

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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

**Celebration of Worship for October 27, 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 Loving Memory of a wonderful Mother and Grandmother  
***Dot Hapgood***  
Love Susan, Stephen, Rebecca Pike and Kyle Winter

In Loving Memory of  
***Jacob Parsons***  
a dear Husband and Father  
From his loving Wife, Effie

## **October 27, 2024, Stewardship Sunday**

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft,  
Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose, and Senior Choir  
Ushering: Aubrey and Ruby Hill, Susan Pike,  
Jean Thompson and Marilyn Adams

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*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:** *We share greetings in Innu-aimun, French & Spanish, and honour Christ with us.*

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP**

#### **\* SHARING OF PEACE**

**INTROIT:** “Jesu, Tawa Pano” (MV 189) - Patrick Matsikenyiri

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have come to worship, to what we often call a service.

**We have come because we want to serve God.**

But is a service of worship all that God asks of us?

**No. We come to worship to learn how to serve God.**

And that service often makes little sense to this world.

**We serve the one who creates abundance by sharing.  
We serve the one who came as a baby by walking with the  
vulnerable. We serve the one who restores peace to our hearts by  
being people of a peace rooted in justice.  
Let us worship God! Let us worship through our service!**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Spirit of Grace and Blessing,  
we have come to worship in order to serve you.  
Show us then how to serve, reminded in your holy word  
of how to follow one who came to serve, not to be served,  
of how to imitate the one who gave his life that we may live. Help  
us to have a clearer understanding of discipleship,  
and so to see it as a gift that transforms our lives.  
We pray in the name of the one we serve by serving. Amen.**

**\* HYMN: “In Loving Partnership We Come” (*Voices United* 603)**

## **We Share in Love**

## **OUR LIFE AND WORK**

**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](http://www.stjamesuc.org)), e-transfer (email [treasurer@stjamesuc.org](mailto: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:** “Many Are the Lightbeams” (*Voices United* 588)

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

**O Divine Word, first spoken to bring forth the gift of life:  
speak once more into our hearts,  
bringing peace where once was confusion,  
bringing direction when the path ahead is unclear,  
that in your wisdom and grace, we may be faithful followers,  
walking in love as we embody the way of Jesus. Amen.**

**READINGS:** *At the end of each reading please say, “Thanks be to God.”*  
Romans 12:9-18; Mark 10:35-45; from Ann Lamott, *Help, Thanks, Wow:  
The Three Essential Prayers* (NY: Riverhead Books, 2012) 60-65

\* **HYMN:** “God Is Here” (*Voices United* 389)

### **REFLECTION ON THE READINGS**

**ANTHEM:** “Fall Like Rain” - Stan Pethel

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

**THE PRAYER OF JESUS** (*Voices United*, p. 921)

### **We Leave to Serve**

\* **HYMN:** “O Jesus, I Have Promised” (*Voices United* 120)

### **BLESSING AND SENDING**

*(Based on 1 Peter 2:9; 2 Corinthians 12:9)*

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

# POSTLUDE

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## **St. James United Church**

Chair of Council:	Michelle Skinner
Minister:	Rev. James Ravenscroft
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Associate Music Director	Bob Rose
Office Administrator	Stephanie Harnum
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## Life and Work - October 27, 2024

**We offer our sincere condolences** to the family of Bruce Hunt who passed away peacefully on October 15, 2024 at 86 years of age. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life for Bruce will be held at a later date.

**We offer our sincere condolences** to the family of Ross Cook who passed on October 19, 2024 at 70 years of age. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

**We accept the following donations to the Memorial Fund:**

\* In memory of Tom Rose from Gwen Follett; Bruce and Rhonda Rose; Keith Hillier; Betty Wooden; Hazel Caines; Walt Baker; Lily Bartlett; Mark Follett; Carol Anne Lake; Sheila Hickman; Gerry Hickman; Jack and Joanne Hickman; Dayle Manuel; Winn Purdy; Ros and Don Tuff; Sid and Menetha Dyke; Muriel Cole; Judy and Gerry Gulliver; George and Jean White; Helena and Lewis Fizzard; William and Sheila Hickman

\* In memory of Bruce Hunt from Maya Daya; AOTS

**We accept the following donation to the General Fund:**

\* In memory of Harvey Weir from Gail Weir

**Rose Family Thank you:** Maxine and family wish to thank all who sent condolences, visited, sent cards or donations on the passing of Tom. It was greatly appreciated.

**Thank you from Stewardship** to everyone who helped with donations of food, set-up and clean up, the past Sunday Lunch and Learn. Without the help we cannot put off these events.

**Tune in to VOWR for Worship:** This morning's service will be rebroadcast on VOWR this evening at 7:00 pm. We welcome all those worshipping in person, watching via livestream this morning, and those listening this evening.

**Taizé-style Worship:** Join us for a reflective, song focused worship on Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. It is 45 minutes (wrapping up before choir rehearsal).

**St. James Calendar:** Good news everyone, the calendars are ready to go! To place an order, please contact the office during regular business hours. Cost is \$20. 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.

We also have *Old Red Hymn Books* plus *Songs of the Gospel; Lyrics only*, plus *Good News Translation*, and *Books of the Psalms* that are free to anyone that would like to take them. They are located in the back of the foyer.

**Lost and Found:** There are some jewelry items that are placed in the Lost and Found in the church office if anyone may be missing items. There are a couple different earrings, a bracelet and a necklace. Please contact the church office for more information.

**Social & Enviro-Action Committee:** planning meeting: Robin Bartlett, Chairperson, wishes to schedule a planning meeting in the next week or so, to discuss and decide on what issues to focus, what actions to take, and in what events the group will participate in 2024-2025. Any congregant and guest who is interested in social issues and/or environmental issues, please contact her at [robinbartlett1224@gmail.com](mailto:robinbartlett1224@gmail.com) or texting or calling (709) 682-3927.

**Teachers on Wheels' tutor-training workshop**  
**Saturday, November 16:**

We need tutors! A lack of literacy is a huge barrier to education and employment for many. Teachers on Wheels, a non-profit, adult literacy organization, teaches adults confidentially, one-on-one, to improve their abilities to speak, to read and to write. They also teach ESL/EFL to help many immigrants, whose knowledge of English is intermediate to advanced, to improve their English literacy.

Teachers on Wheels need more tutors to meet the growing demand! If you are interested in helping someone improve their literacy, they invite you to attend their free tutor-training workshop on

Saturday, November 16. No teaching experience is needed; only patience, understanding and the ability to communicate simply.

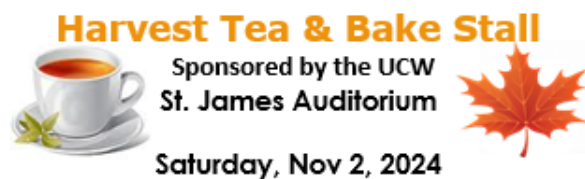
Please contact Executive Director, Tom Dawe for more information and to register at (709) 738-3975, [teachersonwheels@nl.rogers.com](mailto:teachersonwheels@nl.rogers.com), or Robin Bartlett, ToW chairperson at (709) 682-3927. We look forward to hearing from you!"

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[Please note: As part of our church's Social & Enviro-Action, Robin is interested in starting an informal, ESL/EFL conversational café at St. James, once or twice a week, to give newcomers an opportunity to practice their English as a foreign language to improve their opportunities. If you are interested in leading a session, please notify her and attend one of ToW's tutoring training workshops if possible. Thank you.]

## UCW Harvest Tea and Bake Stall:

St. James United Church  
330 Elizabeth Avenue



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.

**Gower Street - United in Spirit - TUESDAY, November 5:** An Evening of Board Games, Food and Community for Youth in Grades 7-12 at Gower Street United Church (99 Queens Road) from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. with our region's Minister for Children, Youth and Young Adults, Rev. Catherine Stuart. This event is designed to foster a sense of community among the young people in our city. Please connect with Rev. Rebecca Pike ([rebecca.pike@nl.rogers.com](mailto:rebecca.pike@nl.rogers.com)) to RSVP and share any dietary needs.





**Spend a day with the  
Moderator of The United Church,  
The Right Rev.  
Dr. Carmen Lansdowne**

Engage in reflection and energizing activities towards dream-oriented actions for our churches and communities.

**Saturday, November 2, 2024, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm (local time).**

9:00am -9:30am Registration and coffee/tea

9:30am - Welcome and Introductions

**In person**

Cowan Heights United Church

141 Frecker Dr.

St. John's, NL A1E 4W1

**What does it mean to be Flourishing?**

Rooted in belonging, flourishing means living with purpose and joy, and bringing bold collaborative solutions to our world's challenges. Let's connect in hope and move from despair to transformation.

**Together, we can build a flourishing church that contributes to a better world.**



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