



In Loving Memory of:

John Harvey Butt (November 7, 1921 - November 26, 2005)

from Daughters and Sons-in-law, Glenda and Glenn Winsor,
Gloria and Keith Le Feuvre and Grandson Joel Le Feuvre.

In Loving Memory of

Cecil G. Cole (December 1, 1934 - November 29, 1994)

from Wife Muriel, Sons Floyd, Warren and their families
" In memory a daily thought, In heart a silent sorrow"

November 24, 2024, Reign of Christ Sunday

(Last Sunday before the Season of Advent)

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft,
Amy Dalziel and the St. James Guitar Group
Ushering: Bill and Cindy Pike, Marilyn Adams
Jean Thompson and Susan Pike

*Please rise as you are able where there is an * in the service.
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 Mi'kmawi'simk, French & Tamil, and honour Christ with us.*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SHARING OF PEACE

INTROIT: "God of the Mountain"

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the reign of Christ comes, **the oppressed will rejoice.**
When the reign of Christ comes, **justice and peace will rule.**
When the reign of Christ comes, **a hurting creation will heal.**
So why we wait? Let us live into Christ's reign here and now.
Let us do what we can to seek justice and nurture peace,

**to lift up the oppressed, to celebrate the gift that is creation.
Let us live in the promise of Christ's reign.
It is how we best worship God.**

OPENING PRAYER

**How great are you, O God of Life and Grace,
calling us into the promise of your reign.
On this day as the universal church honours
how Christ embodied that promise in his life,
may we ponder the ways that we may do the same
through the power of your Spirit,
in whom we call on Jesus' name as we pray. Amen.**

*** HYMN: "How Great Thou Art" (Voices United 238)**

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), 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:** “Wonderful Words of Life”

**1. Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.**

***R: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life;
beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.***

**Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. *R.***

**Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Saviour, sanctify forever. *R.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sovereign God who reigns with wisdom and love,
**draw near as we reflect on your word, that in your Spirit
we may listen with humble hearts, ready to give our lives
in service of your reign. In the name of Christ. Amen.**

READINGS: *At the end of each reading please say, “Thanks be to God.”*
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Mark 13:1-8; Excerpt from Jean Pierre de
Caussade, *Abandonment to Divine Providence.*

* **HYMN:** “Precious Lord, Take my Hand” (*Voices United* 670)

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

ANTHEM: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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: "Blessed Assurance" (*Voices United* 337)

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

Life and Work - November 24, 2024

We accept the following donations to the Memorial Fund:

* In Memory of Bruce and Edna Hunt from Hal and Winnie Stanley and from Harold and Betty Grandy.

We accept the following donation to the General Fund:

* In Memory of Tom Rose and Bruce Hunt from Eric and May King

We acknowledge a donation to the Music Fund/Senior Choir from Vera Marshall

Worship Assistants: Beginning in Advent, we are looking to have Worship Assistants. If you are interested in helping in any way, please let Rev. James know at james@stjamesuc.org

Pub Theology Next Week: Thursday, November 28 at 7:00 pm, Guv'nor Pub. Do you have a question or idea about faith, spirituality or ethics? Join in the conversation. No question is too big or too small.

Wild Light Spiritual Oasis (Forest Church) Contemplative

Writing: Today, November 24th at 3PM. After meeting in the parking lot of the Autism Society, we will go for a reflective walk in the area around the pond. We will then regroup inside to do some contemplative writing on the experience.

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 10:00 am 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.

Blue Christmas Service: December 17 at 7 pm. A reflective service for all who feel blue during the holidays, especially because of a recent death, illness, break up or any other loss.

St. James Merry and Bright Bake Sale: Don't have time to bake your Christmas cookies, cakes or treats? Let us help you out! On Sunday,

December 15th directly after the worship service we will be hosting a Christmas Bake sale, including breads, cookies, homemade fudge and more. Lunch we will be serving, baked beans, soup, hot dogs and muffins for a free-will offering. We hope to see you all there. We are accepting donations for the bake sale on Saturday evening Dec 14th from 4 - 6 pm. All donations are welcome.

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.

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

Gower's 52nd Online Auction is now open for bidding! Our auction offers a variety of items ranging from original art to gift certificates from local businesses, golf balls to sailing on Conception and Trinity Bay, quality China and glassware to a fireplace that would fit any décor. This year, our auction will be accessible through Bartlett's Auctions, which hosts it online at no cost. We are grateful to them for this service. Bidding will be open until Sunday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m. You will need an account to bid. If you have questions, click How to Bid or the FAQ at the top of the page. The link for the Auction is <https://bartlettauctions.com/auctions/24636-52nd-annual-gower-street-united-church-fall-auction>

Topsail United Fall Craft and Bake Sale: Topsail United Church will be hosting a Fall Craft & Bake Sale on Saturday November 30 from 10 until 1 P.M. All are Welcome.