



May 5, 2024

“Rhythm 1: Solitude”

Mark 1:35-39

**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

Jessica Parks

The psalmist encourages us to praise God
for all the marvelous things God has done.

**We join with all creation in praise,
for God’s love and faithfulness to us is endless.**

We sing because God chooses us out of God’s great love.

**We choose God’s love,
which bears us in fullness beyond compare.**

GODLY PLAY

Tracy Caruso

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Sing a New Song unto the Lord”
- GTG 276

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, whose love knows no bounds,
forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness.
When we turn away from the goodness of your love,
call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend.
When we stumble over the gift of your grace,
lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent.
When we are certain that we are alone in the chaos of this world,
shower us with peace, the gentle breeze of an evening rain.
When we cannot feel the flowing of your peace,
show us your love with the hands and feet of Christ,
your love incarnate.
Forgive us, risen Christ, of all the ways we fall short,
and teach us to be agents of resurrection in the world.

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 139:1-12 pgs. 577-578

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine
Traditional, arranged by Mark Hayes
SJPC Choir

SERMON READING

Mark 1:35-39 pg. 35

SERMON

"Rhythm 1: Solitude"

Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"
- GTG 231

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS & CONCERNS

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**

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** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" - GTG 438

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.

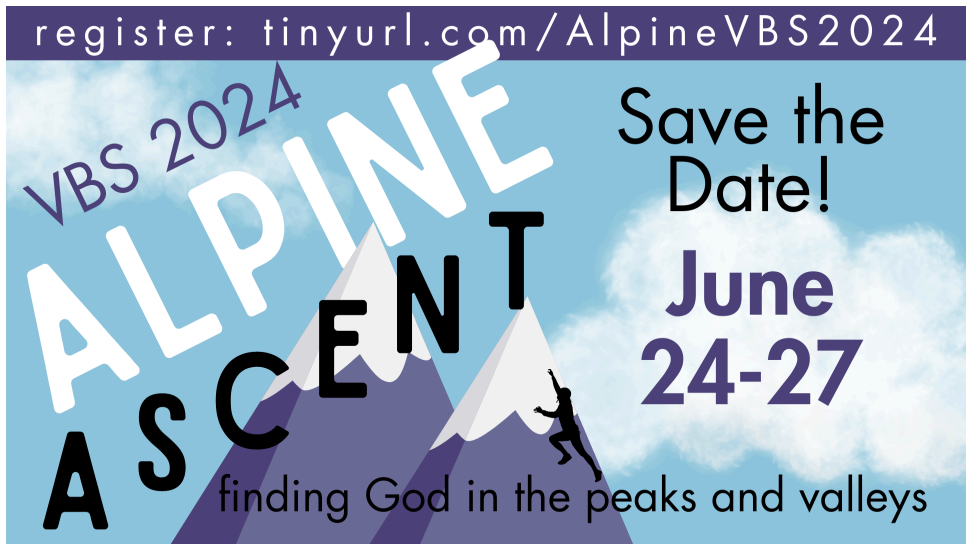
Next Week, May 12, 2024

"Rhythm 2: Scripture"

Luke 4:16-22

VBS IS BACK AT ST. JAMES!

register: tinyurl.com/AlpineVBS2024

A graphic for Alpine Ascent VBS 2024. It features a blue sky background with white clouds. In the center, there are purple mountains. A silhouette of a person is climbing one of the peaks. The text "VBS 2024" is written in purple at the top left. "ALPINE" is written in large white letters across the top. "ASCENT" is written in large black letters across the middle. Below the mountains, it says "finding God in the peaks and valleys". On the right side, it says "Save the Date!" in black, "June" in purple, and "24-27" in purple.

VBS 2024

ALPINE

ASCENT

finding God in the peaks and valleys

Save the Date!

June 24-27

We will once again be partnering with First Presbyterian Church to offer a four day Vacation Bible School for children entering Kindergarten through 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. Register here:

tinyurl.com/AlpineVBS2024

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

We hope you will join us on May 11th from 3-5pm for our fundraiser benefiting our *All Church Retreat* in September. We will have some amazing performances from St. James members, light snacks, and a silent art auction. Tickets are on sale here: <https://saintjamespres.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2271674> for a suggested donation of \$20/person or \$40/family. At door tickets will be \$25/person or \$50/family. Please email Tracy if you have any questions (tracy@saintjamespres.org)



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AN AFTERNOON OF ST. JAMES ART

**SATURDAY, MAY 11TH
3-5PM**

Fundraising performance of
St. James participants
and silent art auction

Questions? Email tracy@saintjamespres.org

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GODLY PLAY: The Good Shepherd and World Communion

The Good Shepherd and World Communion: This lesson sets the story of the Good Shepherd next to Holy Communion to deepen each other's interpretation.

For Communion Sunday, children will begin in the service and hear the story with the entire congregation. They will be taken downstairs for their work time and then will return for communion.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts, this week, April 7th, the Lectionary texts are:

Psalm 98

Genesis 35:9-15

John 15:9-17

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 101

1 John 5:1-6

Service texts are:

Psalm 139:1-12

Mark 1:35-39

YOUTH GROUP-TODAY

Instead of our regular April meeting and because our May meeting would be scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, we will be having our youth group for April/May TODAY May 5th from 1-3 at Park Bowl on Meridian. We will cover the cost of the lanes and shoes for kids but if they want any food or arcade games, they will need to bring their own money. Please let Tracy (tracy@saintjamespres.org) know if you have any questions and if your youth will be able to attend.

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, 5/6	4:00pm, St. James Fitness, open to all
Tuesday, 5/7	5:00pm, Building & Grounds
Wednesday, 5/8	8:30am, Toddler Time
Thursday, 5/10	4:00pm, St. James Fitness, open to all 7:00pm, Choir rehearsal
Saturday, 5/11	3:00 An Afternoon of St. James Art https://saintjamespres.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2271674
Next Sunday, 5/12	10:30am In-person and streamed Sunday Worship Service https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/ 12:00pm, Session

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

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To schedule ahead of time: <http://www.calendly.com/pastorseththomas>
or pastor@saintjamespres.org

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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