



October 21, 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

Kaitlyn Ronstadt

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### \*OPENING WORDS

Sue Smith, Lector

Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed!  
Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.

**We give glory, honor, and thanksgiving to the Lord,  
who makes and sustains all things.**

##### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

"For the Beauty of the Earth" #14 GTG

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor,  
trusting in the mercy of our Lord.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful and gentle God,  
we have wanted reward without sacrifice.  
We have been unwilling to serve and  
have not humbled ourselves in obedience.  
Forgive our hubris, gracious God.  
Correct our ignorant ways  
and help us to know your glory through servanthood.  
Guide us to be true followers of your way,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **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.**

## **THE OTHER SIX DAYS**

Jean Seater

*Please pass prayer cards to an usher*

## **GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

God is ever faithful

and has blessed us with so much.

With grateful hearts,

let us offer back to God what we have,

with love and thanksgiving.

## **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**

Gracious God, we offer you these gifts.

Multiply them so that they might help build your kingdom on earth

and be of service to the body of Christ,

in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

O God, your Word gives us counsel for our understanding.

Enable us to receive it today,

in the name of your son, our Lord. **Amen.**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 126 (pg. 572-573 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**CHORAL ANTHEM** "Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All" (arr. Harris)  
St. James Chancel Choir

**SERMON READING** Colossians 3:12-17 (pg. 201 in pew Bible)

**SERMON** "For All Things We Are Grateful"  
The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Give Thanks" #647 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** "O God in Whom All Life Begins" #308 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.*

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**St. James All Church Luncheon** is next week, Sunday, Oct. 28 directly after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Everything will be provided by the Deacons.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Weekly Prayer Practice**

### **For the Week of October 21, 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**

O God, you show us the way of servanthood.  
You have given us such so that we can bless others  
and not seek gratification for ourselves.  
Help us to seek your path and keep us in humility  
so that we can be the light of Christ in the world.

### **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 97

Sermon reading: Revelation 21:22-27

## **Godly Play: *The 10 Best Ways***

In this story we continue to witness God's elusive presence with God's People at Mt. Sinai on three occasions: First, God revealed the name of God to Moses in the burning bush. Second, God gave the Ten Commandments to the people through Moses. Third, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments a second time, after Moses broke the first tablet in anger.

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

Discuss the Commandments that God gave to Moses. Are they similar to rules you have at home? Discuss your rules and the Commandments by asking the following wondering questions: I wonder which one of the 10 Best Ways do you like best? I wonder which one is most important? I wonder which one is especially for you?

**The Building and Grounds & Worship and Music Committees** are currently looking for some "comfy" chairs to sit behind the pews on the right side of the sanctuary and a kids' table/chair set and small shelf for the left side. Please contact Jill Hoyt or Jeanne Uhles if you think you have items or want to contribute financially. Note: we will have to be a little picky, due to the space and specifications for how this area will be used.

**Stewardship Campaign:** The Stewardship Campaign continues through October. All responses are important for 2019 planning. Let's get the responses returned to help fill the Narthex tree with leaves and apples. Remember each leaf represents \$1,000 worth in pledges. Your support is critical to the St. James family.

**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 meet in the lounge on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm. If you are interested, please contact Alice Beaty.

### **Arts, Crafts, & Prayer Shawls:**

There will be a meeting for those interested in arts and crafts/prayer shawls on Monday, October 22 at 10:00 am in the Horizon Room.

**Christmas Wreaths** will be for sale at St. James to support a new opportunity coming in March 2019: *Feed My Starving Children*. More information will be coming soon. Please reserve your wreath on the sign-up board in the Horizon Room.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

October 22 - October 28

- Monday** 10:00am Arts & Crafts/Prayer Shawls Meeting  
5:15pm Tai Chi  
7:00pm Boy Scouts
- Tuesday** 10:15am Yoga  
10:30am Pres. Women Bible Study & Luncheon  
4:15pm St. James Fitness  
7:00pm Bhm Community Chorus  
7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
- Wednesday**
- Thursday** 10:15am Yoga  
6:00pm St. James Bell Choir  
7:30pm St. James Chancel Choir
- Friday** 3:00pm Membership  
4:15pm St. James Fitness
- Saturday** 9:30am Weavers Guild  
1:00pm Table Set-Up for All Church Luncheon
- Next Sunday** 9:00am Adult Bible Study  
10:30am Worship  
11:30am All Church Luncheon

## 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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Treasurer: Marina McLeod  
Music Director: Carolyn Mullen  
Pianist/Accompanist: Kaitlyn Ronstadt  
Teachers: Erika Singh-Cundy, Sophie Rose Kendrick,  
Lucy Sieczka, Holly Jones

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Give to Saint 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: Sue Smith  
Sacristan: Cheryl McGregor  
Head Usher: Robb McGregor  
Coffee Hour: Deacons  
Flowers: Jean and Rick Seater,  
*In loving memory of Jean's brother, John Bonsey Jr.*

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

