

### 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 Playground 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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# The CHOSEN

*"Walking Free"*

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# Scripture

## The Healing at the Pool

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. **2** Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. **3** Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. [**4**] **5** One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

**7** “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

**8** Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” **9** At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, **10** and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

**11** But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”

**12** So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

**13** The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

**14** Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” **15** The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

## The Authority of the Son

**16** So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him.

## Prelude

### Call to Worship

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

### \*Opening Praise

*Your Name Is Power*

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

### Welcome & Announcements

Myka Raymond

### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Rich McDermott

### Anthem

*Revelation 19*

SJ Choir

### Sharing Faith With Our Children

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

### Offering

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

### Offertory

*Who You Say I Am*

*\*Doxology*

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### Hearing The Word of God

Scripture:

**John 5:1-16**

Sermon:

**“Walking Free”**

Series: **The CHOSEN**

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

### \*Closing Song

*And Can It Be?*

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### \*Benediction

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

## Postlude

\* Please rise in body or in spirit