

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9
July 15th, 2018



Mission Statement

The Church is a fellowship of believers who have responded to God's call through Jesus Christ. As members of a Christian community initiated by Christ to proclaim God's love for the whole creation, we are called to:

- (1) Believe in God and God's love made visible in Jesus Christ;
- (2) To participate in a spiritual journey, intentionally proclaiming, celebrating and deepening spiritual consciousness;
- (3) To be good stewards of all that we possess and to care for the Earth which is God's creation;
- (4) To develop meaningful and caring relationships with others as well as with God;
- (5) To empower individuals and groups, in response to the call of Christ, to increase their awareness of the oppressive forces around them, and with God's help, to seek justice for all people.

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Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist:	Bob Rose
Musical Offering:	Emma House and Bob Rose
Usher in Charge:	Kim Mayo
Greeter:	Gerry Mayo
Ushers:	Jean Thompson, Shirley Feltham, Katelyn Mayo, Laura Mayo

St. James United Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

Musical Prelude

Welcome

Announcements Life and Work of St. James

Lighting the Candle

One: As we light this candle, we light a symbol of the presence of Jesus with us individually and as a community of faith.

Gathering Hymn: *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* 559

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: In a world where so many have little and a few too much,

All: God's gift of love is shared with all.

One: In a time of turmoil and struggle,

All: Christ's presence renews our faith.

One: When we are unsure of what we are called to be,

All: the Spirit fills us with hope revealed through the Good News.

One: Come, let us worship as the people of God.

Opening Prayer:

(together) God, as we gather this morning, give us grace to truly seek you. Free us from the cares that claim our thoughts and fill our hearts. Calm the fears that drive us to despair. Awaken within us the sweet longing for your holy presence. Fill us with your steadfast love and we will rejoice in you, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Children's Time

Hymn: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* 664

Offertory Invitation

Offering

Offertory Chorus

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

Lord, you lift us up; now let us lift up others. These gifts are to encourage and empower, to raise up issues and advance solutions. May lives be lifted up and renewed through them, in this congregation and beyond, in Christ's name. Amen

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

Musical Offering "Ave Maria" arranged by C. Gounod

Meditation: "A Good Word for Bad Times"

Hymn: *How Firm a Foundation* 660

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Will Your Anchor Hold 675

Blessing and Sending Forth

Musical Postlude

Quick Quotes

"Faith is like a muscle that grows stronger as it is exercised"

-Author Unknown

Accessibility at St. James United Church

Hearing Devices Wheelchairs Enlarged Bulletins

If you wish to use one of the above services that we offer, please speak with one of our ushers and they will be happy to assist you.

St. James United Church Life and Work, July 15, 2018

We offer our condolences to Betty Pilgrim and family on the passing of her husband, Ross Pilgrim, on Monday, July 9. The funeral took place at St. James on Saturday, July 15.

Financial Update:

To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,115.

Giving's for: June 24: \$3,566

July 1: \$2,148

July 8: \$ 2350

Members of our choirs and congregation, now that the Music Program has finished for the summer, please consider sitting in the choir pews! No musical/vocal experience or expertise required!

Handy hint: if you visit www.stjamesuc.org/category/bulletins/ on a Sunday morning, you will know the hymns for the service that day.

Tickets are now available for purchase or reservation from our Church Office for our Diamond Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, November 17 at 6 for 6:30pm in the Auditorium. Cost is \$25 per ticket.

Please see the notice boards or visit projectgrace.ca for details on their summer music camps and adult music lessons.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts to M&S support Palestinians in Gaza. Some 1300 Christian Palestinians live in the Gaza Strip, enduring 3 wars in 5 years along with their Muslim Neighbours. Israel controls land, sea & air around Gaza, with one crossing into Egypt through Rafah controlled by Egypt & monitored by the European Union in coordination with Israel. The Near East Council of Churches (NECC) works in Gaza with both communities, focusing on providing education & health care to a population under blockade. In Gaza City, the NECC operates apprenticeship programs for young men & women to develop skills such as fashion design & aluminium engineering. Even these programs are adversely affected by the blockade. For example, not all materials needed for aluminium housing are allowed into Gaza. The NECC operates 3 primary health care clinics in Gaza, serving over 150,000 people. Patients receive primary health care, antenatal & postnatal care, malnutrition & anemia treatment, psychosocial support (especially for children), family planning services & dermatological care. The latter was recently introduced due to the high prevalence of skin disease as a result of the effects of war & the poor quality of water in Gaza. Through these programs, the NECC gives hope to a civilian population facing blockade, unemployment, poverty & frequent wars.

2018 Memorial Services: *General Protestant Cemetery on Topsail Road on Monday, July 16 at 7pm. In the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7pm the following day.

Out In Faith NL invites you to the third annual Multifaith Service during Pride Week. It will take place at The Gathering Place on Thursday, July 19 at 7pm. The LGBTQ2S+ community and allies gather to celebrate the spirit within. We also acknowledge the many manifestations of pain and joy often experienced within organized religions. There will be reflections by several community members and singing with Spectrum Queer Choir. It is an uplifting and heartfelt evening filled with honesty and joy. Refreshments will be served. People of all faiths and spiritual beliefs are welcome.

The St. John's Pride Parade will be held today, Sunday, July 15th. The parade starts at 3:00 and those who wish to march in the parade will be meeting outside City Hall at 2:00. You are invited and encouraged to march with St. James!

Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group's monthly '*Caregivers Education and Support Program*' will take place on Tuesday, July 17 at 1:30-3pm at Park Place Community Centre, Mount Pearl. If you are a primary caregiver and would like to attend, please call 748-6485 to register.

Bridges to Hope is looking for donations of school supplies for their annual Bag to School program. Each year Bridges to Hope provides curriculum based school supplies and school bags to North East Avalon students in kindergarten to high school and Adult Basic Education. This year St. James has been asked to donate Exercise Packs (regular & spiral bound). Donations can be dropped off at the office, or in the donation box at the front entrance of the church.

George Street United Church offers a spiritual uplifting event for youth, teens and families. This is Katie Power's debut album launch and features a full band with the opening group Kadapa which is an African Reggae Band with a 90 year old man leading the group. Join us on Friday, August 11th at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$20.00 at the door or \$15.00 in advance at [the George Street United Church office](#). For more information please contact katiepowernl@gmail.com or call the church office at 726-8775.