



October 28, 2018



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

Kyle Anderson, Lector

I will bless the Lord at all times,
God's praise will continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord,
let the humble here and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
let us exalt God's name together!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #12 GTG

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God,
who alone has the power to save
and waits in mercy to forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we have not been humble. We have discouraged others from seeking you. We have not sought your wisdom. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to boast only of you. Help us to celebrate when others seek after you. Give us the light of your wisdom and ways, through 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.

Please pass prayer cards to an usher

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Lord is indeed good, for God has blessed us richly.

Let us offer back a portion, in gratitude and love.

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**

God, the creator of the universe, we offer to you these gifts

for the glory of your kingdom, in the name of God:

Father and Mother, Son, and Holy Spirit. 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 97 (pg. 551 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Please stand as you are able.*

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Carried By Love” (Boersma/Lantz)
St. James Chancel Choir

SERMON READING

Revelation 21:22-27 (pg. 260 in pew Bible)

SERMON

“All Things in the Reign of Christ”
The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Hymn of the Ages”

***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**

“Great Are You, Lord” #614 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.

St. James All Church Luncheon is 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 28, 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, you always hear us when we cry out.

You stay close when we are in distress.

It is you in whom we seek refuge, and you deliver us from evil.

Let praise flow from our mouths to your ears,

for we can taste and see that you are indeed good.

All glory, praise, and honor are due to you,

O God, our Redeemer and our strength.

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.*

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 you can ask your child about the work they chose and why they chose that work.

Interfaith Coalition invites you to attend **Hope-Filled Dreams**, a vocal showcase of solos and ensembles to benefit Family Promise, a program of Interfaith Coalition. The concert will be held on Sunday, November 18 at 2:30 pm at the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship, 1207 Ellsworth Street. The featured performers will be local soloists, Vocal Pyro Ensemble and the Bellingham Community Chorus under the direction of Musical Director, Rob Viens. There will be a freewill offering with all proceeds benefiting Family Promise, a vital program providing shelter and support to children and their parents experiencing homelessness. Please join us for some beautiful music while supporting our neighbors most in need.

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.

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 Zionism and Settler Colonialism on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 7:00pm.

St. James Book Club will be meeting in the lounge on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm. The current book club title is *Secrets from the Vinyl Café* by Stuart McLean. If interested, please contact Alice Beaty.

Christmas Wreaths will be for sale at St. James to support a new opportunity coming in March 2019: *Feed My Starving Children*. Large wreaths are \$25.00 and medium wreaths are \$20.00. More information will be coming in the November Pulse. Please reserve your wreath on the sign-up board in the Horizon Room.

LOOKING AHEAD

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

October 29 - November 4

Monday	9:30am CFF 5:15pm Tai Chi 6:30pm Boy Scouts
Tuesday	10:15am Yoga 1:00pm Personnel 4:15pm St. James Fitness 7:00pm Bhm Community Chorus 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
Wednesday	Halloween
Thursday	10:15am Yoga 6:00pm St. James Bell Choir 7:30pm St. James Chancel Choir
Friday	4:15pm St. James Fitness
Saturday	
Next Sunday	9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship (Communion) 11:30am Coffee and Cookies

PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

12 Step Programs:

AA Men's Book Study Group: 6:30pm, Mondays

AI 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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Office Hours:

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

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lector: Kyle Anderson
Sacristan: Cheryl McGregor
Head Usher: Jean Seater
Coffee Hour: Deacons
Flowers: Gretchen Pfueller

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

