

St. James United Church

November 3, 2019/Baptism Sunday/Service of Music

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist:	Amy Dalziel
Choir:	Pop-Up Choir
Choir Director:	Branden Olsen
Soloists:	Ben Hynes Shelby Marshall Glenda Winsor
Usher in Charge:	Barry Cutler
Greeters and Ushers:	Linda Babstock, Sandra Thistle Bill & Cindy Pike

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

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CANDLE: (One) We come together as a people of God, gathered in the light of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

SOLO: *Good Shepherd of My Soul* Keith & Kristyn Getty
The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing.

HYMN: *The King of Love* 273

He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Jocelyn Susan Marie Woodfine
Lorelai Sharon Woodfine
children of Heather Marie Irving Woodfine
& Robert Edward Woodfine

PRESENTATION

PARENTS' BAPTISMAL VOWS

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT: (together) We have heard the will of the parents. We receive these children 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 these children through prayer, and provide a community of faith in which they are welcome to belong. May we serve God's world together. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND POURING OF WATER

ACTION OF BAPTISM

BAPTISM CHORUS:

*I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God.
I've been washed in the fountain, filled with God's love.
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
for I'm part of the family, the family of God.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A New Creed 918

HYMN: *Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* 563

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made know:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (together) Almighty God, our offering is a statement of our faith. We want to make a difference in our congregation. We want to make a difference in our community. We want to make a difference in our world. Accept these gifts and bless them, O God. Turn these gifts into practical actions for the good. Amen.

He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake.

SOLO: *Six Variations on Jesus, Lover of My Soul* arr. A. Dalziel
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

SOLO: *Violin Sonata in G Minor, BWV 1001* J.S.Bach
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;

POP-UP CHOIR: *Your Love is Amazing*
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

HYMN:(Please remain seated) *As the Deer* 766
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

POP-UP CHOIR: *The Lord is My Shepherd*

Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SOLO: *The Lord's Prayer*

arr. David Haas

HYMN:

Blessed Assurance

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SENDING FORTH:

One: Just as Jesus sent the disciples into the world,

All: we are also sent.

One: We go as disciples.

All: We go as bearers of the Good News.

One: And God's blessing goes with us. Amen.

SUNG BLESSING: *Irish Blessing*

(Let us share the peace of Christ with each other as we leave.)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

St. James United Church Life and Work, November 3, 2019

Please join us for a Youth Ministries Soup Lunch after the 11am Service today. The cost is a donation towards the Youth Ministries programs.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

to the Music Program in honour of Blanche Hollett and Rev. Bill Coish from Janice Winsor

to the General Fund in loving memory of Rev. Bill Coish from:

*Kevin & Marilyn Pardy

*Eric & May King

*Clyde Flight & Brenda Kelleher-Flight

*Catherine & Baxter Rose

to the General Fund in loving memory of Blanche Hollett from:

*Clyde Flight & Brenda Kelleher-Flight

*Paul Rose

*Ethel & Jim Brown

*Tony Pollard

to the General Fund in loving memory of Ethel Verge from:

*NL Balance and Dizziness Centre

*Bruce Henderson

to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of husband Charlie Parsons from Annie Parsons

to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Dr. John Cronhelm from Diane & Roger Angel

Financial Update: St. James sincerely thanks our congregation for their ongoing support. To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$3,961. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)	Givings: October 6: \$3,945
	October 13: \$3,749
	October 20: \$3,536
	October 27: \$3,224

Monday, November 4: Susan's Sewing Studio continues 3-6pm.

Wednesday, November 6: Midweek Spiritual Fellowship, 12 noon - 2pm (first and third Wednesdays) for a half hour Worship Service in the Youth Chapel, followed by lunch and social time. Bring along your brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea provided. Drop in and join in, for some or for all. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, November 10: The 'Going Down of the Sun' service will not be going ahead as stated in the worship schedule.

Minute for Mission: In India, M&S partner, Human Rights and Advocacy Research Foundation, works with fishing communities, urban poor, traditional farmers, prisoners, Dalits (people of low caste) and Adivasis (Indigenous people) in the continuing struggle for economic and social justice. One of its programs helps children whose families cannot provide essential school supplies. In addition, it educates the children on their human rights. Here are two of the children who have benefitted from this program. Lilly is 15 years old. Her mother is a street fish vendor, her father, a daily wage fisher who is not well. The family struggles to make ends meet. Lilly wants to become an accountant. Her mother, Mohana, says, *"I will not forget this timely help which prevented me from going into debt."* Thilagavathy is 15 years old. Her father is a fisher and is unable to contribute much to the family's income. Her mother is a street fish vendor whose income sustains the family. Thilagavathy wants to become a police officer. Her mother says, *"She is bright in her studies, and I did not have the means... I am so thankful."* With Mission & Service partners, the United Church works to achieve access to education for everyone, regardless of income or social status. This work is an essential part of securing greater justice, broad-based participation in society, and the eradication of poverty.

Tuesday, November 5: 2-4pm: Café of Memories 2019 at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pearl for an afternoon of entertainment and refreshments for those with dementia and their caregivers, hosted by the Alzheimer Society of NL and Lodge Westmoorland. Call 576-0608 to register - no charge.

St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation's 19th Annual Dinner Theatre in support of the residents

of St. Patrick's Mercy Home on Thursday, November 7 at the Masonic Temple, 6 Cathedral Street. Tickets are \$75 (tax-in). Call 752-8745 for tickets or information.

Fall Youth Gathering at Burry Heights, November 8-10, for youth and teens. It's all about fun, community, and self-care. Registration is on line. Please contact SuAn for the link.

Bridges to Hope is currently looking for a volunteer for the food pantry, preferably someone who can come in for other volunteers when they cannot make their shift. For more information contact Jody, 330-9642.

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