

## Welcome, Visitors!

We are delighted that you are here! We hope this visit will be a great blessing to you in your journey of faith. Please fill out one of Connection Cards found in the back of the pews, so that we know you were here. Find out what's going on in and around St. James at [www.sjpres.org](http://www.sjpres.org).

## Our Mission and Vision

The mission of St. James is to ignite a contagious passion for Jesus Christ, becoming God's instruments of transformation, here and in the world. To fulfill this mission, we are striving to be a church that is Christ-centered, inwardly strong and outwardly focused. We are a congregation that joyfully chooses to see ourselves and one another through the lens of God's Grace.

## Children

We **love** having children in worship and we want parents to feel comfortable while they worship with their children.

- Worship bags with age appropriate activities are available for kids during service. These can be found in the Narthex (our lobby).
- The Prayground is for children and their families to remain in worship during the service and engage in sensory activities, as well as learn about what it is like to be in worship.
- The Wiggle Room located in the back of the sanctuary is intended for babies and their parents.
- If nursery (ages 0-5) would be a blessing to you during worship, please reach out to [Becky@sjpres.org](mailto:Becky@sjpres.org) to arrange care.

## Youth Group

We are a group of middle and high schoolers who are head-over-heels excited about how Jesus has ignited unending joy in our hearts. We meet weekly on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm.

## Discipleship Hour: **The CHOSEN**

Our Fall and Spring Discipleship Hour will focus on the ground-breaking TV show about the life of Jesus. The study guide called "What Does It Mean To Be Chosen?" parallels each episode, connecting readers to the Bible in a brand- new way, including a deeper look at Isaiah 43 and its fulfillment in Jesus and the lives of his followers. Every other week we will watch the episodes together in the sanctuary. The following week we will break into our small groups to discuss. If you miss an episode there are many ways to catch up including on the St James App! This is a church-wide study happening each week after worship from 10:30 - 11:30am. Please check out our website or visit the Welcome Desk in the Narthex for more information.



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# Scripture

## Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ

**3** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. **4** For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love **5** he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— **6** to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. **7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace **8** that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, **9** he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, **10** to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

**11** In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, **12** in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. **13** And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, **14** who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

## Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we praise you. By your grace, you chose us! Forgive us Lord when we take your love and purposes for granted. We confess our sin and the ways we put ourselves first. We confess our pride and selfishness. Humbly confident in your grace, we acknowledge and repent of our sin (silent prayer). Amen.

## Prelude

### Call to Worship

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

**\*Opening Praise** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
*Your Name is Power*

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### Welcome & Announcements

Liz Kuykendall-Kunz

### Prayer of Confession

Kath Stone

### \*Assurance of Pardon

Kath Stone

*\*Gloria Patri*

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### Sharing Faith With Our Children

Pastor Rich McDermott

### Offering: School Partners

### Offertory

*I Choose You*

SJ Choir

*\*Doxology*

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### Hearing The Word of God Scripture:

Ephesians 1:3-14

**Sermon: “Amazing Choice”**  
**Series: [The CHOSEN](#)**

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

### Communion

Pastors Wayne Darbonne  
& Rich McDermott

### \*Closing Song

*Facing A Task Unfinished*

### \*Benediction

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

### Postlude

\* Please rise in body or in spirit