

### 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 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](mailto:Becky@sjpres.org) to arrange care.

### Discipleship Hour: **The CHOSEN**

Our spring Discipleship Hour continues to 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. Everyone is welcome and you can join at any time!



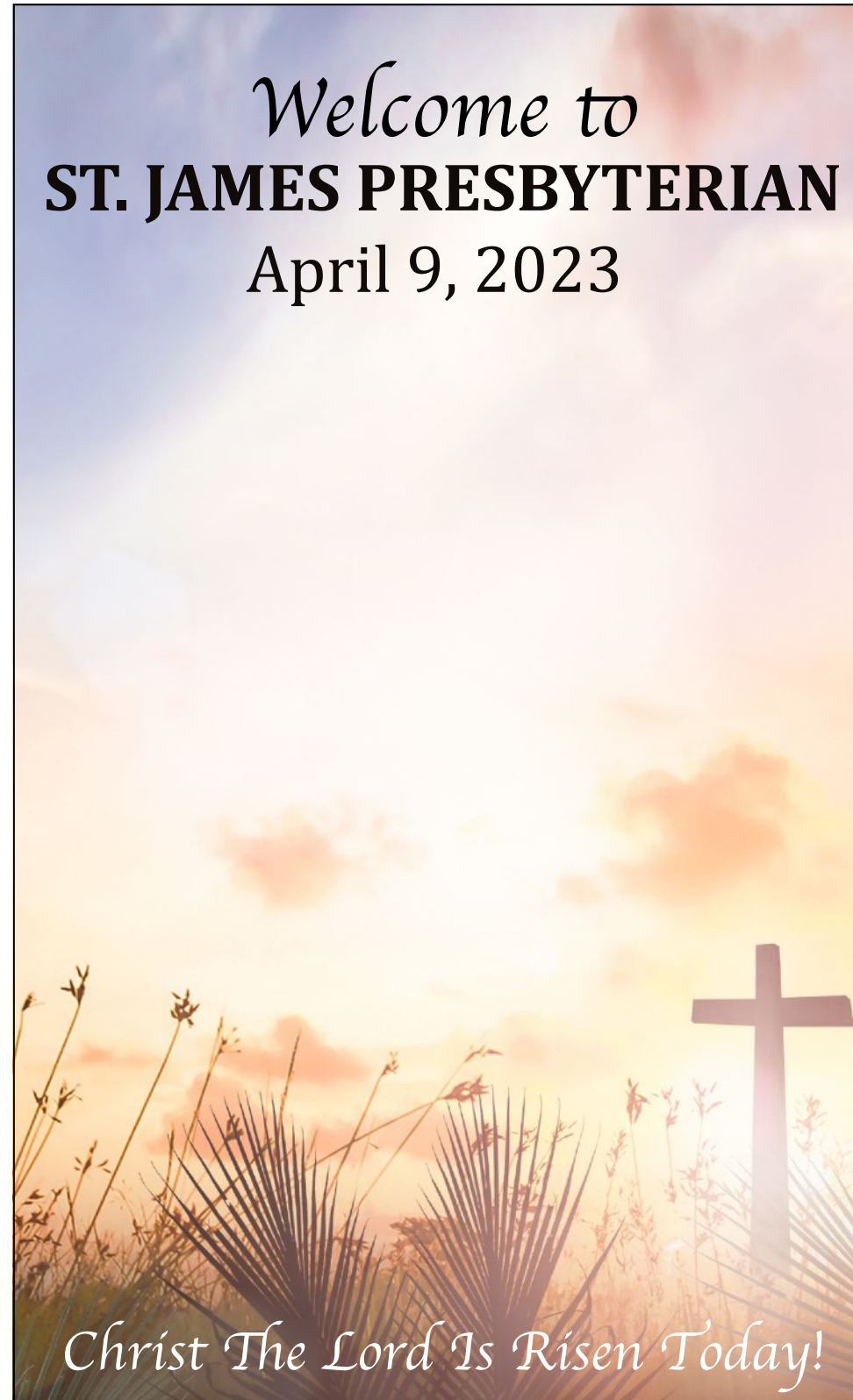
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*Welcome to*  
**ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN**  
*April 9, 2023*



*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today!*

# Scripture

## The Death of Lazarus

**11** Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. **2** (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) **3** So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." **4** When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." **5** Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. **6** So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, **7** and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." **8** "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?" **9** Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. **10** It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light." **11** After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." **12** His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." **13** Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. **14** So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, **15** and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." **16** Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

## Jesus Comforts the Sisters of Lazarus

**17** On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. **18** Now Bethany was less than two miles [b] from Jerusalem, **19** and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. **20** When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

**21** "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. **22** But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

**23** Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

**24** Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." **25** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; **26** and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" **27** "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

**28** After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." **29** When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. **30** Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. **31** When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. **32** When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." **33** When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. **34** "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. **35** Jesus wept. **36** Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" **37** But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

## Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead

**38** Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. **39** "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." **40** Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" **41** So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. **42** I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." **43** When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" **44** The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Prelude

Easter Brass

Easter Proclamation

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

Leader: Christ is Risen!  
**ALL: He Is Risen Indeed!**

\*Opening Praise

*What a Beautiful Name  
Agnus Dei  
Rejoice the Lord Is King*

Welcome & Announcements

Myka Raymond

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Rich McDermott

Anthem

*I'm So Blessed*

SJ Choir

Sharing Faith With Our Children

Pastor Rich McDermott

Offering: Paul & Lydia Neshangwe

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

Offertory

*Rise Up (Lazarus)*

SJ Band

*\* Easter Doxology*

Scripture

John 11:1-44

Sermon: "Rise Up!"

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

Anthem

*Hallelujah Chorus*

SJ Choir

Closing Song

*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*

Benediction

Pastor Wayne Darbonne

Postlude

Easter Brass

\* Please rise in body or in spirit