



March 22, 2026

“Jesus is Condemned”

John 19:1-16, Psalm 146

**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. Dr. Seth Thomas

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carla Shafer

As children of God, we dwell in the Spirit,
and the Spirit dwells in us.

**We are alive in the Spirit
through the righteousness of God.**

In humility and faith, we come to worship the One
who gives us life, hope, and healing.

**God has brought us to this moment
and will guide us still.**

Praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF INVITATION

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

- GTG 223

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of resurrection,
We know the power of death.
We have seen its works,
 we have felt its sting.
We have been to the valley of despair,
 and felt like there was no chance for life.
We do not believe in your power to resurrect.
We do not believe in your power to redeem our pain,
 and fashion something beautiful in this world.
Forgive us.
We cry from the depths—
 however faint our call may be,
 we pray you hear our voice.

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 146 pg. 581

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Within Our Darkest Night”
Jacques Berthier & Taizé community
Saint James Chancel Choir

SERMON READING

John 19:1-16, pg. 113

SERMON

“Jesus is Condemned” Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"They Crucified My Lord" - GTG 219

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

***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. *Lenten time is here.*

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

- GTG 216

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 29, 2026
“The Crucified Messiah”
John 19:16b-22, Psalm 24

GODLY PLAY: Faces of Easter V

Lent is the season we prepare for Easter. These lessons help children continue to prepare for the Mystery of Easter. We move toward the Mystery by hearing the stories of Christ's journey toward the cross and resurrection. This week's lesson focuses on the face of Christ and his work.

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.

4 WEEK LENT CLASS

Please join us for a new 4-week Lent class that started **Sunday, March 8 at 9:00am**. This class, facilitated by Randy Pries, will focus on the beginning words of the greatest sermon of all time we call the Sermon on the Mount. We refer to these words as the **Beatitudes**. What did these counter cultural words mean to the people who heard them for the first time, and to us today? These "Blessed" phrases may be familiar, but understanding the meaning and implication can be profound in the way we live.

YOUTH GROUP - TODAY

Inviting all Middle and High schoolers! Join us after worship today, Sunday, March 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.

EASTER CANDY NEEDED!

It's that time of year again! 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, April 2nd.

PUB THEOLOGY FOR LENT

Pub Theology will be meeting on Monday, March 30th, the last Monday 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.

FELLOWSHIP FEASTS – FORMERLY DINNERS FOR EIGHT

Are you looking for a fun and casual way to gather with church friends while enjoying a great meal? Then this is for you! Participants in the Fellowship Feasts will be assigned to random small groups, each consisting of approximately eight people. Each group will gather at the home of a designated host, where everyone can enjoy an afternoon or evening of fellowship, food and fun. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Horizon Room. You'll be glad you did!

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. We are looking for performances and art donations for the Festival of the Arts. If you are wanting to donate a piece of artwork please let us know here: <https://tinyurl.com/stjamesart>.

If you have a performance please let us know here:

<https://tinyurl.com/StJamesperformance>.

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.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary or worship texts for this week, March 22nd:

Psalm 146 (worship)

Psalm 130

John 19:1-16 (sermon)

Romans 8:6-11

Ezekial 37:1-14

John 11:1-45

PRAYERS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES

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

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



THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

- Monday, 3/23 4:00pm, St. James Fitness
 - if interested, speak with Mark Beaty
 6:30pm, Pub Theology at Stemma West
- Wednesday, 3/25 8:30am, Toddler Time
- Thursday, 3/26 8:30am, Coffee & Conversation at St. James
 4:00pm, St. James Fitness
 - if interested, speak with Mark Beaty
 6:00pm, SJPC Bell Choir
 7:00pm, SJPC Choir Rehearsal
- Next Sunday, 3/29 9:00am, Sunday class "Beatitudes"
 10:30am, In-person and streamed Sunday
 Worship Service <http://www.saintjamespres.org/live>
 11:45am, Children's Choir Rehearsal

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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existing pledge:



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