

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).
- Nursery care is available with trained care givers downstairs in the Praise and Play room for children ages 5 and under.
- 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.

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 6-7:30pm.



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WELCOME TO
ST JAMES PRESBYTERIAN

Scripture

The Living Stone and a Chosen People

4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— **5** you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **6** For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

8 and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. **10** Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Prelude

Old Church Choir

SJ Band

Call to Worship

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

*Opening Praise

*Raise a Hallelujah
We Believe*

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Eugene Scott

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Eugene Scott

Sharing Faith With Our Children

Matthew Gossom

Offering

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

Offertory

Holy Spirit Come

SJ Band

**Doxology*

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Hearing The Word of God

Scripture:

1 Peter 2:4-10

Sermon: “Chosen People”

Series: The Chosen

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

*Closing Hymn

We Rejoice To Be God’s Chosen

Benediction

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

Postlude

SJ Band

* Please rise in body or in spirit