



May 11, 2025

"Hearing Christ's Voice"

John 10:22-30

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## **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](http://www.saintjamespres.org/contact) to share  
how we can be of support!*

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

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## **ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jenny Sue LeSchander

The Lord is our shepherd;

**we lack nothing.**

Though we may walk through the darkest valley,

**we fear no evil; for God is with us.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us

all the days of our lives,

**and we shall dwell**

**in the house of the Lord forever.**

Let us worship God!

### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" - GTG 268

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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## **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 23 pg. 501

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

“Brother James’ Air”

James Bain & Gordon Jacob

St. James Chancel Choir

### **SERMON READING**

John 10:22-30 pg. 104

### **SERMON**

“Hearing Christ’s Voice”

Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

### **\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

- GTG 182

## **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**

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" - GTG 834  
Dave Nelson, Tenor  
John Harris, Piano & Arrangement

#### **\*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. *Easter time is here.*

#### **\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

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

## **WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS**

#### **\*BLESSING & CHARGE**

#### **POSTLUDE**

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*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 18, 2025**  
**“The New Commandment”**  
**John 13:31-35**

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## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!**

<https://fpcbellingham.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2856984>

### **GODLY PLAY: Mary Mother of Jesus**

This story follows the story of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary's story parallels the stories of divine intervention in the birth of Isaac to Sarah and Samuel to Hannah.

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.

### **PUB THEOLOGY - Tomorrow May 12**

Pub Theology is back and meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays in May at Trackside from 6 - 7:30pm. Because Trackside is such a family-friendly location, we will not be offering childcare at church. We hope you will join us for this time led by Jimmy and Jessica Parks. This is not a lecture or Bible study, but an opportunity for 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](mailto:jimmyjamesjimbo@gmail.com) if you would like the resources used for discussion or if you have any questions.

**ST. JAMES FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS** is back! On Saturday, May 31st, from 3-5 pm, we will again hold an afternoon of St. James performances and a silent auction of items donated by St. James artists, benefiting our St. James retreat fund. Artists of all kinds are needed! We are looking for anyone who would like to donate a piece of artwork or a performance. Artwork can include any kind of physical art, drawing, photographs, paintings, sculptures, woodwork, jewelry, textiles, etc. and performances can be a piece of music, poetry, reading, etc. You can email Tracy [cfm@saintjamespres.org](mailto:cfm@saintjamespres.org) with the type and approximate length of what you would like to contribute or any questions. Submissions for performances are due by May 11th, and auction pieces by May 18th!

### **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

Want to be a part of an open conversation about life, theology, current events, and the Church? Grab coffee with Seth, Jessica, and Jimmy on Thursdays from 8:30-9:30 am at Makeworth Coffee (1201 N State St).

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Calling all middle and high schoolers! Instead of our regular monthly meeting in April, we will have a bowling party next Sunday, May 18th after worship. We will have lunch and conversation at church and then head to the bowling alley. Please plan to pick up your youth by 2:30 from Park Bowl. Please let Tracy know if your youth is able to make it, [cfm@saintjamespres.org](mailto:cfm@saintjamespres.org).

### **LECTIONARY TEXTS**

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary or worship texts for this week May 11th:

Psalms 23 (worship)

Acts 9:36-43

John 10:22-30 (sermon)

Isaiah 53:1-6

Psalms 114

Revelations 7:9-17

### **PRAYERS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES**

If you have a prayer request or update you would like to share, please email [office@saintjamespres.org](mailto:office@saintjamespres.org).

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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| Monday, 5/12      | 4:00pm, St. James Fitness, open to all<br>6:00pm, Pub Theology - Trackside Beer Garden   |
| Tuesday, 5/13     | 7:00pm, Session  |
| Wednesday, 5/14   | 8:30am, Toddler Time<br>10:00am, Grief Support Group   |
| Thursday, 5/15    | 8:30am, Coffee & Conversation at Makeworth<br>4:00pm, St. James Fitness, open to all<br>6:00pm, SJPC Bell Choir<br>7:00pm, Choir rehearsal   |
| Saturday, 5/17    | 7:00pm, Interfaith Coalition fundraising event   |
| Next Sunday, 5/18 | 10:30am, In-person and streamed Sunday<br>Worship Service<br><a href="https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/">https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/</a><br>12:00pm, Deacons<br>4:00pm, Southside Community Meal |

## PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

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| 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.....            | Saturdays                        |
| 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                         |
| Linda's Tai Chi.....                | Mondays                          |
| Little Sapling Music.....           | Wednesdays/ Thursdays quarterly  |
| Overeaters Anonymous.....           | Saturdays                        |
| The Table Church.....               | Sundays                          |
| Wild Hearts group.....              | TBD                              |

## ST. JAMES STAFF

Pastor: Seth J. Thomas, [pastor@saintjamespres.org](mailto:pastor@saintjamespres.org)

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Pastor Seth's Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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