



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

August 22, 2021

"Doubt, Faith, and Wisdom" James 1:2-8

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. We would love to connect with you and support you in this strange season.

Please visit www.saintjamespres.org/contact to share how we can be of support!

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE

Luke Arnold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Brian Johnson, Lector

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
And the Word became flesh and lived among us.
Let us worship God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"The Lord is God" - GTG #63

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMPASSION CAMP

Tracy Caruso

***THE PEACE**

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 1:2-7 pg. 584

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

James 1:2-8, pgs. 228-229

SERMON

"Doubt, Faith, and Wisdom"

Rev. Seth Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"
- GTG #394

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Bagatelle in E-flat" (Beethoven)

*DOXOLOGY

"For the Life That You Have Given" - GTG #717

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

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Standing on the Promises" -GTG #838

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

*BLESSING & CHARGE

POSTLUDE

As our worship concludes, our service begins.

We invite you to join us for fellowship and refreshments outside on the 14th Street patio, to your left as you leave the sanctuary. Please introduce yourself to those new to you and extend a welcome of peace and friendship to everyone.

Next Week, August 29, 2021

"Religion, Orphans, and Widows" James 1:17-27

ST. JAMES STAFF

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Summer Church Office Hours - Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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St. James Sunday morning worship continues to be held online.

You can access online worship through

our website at www.saintjamespres.org/live,

the St. James Facebook page at www.facebook.com/saintjamespres

or via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88335387843>.

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COMPASSION CAMP: *Session 5 Along the Way*

Compassion Walks Together with Others. Walking together with others means we are not alone in our life and faith journey. Participants will witness how we are a part of a global faith family that transcends time and place. They will learn about our faith siblings who have shared God's love to humankind and all creation throughout time. Participants will explore Romans 16 as a celebration of some of these ancestors—of the people who came before us and lived out compassion in the Christian community of the first century. Through remembering these faith siblings, participants will locate themselves within this ancient stream of people who have chosen compassion. Then they will consider how they might continue to share compassion in the future

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts, this week, August 22nd, the Lectionary texts are:

Proverbs 1:2-7 (worship)

James 1:2-8 (preaching)

Psalm 84

1 Kings 8:1,6,10-11, 22-30, 41-43

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

John 6:56-59

Psalm 34:15-22

Ephesians 6:10-20

THE ST. JAMES CHOIR will be meeting on Thursday, September 2 from 7:30-8:30pm in the Sanctuary. This is not a rehearsal. We welcome returning members and anyone interested in joining. We will be discussing this year's choir program.

ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB is currently reading *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic and Immortal Photographs of EDWARD CURTIS* by Timothy Egan. We will be meeting Monday, September 20 at 7:00pm. Email tracy@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link.

GODLY PLAY TRAINING For anyone who has wondered about Godly Play we invite you to join us for a training session for volunteers who are willing to teach or assist with Godly Play. We will meet after worship on Sunday, August 29 at noon in the Godly Play classroom. Bring your love of children and wondering questions!

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Sunday, August 29 — 12 p.m.

What does it mean to “join the church”? What do “members” do in a Presbyterian community? How is St. James structured, who leads, volunteers, and supports our life together?

Find out all about what it means to become an active member at St. James in this informational lunch session. Come to share your journey of faith that has brought you to this church and place in life. Meet other new folks, learn about leadership and volunteer opportunities, and begin your prayerful discernment about joining our church. Our community is growing and changing as we emerge from COVID-19 and we are so glad to welcome you along in the process.

Lunch provided. Please sign up by emailing Pastor Seth (pastor@saintjamespres.org). If August 29 does not work for you, make-up sessions are available.

SUNDAY MORNING PARKING – Now that we have returned to in-person worship and every Sunday we have more people attending, we need to make sure there’s enough parking near the main doors for those who need it. If you’re able to manage stairs/hills or are able to walk a little further, please consider parking in the lower lot or along the road in front of Lowell. This is a wonderful problem to have, but we need everyone’s help solving it.

ALLIES PANEL - Please note that the new date for the Allies Panel is Sunday, September 19. More information will be forthcoming.

PRAYERS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES

If you have a prayer request or update you would like to share, please email office@saintjamespres.org.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Attention: most church activities have moved to on-line forums, where applicable. Contact your group leader for details.

Next Sunday 10:30am Streamed Sunday Worship Service
<https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/>

PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

Out of consideration for those at higher risk of complications from COVID-19, church meetings and events should be held online or via phone, or email. If an in-person meeting is necessary, please consult our Church Reopening Guidelines and Procedures (<https://saintjamespres.org/reopening>) before contacting the church to schedule.

AA Fairhaven Group (in building)
AA Men's Book Study Group (in building)
AA SOS Men's Group (in building)
Bayside Co-op Preschool (in building)
Bellingham Community Chorus
Bellingham Ukulele Group (BUG)
Boy Scouts Troop 7 (in building)
Happy Hour Al-Anon (in building)
Hawthorne Learning Solutions (in building)
Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County (in building part-time)
Linda's Tai Chi (in building)
Overeaters Anon
South Hill Neighborhood Association (in building)
WA Gender Alliance
Whatcom Weavers Guild
You Are Not Alone (YANA)



All Ages Welcome!!

**Sundays
July 25th - August 22nd
12-1:30pm**

Bible Stories

Music

Games

Crafts

Yoga