

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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

Celebration of Worship for November 10, 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 Brother:
Derek T. Butt (March 16, 1953 – November 14, 2021)
From Sisters Glenda Winsor, Gloria Le Feuvre and Families.

In Loving Memory of a wonderful Father and Grandfather
Dave Haggood
January 26, 1938-November 8, 2023
Love Susan, Stephen, Rebecca Pike and Kyle Winter.

November 10, 2024, Remembrance Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft
Leading Music: Amy Daziel, Bob Rose and the Senior Choir
Trumpeter: John Austin
Ushers: Carol and Geoffrey Pike, Marilyn Adams,
Jean Thompson and Susan Pike

We Come to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE: *We share greetings in Inuktitut, French and Isoko and honour Christ with us.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP: *We give thanks for the land and commit to be a fully inclusive community.*

A TIME OF COMMUNAL REFLECTION

* **NATIONAL ANTHEM:** "O Canada" (*Voices United 524*)

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), 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.*



INTROIT: “Weep For the Dead” (VU 526, v. 1)

RESPONSIVE OPENING PRAYER:

God of Shalom, on this day we remember and we pray.

We pause to honour the past and those who died in war.

Be with us as we reflect together in faith,

We pause to discern how we can embody your way of love.

May we worship with hope, held in the power of redeeming grace,

that with liberated hearts we may be ambassadors of unity and

peace. We pray in the name of Jesus,

your Shalom made flesh. Amen.

We Remember

LEARNING TOGETHER

We explore the theme of the day in a way that is accessible to all.

ANTHEM: “The Green Fields of France” - *Eric Bodle*

A TIME TO REMEMBER

We take a moment to remember:

We remember fallen servicemen and women, the sacrifice they made for the sake of others; those who returned, lives forever changed by what they faced; all who have served in conflicts both long past and recent.

We take a moment to lament:

We grieve for civilians lost, caught in the crossfire of violence; for loved ones broken by news too unbearable to hear; for lives maimed even now by the weapons of past conflicts.

We take a moment to give thanks:

We give thanks for brave men and women who gave up their lives, who gave up their innocence; we give thanks for those who served, for those who serve even now at such great cost.

LAST POST, TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE, ROUSE

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

One: Eternal rest grant unto them, O God,

All: and may perpetual light shine upon them.

One: May their souls through your great mercy rest in peace.

All: Amen.

HYMN: “God, As with Silent Hearts!” (*VU 527*)

We Listen

GUIDED REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 4:1-4

HYMN: “Anthem For One World” (see insert)

READINGS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

From the East: The 14th Dalai Lama, Tibetan

From the South: Hinaleimoana Kwai Kong Wong-Kalu, hawaiian

From the West: Rigoberta Menchu, Maya

From the North: George. J. Mitchell, American

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

SHARING A SIGN OF PEACE

We commit to the prayers we have made with a sign of peace.

HYMN: “For the Healing of the Nations” (*Voices United 678*)

We Leave to Serve

SENDING FORTH

PROVINCIAL ANTHEM: “Ode to Newfoundland” (*see insert*)

POSTLUDE

St. James United Church

Chair of Church Council:	Michelle Skinner
Minister:	Rev. James Ravenscroft
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Assistant Music Director	Bob Rose
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Life and Work - November 10, 2024

We accept the following donations to the General Fund:

* In memory of Tom Rose from Clyde and Brenda Flight, Christine Grandy, Ron and Lorraine Robins.

* In memory of Bruce Hunt from Clyde and Brenda Flight, Aubrey and Ruby Hill and Ron and Lorraine Robins.

The Advent/Christmas edition of The Visitor is looking for submissions. A cherished Christmas memory about the church? A story you'd like to share? We'd love to hear from you. Please send submissions to info@stjamesuc.org with "Newsletter" in the subject line by Thursday, November 21. Note: submissions may be edited for clarity and/or space.

Thank you: The U.C.W. wishes to express our deepest appreciation for your time, support and contribution in making the Harvest Tea and Sale such a huge success. Your contribution has made a significant difference "THANK YOU"

Luncheon on November 17th: Please join us after the service for our monthly free will offering luncheon on the churches 66 Anniversary.

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, November 20. New members are always welcome.

November Pub Theology: Our regular gathering at Guv'nor Pub is delayed until November 28.

Save the Date: Wild Light Spiritual Oasis (Forest Church) for November is scheduled for November 24th at 3PM. Details to follow.

Christmas Decorating: Looking to get into the Christmas Spirit? We need your help to decorate the sanctuary for the season. Especially needed are some tall people (or those who are not afraid of heights) who can help with our 12 foot tree and hanging the lights along the sides of the sanctuary. We will be starting at 10:00am on Saturday, November 30. Snacks and beverages will be available. Time frame will depend on the number of volunteers we have to assist as it must be completed on that day. So, if you have an hour or

two to spare, a warm welcome awaits. No advance notice is necessary.

St. James Calendar: 2025 Calendars are available to purchase. If you wish to buy one, please contact the office during regular business hours. The cost is \$20.

Free Books: We have *Old Red Hymn Books*, 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.

Free for the taking: We have a sewing basket with pinking shears if anyone would like to have it. Please contact the office for information.

Social & Enviro-Action Committee (St. James) is looking for volunteers and ideas. If you are a congregant and guest who is interested in any social issues and/or environmental issues during 2024-2025, please notify Robin, Chairperson at (709) 682-3927 or robinbartlett1224@gmail.com with your ideas. For example, she is interested in starting an informal, ESL/EFL conversational café at St. James, once a week, to give newcomers an opportunity to learn and practice their ability to speak English. If you are interested in helping with this, please notify her and, if possible, please attend one of Teachers on Wheels free, tutor-training workshops. (No teacher training or experience is needed.) Thank you.

Memorial United, Portugal Cove, will be holding their Fall Fair and Brunch on Saturday, November 16 starting at 11 am. All your favorite brunch foods, bake goods table, Christmas table and items on tickets. Admission \$15.