

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

September 5, 2021

“Looking Good, Dying on the Inside” James 2:14-17

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

“Clair de Lune” (Debussy) Luke Arnold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kat DeVaney, Lector

The eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

**The lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.**

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert.

**The burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” - GTG #610

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You love us with open arms, O God.

Forgive us when we do not put your love into practice:

when we do not challenge the injustice around us;

when we are not generous with the gifts we have to share;

when we are slow to compassion and quick to judgement;

when we contribute to the brokenness of the world

instead of helping to make it whole.

Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short.

Free us to try again,

and let your love lead the way.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

***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

Psalm 146, pgs. 581-582

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

James 2:14-17 pgs. 230

SERMON

"Looking Good, Dying on the Inside" Rev. Seth Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"When the Poor Ones" - GTG #762

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS & CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" (arr. Tornquist)

***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

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.**

COMMUNION PRAYER & 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.**

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Light Dawns on a Weary World" - GTG #79

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 in a chat room. Please introduce
yourself to those new to you and extend the hand of peace, friendship,
and welcome to everyone.*

Next Week, September 12, 2021
James 3:1-12 - “Flaming Tongues or Tongues of Fire?”

PRAYERS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES

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

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Church Office Hours - Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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The church offices will be closed September 6, 2021, in honor of Labor Day.

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>.

CONTACT pastor@saintjamespres.org FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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Return of Godly Play and the Nursery Beginning next Sunday September 12th we will be reopening our Nursery and our Godly Play classroom. The Nursery will open at 10am and the Godly Play classroom at 10:15am. Children 5 and older are required to wear a mask. We will celebrate our return with ice cream after service! Please contact Tracy with any questions.

Mark your Calendars! The Family Promise Bed Race is back! Our youth group will be racing their bed to help raise money for Family Promise on Sunday September 26th at 2:00pm at Civic Field. If you can help with constructing a bed on wheels please let Tracy know!

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts this week, September 5th, the Lectionary texts are:

Psalm 146 (worship)

James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17

Psalm 124

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Isaiah 35:4-7

Mark 7:24-37

BOOK EVENT – *Designed to Heal* – Jennie McLaurin’s new book is available! Book Event on September 19 at Cordata Presbyterian Bellingham public health pediatrician and St. James member, Jennie McLaurin, will be speaking about her new book, *Designed to Heal*, during a book signing open to the public Sunday evening, September 19th at Cordata Presbyterian Church. McLaurin’s writing connects science and faith, demonstrating how people and their organizations can heal in ways similar to the human body. Her presentation will be at 7 p.m. with book signings to follow.

ALLIES PANEL - Sunday, September 19

The Allies Panel will discuss issues related to welcoming the differences among us as it relates to LGBTQIA (queerness). The new date will be Sunday, September 19, 2021 via Zoom from 9-10am. They will answer questions of how they became allies, fears about acting as an ally beyond family, the best parts of opening up to everyone, and how their faith informs their actions. Everyone is welcome to listen in and join the conversation. For more information, please contact Carla Shafer at chuckanutsandstone@gmail.com

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 In-Person Worship at 10:30am and
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
WA Gender Alliance
Whatcom Weavers Guild
You Are Not Alone (YANA)