



October 27, 2024

"What Do You Want Me To Do For You?"

Mark 10:46-52

**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
how God is moving in your life.*

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

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Leah Bruno

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jenny Sue LeSchander

God has gathered us in this place

from the corners of Bellingham and Whatcom County.

(Think of the communities that you are a part of)

**We've come from many kinds of dwellings and many kinds of families,
from the many places we work and learn.**

From near and far(-ish),

we join our hearts and voices to glorify God.

We've come from

*Fairhaven, Alabama Hill, Meridian Avenue, James Street, and in between,
(Name your neighborhood) and (other neighborhoods you are a part of)*

following detours between or beyond.

God welcomes all in this place.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
- GTG 65

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.

Heal us of our blindness, O Lord,
for it is a blindness we have chosen.

We close our eyes when faced with suffering of the world,
turn our gaze away from the needs of our neighbors,
and blur our faces in the mirror,
lest we recognize your image.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.

Heal us of our blindness,
and open our eyes to the beauty of your grace.

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

Jeremiah 31:7-9 pg. 734

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Mark 10:46-52 pg. 47

SERMON

"What Do You Want Me To Do For You?"
Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"
GTG 418

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

***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**

***SINGING WELCOME AS CHILDREN RETURN TO SANCTUARY**

Welcome, children, welcome, we are glad you're here.

Welcome, children, welcome. Now to God draw near.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

- GTG 353

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 following worship. Please introduce yourself to those new to you and extend a welcome of peace and friendship to everyone.

Next Week, November 3, 2024

Mark 12:28-34

GODLY PLAY: The Ark and the Tent/Temple

In these stories we see a continuation of the travels the tablets of the commandments took. We see a new way of thinking for the people of God in regard to the experience of God's presence.

The Godly Play room will open at 10:30am, with the lesson starting at 10:35am. Students will be brought back to the service for the last hymn.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts for this week, October 27th:

Jeremiah 31:7-9 (worship)

Mark 10: 46-52 (sermon)

Psalms 34:1-8

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalms 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

YOUTH GROUP- TONIGHT

Inviting all middle and high school students to join us this evening Sunday October 27th for our pizza dinner and meeting. We will meet from 5:30pm-7:30pm for dinner and activities.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study "*Let Justice Roll Down*": The Women's Bible Study class is meeting this Tuesday, October 29th at 10:30am in the Lounge. We will be discussing the second chapter entitled "Land Justice". If you need a book or have questions, please contact Faye Hill.

PUB THEOLOGY-TOMORROW!

Join us every other Monday beginning Monday October 28th from 6:30-7:30pm at Archer Ale House in Fairhaven. Childcare and carpooling are available at St. James beginning at 6:15pm and ending at 7:45pm. Led by Jimmy and Jessica Parks, we'll explore themes of Christian ethics-ideas about good, evil, and the in-between, and how we live them out in everyday life. This is not a lecture or Bible study, but an opportunity to have an open discussion in a relaxed, welcoming setting. Jimmy and Jessica will facilitate the discussion and provide resources for deeper engagement, if desired. Outside readings are not required for participation but will allow for a richer conversation. Please reach out to jimmyjamesjimbo@gmail.com if you would like the resources used for discussion or if you have any questions.

NEW CLASS! A Non-Anxious Politic

Join us for a two week class facilitated by Randy Pries!
Is it possible to go through this coming Election season, and beyond, with reduced anxiety, no matter the outcome? As people of faith, we are to be involved and concerned about elections, our government and our nation. And yet are there important anchors we can hold to in the midst of this season, or any season, that can bring peace and hope? In addition can we be a non-anxious presence with others, including those who view things differently? This short two week class will be held from 9:00-10:00am downstairs in the fellowship hall, November 3 and 10, and will bookend Election Day.

ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB

The St. James book club is currently reading *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. A novel that tells the story of Elizabeth Zott, who becomes a beloved cooking show host in the 1960's after being fired as a chemist. We will meet the third Monday in November, November 18th, at 7pm on Zoom. Email cfm@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link. Books are available in the church office.

BELLINGHAM COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We are once again joining with Lowell Elementary school to provide snacks for children who may need them during the school day. We are asking for donations of individually wrapped nut-free snacks. Items can be left in the tub in the narthex or outside Tracy's office. This will be an ongoing need until the school year ends next June. Our goal is 100 snacks/month.

Lowell is also in need of mentors and volunteers to read with children at the school. Please contact tracy@saintjamespres.org if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering.

PRAYERS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES

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

And remember to change your clocks and smoke detector batteries next Sunday morning, November 3rd at 2am!



Fall Back
**Change Your Clocks
Back One Hour**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Monday, 10/28	4:00pm, St. James Fitness, open to all
Tuesday, 10/29	10:30am, Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, 10/30	8:30am, Toddler Time
Thursday, 10/31	4:00pm, St. James Fitness, open to all 7:00pm, Choir rehearsal
Next Sunday, 11/3	2:00am, Daylight Savings Time ends 9:00am, A Non-anxious Politic class 10:30am In-person and streamed Sunday Worship Service https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/

PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

AA Fairhaven Group.....	Mondays/ Thursdays
AA Grateful Hearts.....	Mondays
AA Men's Book Study Group.....	Mondays
AA SOS Men's Group.....	Wednesdays
AA Meditation Group.....	Fridays
Bayside Co-op Preschool.....	Monday-Friday during school year
Bellingham Community Chorus.....	Tuesdays September-April
Bellingham Ukulele Group (BUG).....	1st Saturday of each month
Boy Scouts Troop 7.....	Mondays
Happy Hour Al-Anon.....	Tuesdays
Liberation Yoga.....	TBD
Linda's Tai Chi.....	Mondays
Little Sapling Music.....	Wednesdays/ Thursdays quarterly
Overeaters Anonymous.....	Saturdays
The Table Church.....	Sundays
Whatcom Weavers Guild.....	TBD
Wild Hearts group.....	TBD
World Peace Poets.....	TBD

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To schedule ahead of time: <http://www.calendly.com/pastorseththomas>
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existing pledge:



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