

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Clyde Taylor
from his wife Helen, sons Brian, Glen, Paul & Shelley, Graham
& Riza and grandchildren Alex, Alicia, Sarah, Amy and Chynna.
It is also dedicated in loving memory of
Don Marshall
(June 6, 1933 ~ February 23, 1993)
from his wife Vera, daughters Janet, Joanne and families.

St. James United Church

February 23, 2020/Transfiguration Sunday

- Minister: Rev. Brian Colbourne
- Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
- Minister Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
- Organist: Amy Dalziel
- Choir: Senior
- Choir Director: Branden Olsen
- Usher in Charge and Greeter: Oliver Wellon
- Ushers: Paul Walsh, Robin Bartlett, Patsy Collins,
Jean Thompson, Clyde Flight

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 and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CANDLE: (One) We light this candle to remind us of the presence of Christ. The light from one candle shines equally for each one of us, the light from this candle shines equally for the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

- One: From the coldest nights of winter to the first welcome notes of spring,
All: we come to be transformed!
- One: Just as Jesus changed and grew throughout His life,
All: we come to be transformed!
- One: Then let us worship and sing our praise to God, as together with all creation,
All: we come to be transformed!

OPENING PRAYER: (together) God touches the world, and the world changes. God touches us, and we are transformed. In this time together, we invite You, O God, to open our hearts to the transformation of our lives and of the world. And through the change, let us know Your presence with us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* 220

CHILDREN'S TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

ANTHEM: *The agony* Choir
 (from *The Crucifixion* by John Stainer)

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY CHORUS:

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (together) Out of our great need, O God, we come not only to hear the word that will fulfill our heart's proper desire, but also to give of ourselves. Help us live in contentment, and make us generous people as we give to help those in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* 264

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 24: 12-18
 2 Peter 1: 16-21
 Mark 9: 2-8

MEDITATION

HYMN: *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* 104

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision* 642

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH: (One) We are strengthened by the glimpse of glory. Our true worship gives us courage to proclaim God's love. Now may the God of transformation give us power so that our lives prove us to be God's people.

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

Minute for Mission: A Chicken Farm in Kenya

Farmers learn best from one another. The Organization of African Instituted Churches (OAIC) supports farmer-to-farmer knowledge exchange through interactive model farms. OAIC is one of our long-standing Mission & Service-funded global partners. The model farms in West Pokot, Kenya, give rural farmers opportunities to physically demonstrate and teach each other appropriate technologies and new methods. The practical learning sites have proven popular with the younger generation, who want hands-on involvement in the changes. More primary schools are actively engaged with 4K clubs—clubs that teach children how to grow crops—in Vihiga County, Kenya. One of OAIC's initiatives is to promote chicken farming to farms that are subject to extreme weather or aren't large enough to raise cattle. Women in particular have taken to raising chickens to boost their household income and also for the eggs, a good source of protein for their families. Well-presented demonstrations enable farmers to see for themselves how the new technology works; small-scale farmers adopting new methods are taught how to cope with and manage ongoing agricultural challenges, climate change, and food insecurity.

St. James United Church Life and Work, February 23, 2020

A Special Thank you! Friday the 14th was cold outside, but warm and cozy here at St. James as we hosted our annual *Valentine's Day Fun and Friendship Concert and Dessert Party*. It featured terrific entertainment, delicious desserts and warm community companionship. All that, and we raised \$5,600 toward the on-going operation of our congregation.

There are so many people to thank. Many donated desserts, bottles of wine and auction items, came out to support us, and assisted with the set-up, running, and clean-up of the event. Our community friends, through their businesses, made generous donations for our auction. Thank you all!

A special thank you goes out to the committee members who gave generously of their time, talent and treasure to this event. To Amy Dalziel, Heather Hickman, Janet Bartlett, Gloria Le Feuvre, Bill Legge, Clyde Flight, Sarah Norman, Robin Bartlett and Paul Walsh, thank you for your dedication and devotion. See you next year!!

Please stay, following the morning service today, to receive the report from our Diversity Committee and take the vote on becoming an Affirming Congregation.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the General Fund in loving memory of *"my daughter, Sharon Kelly, love always, mom, Annie Parsons"*.

We gratefully acknowledge donations to Project Grace from Lois Bourne, Clyde Flight, loose change envelope.

Financial Update: St. James sincerely thanks our congregation for their ongoing support. To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,038. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)	Givings: February 2: \$2,037
	February 9: \$3,652
	February 16: \$3,890

The Lenten Folders are here. Please find yours in the Sanctuary, in alphabetical order of your last name. Some of them hold \$10 and some \$15! Feel free to give what you wish! Remaining folders will be sorted tomorrow morning, ready for the zone captains to pick up and deliver after 1pm tomorrow, Monday, February 24. However, due to the weather, we are leaving it up to the individual zone captain to decide if or when they can deliver. Please feel free to take one for a friend today if you know they cannot get to church.

Monday, February 24: Loose Threads Sewing Studio, 2-5pm.

Tuesday, February 25 at 6pm: Annual Pancake supper, Tickets available before and after the Service today, or tomorrow from the church office; they will not be available at the door. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12.

Wednesday, February 26: *Friendship Group meets; lunch at 1pm

***Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm** in the Fellowship Room.

Saturday, February 29: *Ukelele class, 1:30pm in the Youth Chapel;

*** Contemporary Worship Service, 4:30pm;**

***Community Potluck and Games Night in the Auditorium, 6pm.** All ages are welcome! Bring something to share for supper, and stay for fun and board games, or even a game of cards!

Notice to all congregation members: Your Council has recently approved several action plans which affect all of us. As a result, we give notice of a second upcoming congregational meeting in this regard, and advance notice of our Annual Meeting. We ask that members make every effort to attend these meetings.

Sunday March 1st following the morning Service to share information on a proposal formulated by Stewardship to address our debt and financial future.

Sunday March 15th following the morning Service our Annual Congregational Meeting to receive the Annual Report and Budget.

Lenten Study Program: 'Signs of Life: Why Church Matters.' A 5-week program on Thursday mornings at 10:30, starting March 5. Please contact Susan (722-1881, ext. 204 or susan@stjamesuc.org) to register; course materials will cost \$5.

Lenten Lunchtime Communion Services, beginning Thursday, March 5. Please note change of day from previous years.

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