



February 15, 2026

"The Transfiguration"

Psalm 2, Matthew 17:1-9

**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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kyle Anderson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jean Seater

Though finite human minds
cannot fathom God's fullness,
**God gives us glimpses of her glory every day
in the night sky's depths
and in the simplest flower,**
in shared meals, shared stories,
and shared struggles.
**In the face of every person made in her image,
God's beauty glows like sunlight behind clouds.**
We share God's sacred longing to be known,
to be truly seen and loved for all we are.
**But to be fully known,
we must risk vulnerability.**

When we dare to share ourselves with one another,
when we work to understand a friend or stranger,

**we come closer to catch a glimpse
of God's presence.
Let us worship God together.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Arise, Your Light is Come!" - GTG 744

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Magnificent God,
we cannot stand before the glory of your presence.
You shine with divine light,
and we are overwhelmed by your goodness.
Lift us in your mercy,
release us from our fear,
and fill us with your Spirit,
that we might reflect your light
and share your love,
for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.**

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 2 pg. 489

**The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

**"Walk in the Light"
Williams & Shackley
St. James Chancel Choir**

SERMON READING

Matthew 17:1-9 pgs. 18-19

SERMON

"The Transfiguration"

Rev. Kyle Anderson

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"The Lord is My Light" - GTG 842

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS & SORROWS

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

"Love Don't Need a Reason"
words & music, Allen, Callen, & Malamet
piano & vocals, Leah Bruno

***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**

"Be Thou My Vision" - GTG 450

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, February 22, 2026
"Jesus Raises Lazarus"
John 11:1-44

Ash Wednesday

February 18th, 7pm
St. James Presbyterian

Maundy Thursday

April 2nd, 6pm
Cordata Presbyterian

Tenebrae

April 3rd, 7:30pm
First Presbyterian

Lenten
Pilgrimage
2026



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. Children will be brought upstairs for the final hymn.

BOOK CLUB-TOMORROW

St. James book club is currently reading *H is for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald. A memoir about being saved by an unlikely friendship with a stubborn hawk. Copies of the book are available in the office. We will meet tomorrow evening, Monday, February 16th, at 7:00pm via Zoom. Contact Tracy cfm@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link.

YOUTH GROUP

Inviting all Middle and High schoolers! Join us next Sunday, February 22nd from 12:00-2:00pm for lunch, discussion, and games. Let us know if you can make it so we know how much pizza to order!

cfm@saintjamespres.org.

SAVE THE DATES

Coming up Saturday, May 16th, the **Third Annual Festival of the Arts Fundraiser** raising money for the **All Church Retreat** on August 28-30th.

PUB THEOLOGY FOR LENT

Pub Theology will be meeting on Monday February 23rd and March 30th, the last Mondays of the month, from 6:30-7:30pm at Stemma West. Pastor Seth will facilitate a discussion with questions related to the prior week's sermon as well as current events, and Lent. This is not a lecture or Bible study, but an opportunity to have an open discussion in a relaxed, welcoming setting. Please reach out to jimmyjamesjimbo@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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 8:30-9:30am at St. James in the Lounge.

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 Goldfish, Graham crackers, or gluten-free pretzels. 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 cfm@saintjamespres.org if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering.

TODDLER TIME IS BACK!

Join us on Wednesday mornings from 8:30-10:30am for ages four and younger. Come join us in the St. James Fellowship Hall for an open play time. Parents have a chance to socialize with other parents and enjoy free coffee while their children play. This is a free, unstructured playtime; while it will be staffed, parents/guardians must be present at all times. We provide a few toys but feel free to bring your own to share.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary or worship texts for this week, February 15th:

Psalm 2 (worship)

Psalm 99

Matthew 17:1-9 (sermon)

2 Peter 1:16-21

Exodus 24:12-18

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, 2/16	Office closed in observance of Presidents Day 4:00pm, St. James Fitness - if interested, speak with Mark Beaty 7:00pm, Book Club
Wednesday, 2/18	8:30am, Toddler Time 10:00am, Grief Support Group 7:00pm, Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, 2/19	8:30am, Coffee & Conversation at St. James 10:00am, SJPC Writer's Circle 4:00pm, St. James Fitness - if interested, speak with Mark Beaty 6:00pm, SJPC Bell Choir 7:00pm, SJPC Choir Rehearsal
Next Sunday, 2/22	10:30am, In-person and streamed Sunday Worship Service http://www.saintjamespres.org/live 11:45am, Children's Choir Rehearsal 12:00pm, Deacons & Session

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.....	Saturdays
Bayside Co-op Preschool.....	Monday-Friday during the 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
Linda's Tai Chi.....	Mondays
Little Sapling Music.....	Wednesdays/ Thursdays quarterly
Overeaters Anonymous.....	Saturdays
The Table Church.....	Sundays
Wild Hearts group.....	TBD

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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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