



November 26, 2023

Matthew 25:31-46

**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

Ta Wei Tsai

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kyle Anderson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jennie McLaurin

Make a joyful noise to God!

Worship God with gladness!

Come into God's presence with a song!

Know that the Lord is God.

God made us. We belong to God.

Give thanks to God! Bless the name of the Lord!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"All Creatures of Our God and King" - GTG 15

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we had known it was you, Lord,
we would have done something different.

If we had known it was you, Lord,
we would have given you food.

If we had known it was you, Lord,
we would have taken you in.

If we had known it was you, Lord,
we would not have passed you by.

But we did.

Too often we make excuses
for not taking care of each other.

We have ignored your commandments to love and care.

We do not deserve forgiveness,
but we ask for it anyway,
and ask you to help us change our ways.

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 100 pg. 552

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Our Song of Thankful Praise
Words and music by Larry Shackley
SJPC Choir

SERMON READING

Matthew 25:31-46 pg. 29

SERMON

Rev. Kyle Anderson

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Jesus, Remember Me" - GTG 227

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

Grace

Early American melody, arranged by Mark Hayes and Jim Gresham
Kat DeVaney, Bass Clarinet
Jim Gresham, Clarinet
Ta Wei Tsai, Piano

***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** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" - GTG 268

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, December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent: Let Us Be Light**

GODLY PLAY: Work Day

A work day is a Sunday when the students don't hear a story. During our typical Sunday morning time, there is often not enough time for some of our art responses or to explore all they want to in the classroom so we have work days where the children are able to more fully engage in the "Play" part of Godly Play.

We hope you will join us at 10:15am for songs and memory verse time in the lounge. At 10:30, children will go downstairs to Godly Play, and adults will stay upstairs to worship. Students will be brought upstairs for the final hymn.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts this week, November 26th, the Lectionary texts are:

Psalm 100 (worship)

Matthew 25:31-46 (sermon)

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB

We are currently reading *How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us About Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression, and Transcendence*. We will meet tomorrow Monday, November 27th at 7:00pm instead of the usual **third** Monday. Email tracy@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link. Books are available in the church office.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Class, Sacred Encounters, meets on Tuesday, November 28th at 10:30am. We will discuss chapter 3, *"A Bleeding Woman Encounters Christ"*. We will talk about healing and address the question together of why the bleeding woman wanted to touch the robe of Jesus. If you need a book, please call the church office.

YOUTH GROUP - TONIGHT !!

Inviting all middle and high school students to join us this evening, Sunday November 26th for our monthly pizza dinner and meeting. We will meet at 5:30pm for dinner and activities.

ADVENT FESTIVAL

We are already planning for our annual Advent festival with a soup and bread lunch on December 3rd. We need people to bring soup, bread, and cookies, along with volunteers to help with set up and cleanup. If you can contribute or volunteer, you can sign up on the sheet in the Horizon Room or at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054BAAAA2BA5F49-45736417-advent>

ONE PARISH/ ONE PRISONER (OPOP)

The OPOP team (Diana, Alice, Wendy, Jenny Sue, Mark, Seth, Ryan) continues to write letters (and now we can email) to, and get to know, Cliff. We're each building our own relationship with him, asking different questions, learning different things. In the near future we hope to be able to visit Cliff in person, and are excited to get to meet him face-to-face!

How Can YOU Help? Cliff has asked for leads on a trailer for purchase. This would be a habitable trailer/RV-type shelter, in the \$3k range. If you have any leads for Cliff, please reach out to one of our team members. And always, please keep Cliff in your prayers as he prepares to re-enter society, and please keep the OPOP team in your prayers as we work to help Cliff, and each other, prepare for a new life ahead.

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 in June.

Lowell is also in need of mentors and volunteers to read with children at the school. Please let Tracy 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Monday, 11/27	4:00pm, St. James Fitness
Tuesday, 11/28	10:30am, Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, 11/29	8:30am, Toddler Time
Thursday, 11/30	4:00pm, St. James Fitness
Next Sunday, 12/3	10:30am In-person and streamed Sunday Worship Service https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/ 12:00p, Advent Festival

PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

AA Fairhaven Group.....	Mondays/ Thursdays
AA Men's Book Study Group.....	Mondays
AA SOS Men's Group.....	Wednesdays
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 AI-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
World Peace Poets.....	TBD

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**St. James Sunday morning worship continues to be held online
as well as in-person.**

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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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