

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

330 Elizabeth Ave, St. John's, NL, A1B 1T9

Celebration of Worship for October 13, 2024



The people of St. James United Church are eternal seekers who value diversity within our congregation, city and all of society We affirm each person's uniqueness and believe that all persons deserve to be valued, treated with equity, and respected. We are all children of God, walking many paths of spirituality.

Further, we proudly and publicly declare our commitment to practice radical hospitality and strive in every way to provide a safe and supportive place for all persons to participate in the worship and work of our church.

Guided by the teachings of Jesus, we embrace all persons, regardless of creed, race, age, ability, economic status, cultural and ethnic background, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, or any other difference that has led to marginalization or oppression

In memory of cherished parents:

Roma & Eric Paul

“So thankful for the love and joy you provided to us.

You are forever in our hearts.”

From: Nancy & Anthony

October 13, 2024, Thanksgiving Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft

Leading Music: Amy Dalziel and Sr. Choir

Ushering: Grace Marcoux, Skyler Simpson,
Marilyn Adams, Jean Thompson and Susan Pike

*Please rise in body or in spirit where there is an *.*

*Print in **bold** indicates that the portion is read or sung by everyone.*

We Come to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP

We extend greetings in M'ikmawi'simk, French and Chinese as we give thanks for the land, First peoples, and commit to be fully inclusive.

* **SHARING PEACE:** *We extend welcome with signs of Christ's peace. This time is concluded with a moment of reflective music.*

INTROIT: “Asante Sana Yesu” - East African song (MV 188)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather on this day with grateful hearts.

We come together in joy and hope, faith and thanksgiving.

On this day of thankfulness, we rejoice in God's loving presence.

We come together to worship, to pray and to be renewed.

In our time together, we affirm the abundance of God's grace.

We come together to hear your wisdom and follow your way.

OPENING PRAYER

We gather with grateful hearts, O God,
all around us evidence of your abundant love.
We see it in changing colours and the bounty of harvest,
hear it in the voices of loved ones and songs that we sing,
feel it in our worship and in the faith that we share.
Be with us as we pray on this day of thanksgiving,
that our hearts may be open to your message of grace,
ready to be inspired in the way of your Son,
In whose name we pray, Amen.

HYMN: “Come, O Thankful People, Come”

**1. Come, O thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely garnered in as the winter storms begin; God, our maker,
does provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God’s own
temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.**

**2. All the blessings of the field, all the stores the gardens yield, all the
fruits in full supply, underneath the summer sky, all that spring with
bounteous hand scatters o’er the smiling land, all that liberal autumn
pours from its rich o’er flowing stores.**

**3. These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings
flow; and for these our songs we raise, grateful vows and solemn
praise. Come then thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest
home; Come to God’s own temple, come, raise the song of harvest
home.**

We Share in Love

OUR LIFE AND WORK: *We share what is going on in our community.*

OFFERTORY: *There are many ways to give to St. James. You can
place an offering in the plate, scan the QR code on the left,
contribute via PAR, website (www.stjamesuc.org), e-transfer
(email treasurer@stjamesuc.org), mail to the church office or
drop in our secure mailbox. In whatever way you choose to
give, the community is grateful.*



* **HYMN:** “In Gratitude and Humble Trust” (*Voices United 544*)

In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way. O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

We Listen and Respond

LEARNING TOGETHER

We explore themes of the day in a manner that is accessible to all ages.

* **HYMN:** “Ev’ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving” (*More Voices 185*)

PRAYER FOR HEALING AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

READINGS: *At the end of each reading please say, “Thanks be to God.”*
Joel 2:21-27; Mark 6:7-12; excerpt from Ann Lamott, *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers* (NY: Riverhead Books, 2012)

ANTHEM: “For the Beauty of the Earth” (*John Rutter*)

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

* **HYMN:** “All Praise to You” (*Voices United 297*)

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

We give thanks pray for the needs of our global and local communities.

We Leave to Serve

* **HYMN:** “For the Beauty of the Earth” (*Voices United 226*)

* **BENEDICTION**

We are called to be a people of hope,
a community of God’s beloved living in the spirit of Christ,
God’s people, sharing in a spirit of thankfulness and generosity.
We do it in the power of love, blessed in God, Abba, Christ & Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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Life and Work - October 13, 2024

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Tom Rose who passed peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family at the age of 91. As per his wishes, cremation has taken place. Funeral service was held on Thursday October 10th at 11 am from Carnell's Memorial Chapel.

We accept the following donation to the General Fund:

* In memory of Tom Rose from Charlie and Linda Babstock.

Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday: The church office will be closed on Tuesday, October 15th to observe the Thanksgiving Holiday. The office will reopen Wednesday morning as usual. Thank you.

A Chance to Learn More about the Impacts of Residential Schools: After worship on Sunday, September 29, Rev. James showed a video of the learning session about Residential Schools in Labrador held at Cochrane Street United Church. If you would like to view it or perhaps watch it again, "Our Long Journey: The Legacy of Residential Schools in Labrador" which you can find on YouTube.

October Gathering of Wild Light Spiritual Oasis (Forest Church): Mark your calendars for Saturday October 26 at 3:00 PM. We will gather for a time of reflection as the season transitions and it starts to get darker and moodier. Details to follow.

AOTS Men's Club: Please be reminded that the next regular meeting of the men's club will be held 12:30 for 1:00 on Wednesday, October 16. New members are always welcome.

Pub Theology: October 17 @ 7PM, it's time for Pub Theology at the Guv'nor Pub. Come for a time of conversation about faith, spirituality and life's big questions. All are welcome!

St. James Calendar: Good news everyone, the calendars are ready to go! To place an order, please contact the office during regular business hours. Please note that payment will be required at time of order. There is a sample of the calendar by the office if you want to take a look. It would make a great Christmas gift!!

Free Books: We have some Sewing, Quilting, Knitting, Cross Stitch and Crafting books that are free for the taking to whoever would like them. Please call or pop by the office.

Confirmation Preparation is set to begin: Are you in your mid to late teens and want to learn more about what our church believes? Running for 5 weeks, our first confirmation session will be on October 20 from 2 to 4 pm. Email Rev. James (james@stjamesuc.org).

AOTS Men's Club Fish Dinner:

St. James United Church,
330 Elizabeth Avenue



AOTS Men's Service Club
Fish Dinner

Friday, October 25, 2024
Time: 6pm Cost: \$25.00

* Tickets are available from any member of the AOTS Men's Club or Aubrey Hill - 709-726-8306 *

UCW Harvest Tea and Bake Stall:

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Harvest Tea & Bake Stall



Sponsored by the UCW
St. James Auditorium



Saturday, Nov 2, 2024

Time: 2 – 4 pm Cost: \$8.00

Co-Conveners: Barbara Butt: (709) 687-1041
Sheilah Beckett: (709) 726-7421

All donations are greatly appreciated.
Tickets: May be purchased at the door.

St. James United Church Trunk N Treat: We are looking for your help this year. With the overwhelming number of children who attended last year, we ran short and had to turn some children away. So it would be greatly appreciated if you could donate some treats towards this event. If you cannot get out to shop, monetary donations are also welcome and we will buy what we need. Volunteers are also needed to give the treats out on the day of the event. If you don't have a car but would still like to participate, that won't be a problem either. We will just buddy you up with another volunteer. Please let the office know first though so we can have it prearranged.



You're Invited to a Cross-Country Church Check-In: We invite you to join an informal, thoughtful national meeting on **October 22 at 6:00 p.m. ET** with the General Secretary, the Rev. Michael Blair, and guests from the General Council Executive—LIVE ONLINE. With the annual General Council meeting scheduled for October 19, this is an opportunity for you to engage with the decisions and dialogue from the annual meeting - right after it happens. Everyone is welcome. Registration is now open on [CHURCHx](https://churchx.org).

Social Action Sunday, October 20 Service and Lunch & Learn:
The societal impact of a Guaranteed Livable Income

We are welcoming the Very Rev. Dr. Marion Pardy to lead worship and then facilitate a Lunch and Learn on the topic of Guaranteed Liveable Income. Join us for conversation during and after the soup & chowder lunch as we learn more about this important topic.

Three church committees are working together to prepare and work at this event. We are asking for 6 to 8 more volunteers to set up, serve and clean up the lunch. If you can help in any way, that would really be appreciated! Please text or call Robin Bartlett at 709-682-3927 or write to robinbartlett1224@gmail.com.

We also need more of the following foods to ensure we have enough food to feed 50 to 70 people. If you can contribute any food, please text or call Jean Thompson at (709) 728-5048 or write to treasurer@stjamesuc.org.

- 3 more pots of soup, chowder, stew or chili
- dozens of buns and/or 3 loaves of tasty white, wholewheat, or oatmeal bread, etc. or sandwiches if desired
- 10 dozen cookies and slices of cakes

Please remember to contribute some gluten free, nut-free and diabetic options too for those with dietary restrictions. Thank you to all!

A guaranteed livable income (GLI) is a payment to individuals or families by government that covers the cost of basic necessities (food, shelter, clothing, transportation, and community participation) and is not conditional on meeting employment criteria in order to qualify for the benefit. It ensures everyone an income adequate for meeting basic needs, allowing all people to live with dignity regardless of work status.

The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne calls for a Guaranteed Livable Income for All on youtube.com:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FEP4xKynn3Y&t=4s>

justice@united-church.ca

<https://www.big-ns.org/read-and-sign-the-consensus-statement>