

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 6-7:30pm.

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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Scripture

John 1:29-42

John Testifies About Jesus

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! **30** This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'

31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

32 Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. **33** And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'

34 I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

John's Disciples Follow Jesus

35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. **36** When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. **38** Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

39 "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. **41** The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). **42** And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

1 John 5:9-12

9 We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. **10** Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. **11** And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **12** Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Prelude

Myka Raymond

Call to Worship

Pastor Jim Stuart

*Opening Praise

Hymn Sing!

Welcome & Announcements

Matthew Gossom

Prayer of Confession:

Alex Kunz

Jesus said to a crowd of believers who were still not putting God first, "Why do you call me Lord, Lord, but not do what I say?" Lord, we confess you could say that to us on many occasions. We don't take your words seriously enough to put them into practice as our regular way of living. We rationalize why we don't obey you. Often it is because we're fearful and uncomfortable with how our obedience would affect us. We don't trust it would turn out better for us. Lord, we desire to become more bold and brave in putting your words and ways first, and to trust that we will flourish more as we obey you. Holy Spirit, please give us the strength and courage to follow Jesus, trusting that your ways are the best ways to live our lives.

*Assurance of Pardon

Alex Kunz

**Gloria Patri*

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Sharing Faith With Our Children

Matthew Gossom

Offering: Blessing Opportunities

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

Offertory

Come (Holy Spirit)

**Doxology*

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Hearing The Word of God

Scripture:

John 1:29-42, 1 John 5:9-12

Sermon: "How Will You Bring Someone to Jesus?"

Series: The Chosen

Pastor Jim Stuart

*Closing Song

I Surrender All

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*Benediction

Pastor Jim Stuart

* Please rise in body or in spirit