



October 7, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING WORDS

Merry Thomas, Lector

To my sisters and brothers I will tell your glory:

O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

In the great congregation I will sing your praise:

O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“God is Calling Through the Whisper” #410 GTG

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have an advocate on high: Jesus Christ,
who stooped down to save us from our sin,
but rose in honor and glory to reign forever.
Therefore, let us seek God's grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you,
to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures.
Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments
and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us.
Redeem, restore, and re-create us,
for the sake of Christ our Savior. 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Carla Shafer

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The heavens and the earth,
the sun and moon and stars,
the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air,
the fish of the sea—
all things belong to God,
and to God all things return.

OFFERTORY

Kaitlyn Ronstadt

***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**

Lord God, you have entrusted us with the works of your own hands.
Now we return these gifts to you with thanksgiving and praise.
Use them all for your glory and for the good of your world;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Hear the word of the Lord.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 24 (pg. 503 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Please stand as you are able.*

CHORAL ANTHEM

“How Beautiful” (Paris, arr. Larson)
St. James Chancel Choir

SERMON READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-20 (pg. 174 in pew Bible)

SERMON

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

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly ” #509 GTG

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed (pg. 34) GTG

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.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & COMMUNION PRAYER

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

***CLOSING HYMN**

“To God Be the Glory” #634 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.

Godly Play: *The Great Family*

We continue to seek the elusive presence of God. God was present at creation, blessing all that was made. Noah walked with God and was led by God's presence to build the ark that preserved life. Now Abraham and Sarah discover that God is present everywhere, putting their lives on the line to test the promises of God.

Bringing Godly Play Home: This is another good lesson to ask the wondering questions listed last week or to just ask "I wonder what the story today was about?" Then just listen. This is not to quiz the children on what they may or may not recall, but to be quietly present as they share their own experience. Remember that by just listening you are supporting the formation of young, sometimes very young, theologians.

Stewardship Campaign: The stewardship campaign is on for the month of October. There are packets for members and non-members who are contributing to St. James. To minimize mailing costs, please pick up your packets at the church office or in the Narthex.

Interfaith's Warm Coat Drive runs through 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.

PCUSA Peace & Global Witness Offering will be taken this Sunday, Oct. 7. NW Youth services will receive 25% of the total offering for their efforts to support vulnerable young people in our community. Please see insert.

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!

Weekly Prayer Practice

For the week of October 7, 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

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear
than we to pray,
and to give more
than we either desire or deserve.
Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things
of which our conscience is afraid,
and giving us those good things
for which we are not worthy to ask,
except through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

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: Matthew 6:25-29

Sermon reading: 1 Chronicles 29:10-19

LOOKING AHEAD

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

October 8 - October 14

Monday	5:15pm Tai Chi 6:00pm YANA 7:00pm Boy Scouts
Tuesday	10:15am Yoga 4:15pm St. James Fitness 6:00pm Finance 7:00pm Bhm Community Chorus 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
Wednesday	10:00am Worship Committee
Thursday	10:15am Yoga 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir
Friday	12:00pm Prime Timers 4:15pm St. James Fitness
Saturday	3:00pm Bellingham Ukulele Group
Next Sunday	9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship 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: Merry Thomas Sacristan: Cheryl McGregor
Flowers: Jenny Sue LeSchander Head Usher: Milt Schayes
Communion Servers:
Marlene Amman, Alice Beaty, Mark Beaty, Carla Shafer
Coffee Hour: Deacons

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

