

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.

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

Here at St. James, 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).
- Nursery care is available with trained care givers in The Wiggle Room- located toward the rear of the sanctuary- for children ages 4 and under.
- Summer Kingdom Kids takes place during the sermon. Children 4 years-5th grade go downstairs for their own time of discussion and activity. Kids can be picked up downstairs after the service.
- The Playground is for children and their families to remain in worship during the service and engage in sensory activities related to the sermon, as well as learn about what it is like to be in worship.

Youth Group

We are a group of middle schoolers and high schoolers who are head-over-heels excited about how Jesus has ignited unending joy in our hearts. Our Youth Ministry exists to fan into flame what the Lord is doing among the 6th - 12th grade students in this region. We meet weekly on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30pm.



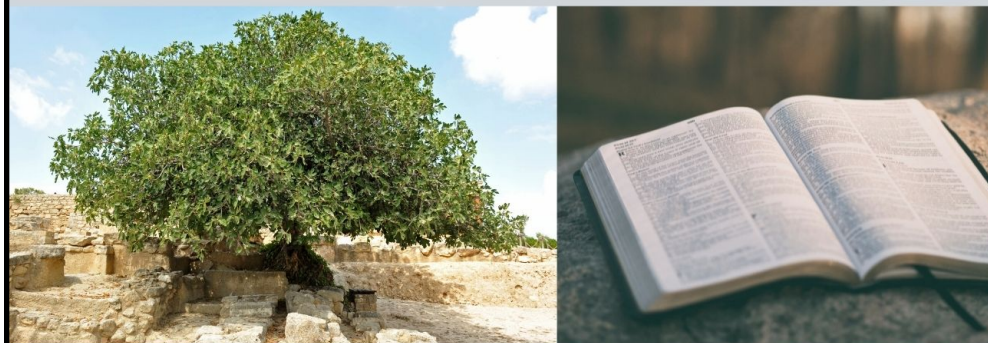
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LIFE-CHANGING STORIES



Welcome to
**ST. JAMES
PRESBYTERIAN**
August 28, 2022

Scripture

9 His disciples asked him what this parable meant. **10** He said, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that,

“though seeing, they may not see;
though hearing, they may not understand.’

11 “This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. **12** Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. **13** Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. **14** The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. **15** But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

A Lamp on a Stand

16 “No one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light. **17** For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. **18** Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them.”

Prelude

Call to Worship

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

*Opening Praise

*Goodness of God
I Love to Tell the Story*

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Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Eugene Scott

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Eugene Scott

Sharing Faith With Our Children

Matthew Gossom

(Children are dismissed to go down to Kingdom Kids)

Offering

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

Offertory

My Story

SJ Band

**Doxology*

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Hearing The Word of God

Scripture

Luke 8:9-18

Sermon: “Life-Changing Stories”

Series: Life-Changing Stories

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

*Closing Hymn

Blessed Assurance

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Benediction

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

Postlude

* Please stand in body or in spirit