



March 24, 2024

"Palm Sunday: Celebrating"

John 12:12:16

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. Dr. Seth Thomas

CALL TO WORSHIP

Faye Hill

We claim God's salvation in Christ our Savior with the word:

Hosanna, hosanna!

An unlikely king, he rides into Jerusalem
on the back of a donkey never before ridden

and still we recognize him:

we find God's majesty in this humble man
who leads a bunch of ragtag followers!

**Let us worship Christ with thanksgiving
for his hope-filled entry into our lives.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" - GTG 197

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hosanna, we pray. Save us, Lord.

Save us from ourselves,

when we trip over pride, doubt, or fear.

Save us from the systems that keep us bound,

when we cannot see the way out.

Save us from our sins,

when we feel their weight pressing on our hearts.

Remind us, O Lord, that crowds shouting "Hosanna"

will soon be screaming "Crucify him."

Save us we pray, O Lord,

and do not let us be among them.

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 118:1-2, 19-29 pg. 565

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Wave the Palms, Hosanna!

By Ruth Elaine Schram

SJPC Choir

SERMON READING

John 12:20-33 pgs. 106-107

SERMON

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***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"God of Our Life" - GTG 686

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**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

- GTG 224

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, March 31, 2024
“Easter Sunday: Go Tell The Story”
Mark 16:1-8

PRAYERS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES

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

VBS IS BACK AT ST. JAMES!



We will once again be partnering with First Presbyterian Church to offer a four day Vacation Bible School for children entering Kindergarten thru 5th grade. Registration opens April 1st and we hope you will join us as we Find God in the peaks and valleys at Alpine Ascent. Volunteers are also needed, please talk to Tracy if you can help.

GODLY PLAY: The Greatest Parable 4

This is the fourth of a four lesson series that “present Jesus’ public ministry and the relation of his presence to the whole Christian language system... The goal of this presentation is to allow the inexhaustible meaning and linguistic complexity of Jesus to shine through with a kind of deep simplicity that it is open to people of all ages and stages of faith development.”

The Godly Play room will open at 10:15 am for songs and memory verse time, with the lesson starting at 10:35 am. Students will be brought upstairs for the final hymn.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts, this week, March 24th, the Lectionary texts are:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (worship)

John 12:2-16 (sermon)

Psalm 31:9-16

Isaiah 50:4-9

Phillipians 2:5-11

Mark 11:1-11, 14:1- 15:47, 15:1-39

YOUTH GROUP- TONIGHT

Inviting all middle and high school students to join us this evening Sunday March 24th for our pizza dinner and meeting. We will meet at 5:30pm for dinner and activities.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study class will meet on Tuesday, March 26th at 10:30am. We will discuss chapter six, "A Person With a Physical Disability Encounters Jesus", based on Acts 3:1-10.

EASTER CANDY NEEDED!

We are in need of donations to stuff Easter eggs for our annual Easter egg hunt on Easter morning. We are looking for donations of nut free individually wrapped candy. Donations can be dropped off in the office or with Tracy no later than Thursday March 28th.

EASTER MORNING COFFEE TIME

Because Coffee Hour on Easter generally gets taken over by our annual Easter Egg Hunt, we want to invite you to join us before worship beginning at 10:00AM for a time of coffee and pastries. Feel free to bring pastries or muffins to share or just come and enjoy a time of food and fellowship.

MISSION & SOCIAL ACTION

St. James makes a commitment to donate 10% of its annual pledges through the Mission & Social Action Committee. We have designated 25% of our budget to Housing and Homelessness. First quarter donations of \$5000 have been distributed to the following organizations: Interfaith Coalition, Habitat For Humanity, Lighthouse Mission, Unity Village (Homes NOW), Gardenview (Road2Home), and The Opportunity Council. Over the next few months we would like to share more information about our partners. If you do volunteer work for any of these groups, we'd love to hear about your experiences. MSA welcomes new members. Just contact a present member. You may also send questions or suggestions to Maureen Kosa, Mission Elder at mkosa@hotmail.com.

SUNSHINE THROUGH THE RAIN: An afternoon of St. James art

We are looking for St. James artists of all kinds! On May 11th we will be holding an all church retreat fundraising performance of St. James participants along with an art auction. We are looking for anyone who would like to donate a piece of artwork or perform a piece of music, poetry, reading, etc. You can email Tracy (tracy@saintjamespres.org) with the type and approximate length of what you would like to contribute.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Monday, 3/25	4:00pm, St. James Fitness, open to all
Tuesday 3/26	10:30am, Women's Bible Study 4:00pm, Retreat Planning Committee
Wednesday, 3/27	8:30am, Toddler Time
Thursday, 3/28	4:00pm, St. James Fitness, open to all 7:00pm, Choir rehearsal 7:00pm, Maundy Thursday service at Cordata Pres.
Friday, 3/29	7:00pm, Tenebrae service at First Pres.
Next Sunday, 3/31	10:00am, Easter morning coffee time 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 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 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

ST. JAMES STAFF

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To schedule ahead of time: <http://www.calendly.com/pastorseththomas>
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In consideration of others, please refrain from wearing heavy perfumes and scents, and please silence your cell phones before the service.

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existing pledge:



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St. James Online:

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