office. All responses are important for 2019 planning. Let's fill the tree in the Narthex with leaves and apples!

**Interfaith's Warm Coat Drive** runs through today, Sunday, Oct. 14.

Please bring gently used winter wear to share with those in our community that are in need. Place items under the signs to the left of the St. James entry doors.

**Presbyterian Women** will meet again on October 23. Meet at 10:30am in the lounge for Bible study: Lesson Two in the new *Horizons* study book. Tuesday's Bible study will be followed by a potluck salad luncheon. The meeting will focus on new ideas for the group, so be there and make your voice heard!

**St. James Book Club** will be holding an organizational meeting for restarting a St. James Book Club on Monday, October 15 at 7:00pm. If you are interested but cannot attend please contact Alice Beaty.

## **Weekly Prayer Practice**

**For the week of October 14, 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**

Merciful God,  
in Jesus Christ you do not call the righteous,  
but sinners to repentance.  
Draw us away from the easy road  
that leads to destruction,  
and guide us into paths  
that lead to life abundant,  
that in seeking your truth,  
and obeying your will,  
we may know the joy of being a disciple  
of Jesus Christ our Savior,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, 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**

### **Next week's Scriptures**

First reading: Psalm 126

Sermon reading: Colossians 3:12-17

## LOOKING AHEAD

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

October 15 - October 21

<b>Monday</b>	10:00am Grief Support 5:15pm Tai Chi 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm St. James Book Club
<b>Tuesday</b>	PULSE SUBMISSIONS DUE! 10:15am Yoga 4:15pm St. James Fitness 7:00pm Bhm Community Chorus 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
<b>Wednesday</b>	4:00pm Mission & Social Action
<b>Thursday</b>	10:15am Yoga 5:30pm Prayer Vigil 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir
<b>Friday</b>	4:15pm St. James Fitness
<b>Saturday</b>	9:30am Weavers Guild
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:00am 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](mailto: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 St. James online:  
<https://saintjamespres.churchcenter.com/giving>

### **Office Hours:**

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

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

Lector: Jim Gresham                      Sacristan: Cheryl McGregor  
Head Usher: Martha Speer  
Flowers: Marlene Amman  
*In memory of her mom, Vi Gerry's, birthday*  
Coffee Hour: Deacons

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

