

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.

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 to arrange care for future services.

Youth Group

We are a group of middle and high schoolers who are head-over-heels excited about how Jesus has ignited joy in our hearts. We meet weekly on Sunday evenings from 5-7pm.

Discipleship Hour: **The CHOSEN**

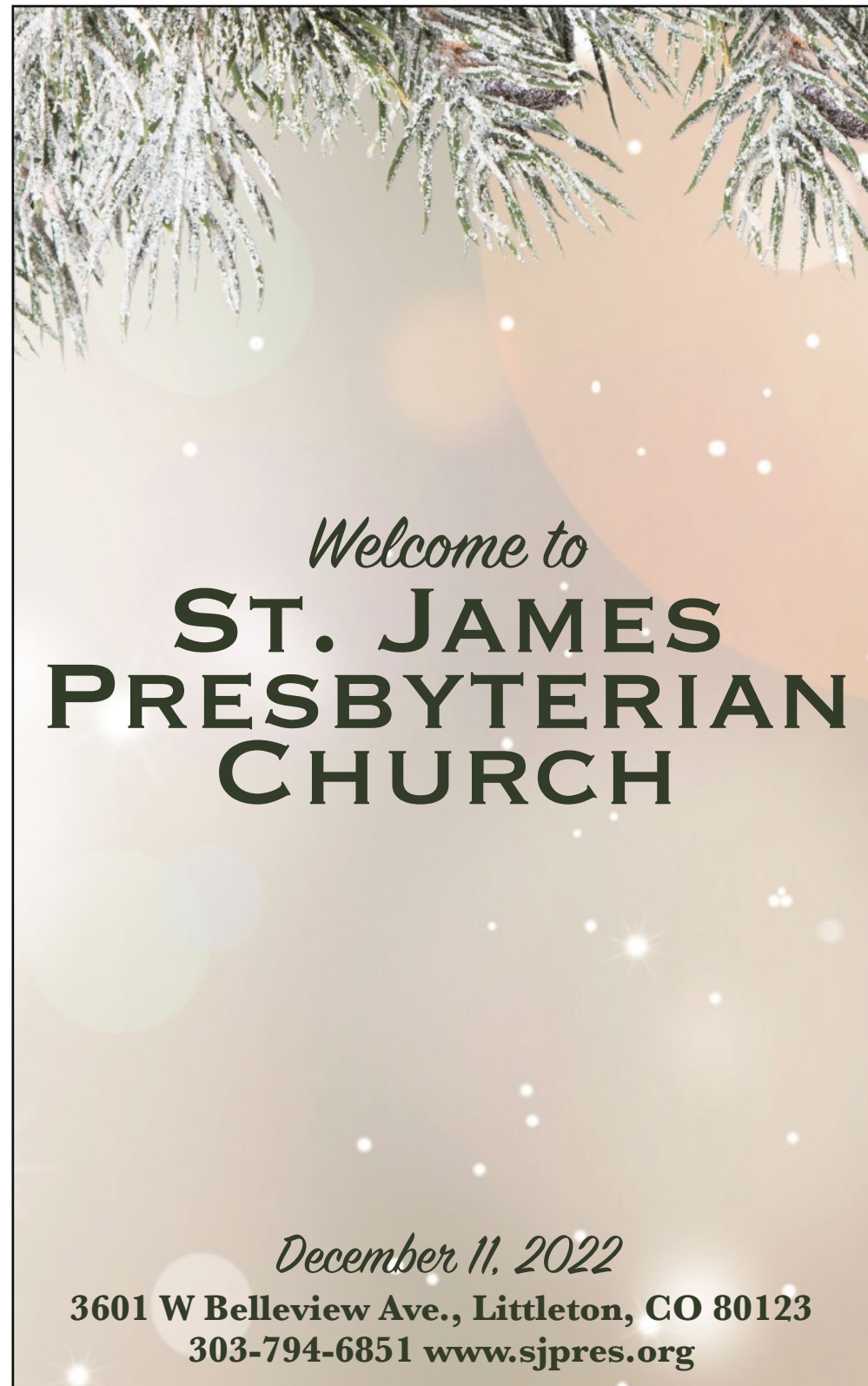
Our Fall and Spring Discipleship Hour will focus on the groundbreaking TV show about the life of Jesus. The study guide called "What Does It Mean To Be Chosen?" parallels each episode, connecting readers to the Bible in a brand- new way, including a deeper look at Isaiah 43 and its fulfillment in Jesus 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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Welcome to **ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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The Practice of Lectio Divina

Hebrews 4:12 *"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."*

Based on the above passage, practicing Lectio Divina (divine reading) is one of putting yourself in submission to God's Word and of listening to the Spirit speak as you read.

It is often practiced as a solo reading but today we will practice it in our corporate worship. It is best done in several steps.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to speak to you. This sets you in a posture of submission. We will read the passage three times. For the first reading we will listen for the Spirit to speak through words phrases that stand out. (You might write them down)

During the second reading, listen again for words and phrases but also for meaning. Is there an idea/thought that comes to you from the words the Spirit brings to mind?

During the third reading, does God confirm what you've heard before or bring up something new? After this reading we will turn what God has spoken to you into a prayer.

Scripture

14 But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.

God's Chosen Servant

15 Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were ill. **16** He warned them not to tell others about him. **17** This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

18 "Here is my servant whom I have chosen,
the one I love, in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

19 He will not quarrel or cry out;
no one will hear his voice in the streets.

20 A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out,
till he has brought justice through to victory.

21 In his name the nations will put their hope."

Prelude

Myka Raymond

Call to Worship

Pastor Eugene Scott

***Opening Praise** *Angels We Have Heard On High*
The First Noel
Behold

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

Advent Candle Lighting

HOPE

Art, Marie, & Jackson
Casias

***Song of Response** *O Come Let Us Adore Him*

Intro to Lectio Divina

Pastor Eugene Scott

Scripture Reading
Message

Matthew 12:14-21

Liz Kuykendall-Kunz
Pastor Eugene Scott

Anthem

Christmas Joy

Sing Band

Sharing Faith With Our Children

Pastor

Scripture Reading
Message

Matthew 12:14-21

Dee Dee Scott
Pastor Eugene Scott

Offering: Family Promise

Kath Stone & Jenny Burry

Offertory

Savior

SJ Band

**Doxology*

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Scripture Reading
Message

Matthew 12:14-21

Pastor Eugene Scott
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Prayer

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

***Closing Song**

What A Beautiful Name

***Benediction**

Pastor Eugene Scott

*** Please rise in body or in spirit**