

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith
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A very Happy and Healthy
New Year, 2018, to all.

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This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Bethany Danielle Pike
with love from Stephen, Susan and Rebecca.
"January 8 would have been her 30th birthday."

And
in loving memory of
T. Alexander Hickman
"Loved and never forgotten"
by wife Nancy, children Sandy, Heather, Harry, Peter
and Alex's seven grandchildren.

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January 7, 2018/Epiphany of the Lord

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
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Musical Prelude

Welcome and Sharing the Peace:

One: When Jesus was born, the angels sang of peace and goodwill. May the New Year be filled with the peace of Christ that overcomes all fear. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Announcements: Life & Work of St. James

Introit: *The First Nowell, v.1, 3, 5*

Lighting the Community Candle



Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Look into the night sky; see the brilliant stars.

All: We know that God offers us guidance for the journey.

One: Look ahead; see the path that leads to the future.

All: We know that God has a dream for that future.

One: Look within; see the gift of God’s Spirit shared for us all.

All: We know that God is working within us and among us.

One: We have begun a new journey in a new year. We are open to being inspired by an old story with a treasured message.

All: Thanks be to God. Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer: (together) Gracious and accepting God, as we celebrate Epiphany, invite us to seek the light of Christ’s presence set out for us to follow. We have celebrated the Christmas Story and now we make the journey with the Christ child. Help us to be gracious and attentive to this gift. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Baptismal hymn: *A Little Child the Saviour Came* 445

Children’s Time

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism



Presentation

Parents’ Baptismal Vows

Congregational Commitment: (together) We have heard the will of the parents. We receive this child in Christ’s name as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of faith in Jesus Christ. We will support these parents and this child through prayer, and provide a community of faith in which they are welcome to belong. May we serve God’s world together. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed 918

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of the Water

Action of baptism

Emily Marie Haines

(daughter of Melissa Marie Taylor Haines & Jeffrey Terrance Haines)

Offertory Invitation

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *We Give Thee But Thine Own*, v. 1 543

*We give Thee but Thine own, what e’er the gift may be;
all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O God, from Thee.*

Offertory Prayer: (together) Holy God, as those of old offered rare gifts, we offer gifts to You: the gifts of money and time, and the rare gifts of who we are as Your people. May the mystery of these offerings be transformed in healing and wholeness for all of creation. Amen.

Anthem: *I Lift Up Mine Eyes* (Allen Pote) Choir

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

Meditation: Epiphany

Hymn: *As with Gladness Men of Old* 81

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn: *Will You Come and Follow Me?* 567

Blessing and Sending Forth: As we go, we remember that God is there before us, God is here beside us, God is the path we follow, the light that guides us, the love that sustains us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Musical Postlude



Ushering this morning is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Michelle Skinner

Greeters and Ushers: Wayne Skinner, Sophie Skinner, Karen Brown,
Gloria Le Feuvre, Janet Bartlett

“ You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have really lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love.” – Henry Drummond