



April 12, 2026

“Jesus and Thomas”

John 20:19-31, Psalm 145:13-21

**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

Carla Shafer

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jean Seater

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

By his mercy God has given us a new birth
into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We rejoice, for we are children of God.

We proclaim our faith:

no power can overcome Christ’s love,
and as his body, we have received salvation.

In love and joy, we praise the Lord!

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

- GTG 187

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Embodied God,

**you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,
imbuing us with the grace and patience
that you have shown to us time and again.**

We experience your presence,

but are quick to judge those who do not believe as we do.

We look down on those who ask for proof,

we scorn those who scoff at our faith.

Forgive us and soften our hearts.

Remind us of our own human doubts,

**that we might have compassion for all
and freely share your grace.**

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 145:13-21 pg. 581

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Lift High the Cross" - GTG 826
Saint James Chancel Choir

SERMON READING

John 20:19-31 pg. 115

SERMON

"Jesus and Thomas"

Carla Shafer

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" - GTG 291

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. *Easter time is here.*

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Here in This Place" - GTG 401

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 19, 2026
“Paul’s Conversion”
Pastor Seth Thomas

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 10:15 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.

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>. The last date to sign up is April 19th!

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,
April 12th:

Psalm 145:13-21 (worship)

Psalm 16

John 20:19-31 (sermon)

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Exodus 15:1-11

1 Peter 1:3-9

Psalm 111

PRAYERS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES

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



VBS Registration is open! Join us as a camper or a volunteer as we travel through time and find God in all times.

<https://fpcbellingham.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3549540>

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

- Monday, 4/13 4:00pm, St. James Fitness
 - if interested, speak with Mark Beaty
- Tuesday, 4/14 5:00pm, Finance
- Wednesday, 4/15 8:30am, Toddler Time
 10:00am, Grief Support Group
- Thursday, 4/16 8:30am, Coffee & Conversation at St. James
 10:00am, SJPC Writer's Group
 4:00pm, St. James Fitness
 - if interested, speak with Mark Beaty
 6:00pm, SJPC Bell Choir
 7:00pm, SJPC Choir Rehearsal
- Next Sunday, 4/19 10:30am, In-person and streamed
 Worship Service <http://www.saintjamespres.org/live>
 11:45am, Children's Choir Rehearsal
 12:00pm, Deacons
 12:00pm, Session

PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

AA Fairhaven Group
AA Grateful Hearts
AA Men's Book Study Group
AA SOS Men's Group
AA Meditation Group
Bayside Co-op Preschool
Bellingham Community Chorus
Bellingham Ukulele Group (BUG)
Boy Scouts Troop 7

Happy Hour Al-Anon
Linda's Tai Chi
Little Sapling Music
Overeaters Anonymous
The Table Church
Wild Hearts Group

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