



March 29, 2026

"The Crucified Messiah"

John 19:16b-22

**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**

Jessica Parks

What will we lay down as Christ passes by?

We have no cloaks today,

but we will lay down

our hearts, our hopes, and our lives.

As the crowds in Jerusalem cried out long ago,
we echo,

Hosanna! Save us! Blessed is the One

who comes in the name of the Lord!

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" - GTG 197

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ our Redeemer,
try as we might,
we do not follow your example.
We do not empty ourselves,
we do not humble ourselves,
we are not obedient.
You simply ask us to care about
this world you created,
but we fail to do even that.
Forgive us.
You have given us the greatest,
clearest example of love.
Heal us, and help us to follow.

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 24, pg. 502

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Holy"

Giulio Caccini, arr. Tom Fettke
Saint James Chancel Choir

SERMON READING

John 19:16b-22, pg. 113

SERMON

"The Crucified Messiah"

Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" - GTG 220

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**

"Fairest Lord Jesus" - GTG 630

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, April 5, 2026
“Resurrection Sunday”
John 20:1-18, Psalm 118:21-29

GODLY PLAY: Faces of Easter VI

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 Jesus' final return to Jerusalem.

We hope you will join us at 10:15 am 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.

EASTER CANDY NEEDED!

It's that time of year again! We need donations to fill 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 HOLY WEEK - TOMORROW

Pub Theology will be meeting on Monday, March 30th, from 6:30-7:30 pm 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, March 31st in the Horizon Room at 10:30am. We will discuss lesson six, "Finding Our Joy in Christ".

EASTER SUNDAY - ST. JAMES EASTER MUNCHIES CELEBRATION!

St. James Deacons invite everyone to join in a pre-worship enhanced coffee hour on Easter Sunday. No need to prepare breakfast at home, just come to church early and begin Easter Day sharing breakfast with your church family.

You are invited to bring a favorite finger food to share with others. Deviled eggs? Mini frittatas? Ham and cheese rolls? Fruit? Bite-sized pastries? Your contribution is up to you. We ask that you bring it to the Horizon Room by 9:30 a.m. or drop off your dish to the kitchen a day or two in advance. Be sure to label it "Easter Sunday".

DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Documents Committee will meet at noon on Sunday, March 29th in the Conference Room.

USHERS NEEDED!

We are in need of Ushers for Easter Sunday! It is a busy morning and we need more than the usual number. Please talk to Pastor Seth if you are able to help on Sunday April 5th.

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>.

BOOK CLUB

St. James book club is currently reading *Little Fires Everywhere*, a 2017 novel by Celeste Ng about two families in the planned community of Shaker Heights, Ohio, whose lives intertwine and clash, exploring themes of motherhood, race, class, and the tension between rules and rebellion. Copies of the book are available in the office. We will meet the third Monday in April, Monday, April 20th, at 7:00pm via Zoom. Contact Tracy cfm@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link.

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 with any questions or if you are interested in volunteering.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary or worship texts for this week, March 29th:

Psalm 24 (worship)

Psalm 31:9-16

John 19:16b-22 (sermon)

Philippians 2:5-11

Isaiah 50:4-9

Matthew 26:14-27

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



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