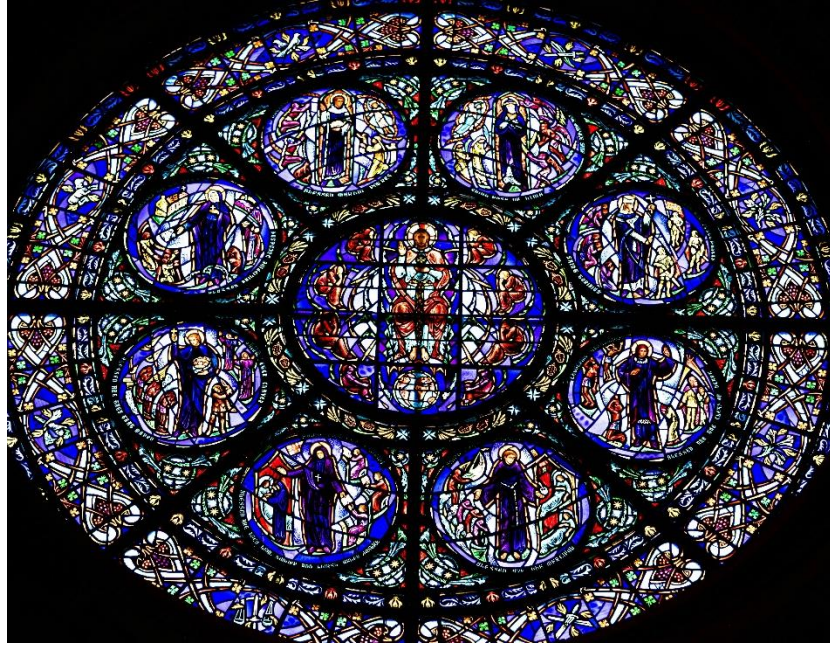


St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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

**Celebration of Worship for November 3, 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.

# November 3, 2024, Reformation / All Saints Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft  
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel and Glenda Winsor  
Ushering: Kim and Gerry Mayo, Barbara Butt,  
Marilyn Adams, Jean Thompson and Susan Pike

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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 Mi'kmawi'simk, French & Igbo, and honour Christ with us.*

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP

#### \* SHARING OF PEACE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For all the saints who went before us,  
who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your love.

**All: We give thanks and praise to God.**

One: For all the saints who live beside us,  
whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own.

**All: We give thanks and praise to God.**

One: For all the saints who live beyond us,  
who challenge us to change and transform the world.

**All: We give thanks and praise to God.**

### OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, source of life and all blessing,  
**you touch us with grace through the lives of others,  
a great cloud of witnesses both known and unknown,  
who even now raise a great song of praise to you.**  
**Inspire us in our lives through their wisdom and love,  
that we too may follow Jesus as his faithful disciples.**  
**Blessed are you, Creator, Redeemer, Giver of Life. Amen.**

\* **HYMN:** “Holy, Holy, Holy” (*Voices United 315*)

## We Celebrate Our Welcome

### **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM**

*We welcome Kristan Bennett and Ted Lacey as they present their child Katherine to be welcomed into the church through baptism.*

### **LIGHTING OF BAPTISMAL CANDLE AND PROMISES**

#### \* **CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT**

Do you as a faith community, promise to love and support this child and her family as together we extend Christ’s love in the world?

**We do with God’s help.**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & ACT OF BAPTISM**

### **BLESSING, MARKING WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS, LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDLE**

### **BLESSING OF PARENTS AND FAMILY**

### **WELCOME BY THE CONGREGATION**

... Mother and Father of us all. **As siblings in Christ, we welcome you Katherine into this family in faith.**

*The congregation may applaud as a sign of welcome.*

\* **HYMN:** “I Was There to Your Borning Cry” (*Voices United 644*)

## 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**

**READINGS:** *At the end of each reading please say, "Thanks be to God."*

**Philippians 2:1-13; and Mark 11:27-33**

\* **HYMN:** "Many Are the Lightbeams" (*Voices United* 588)

## **REFLECTION ON THE READINGS**

**SOLO:** "Pie Jesu" by G. Fauré

## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

The celebration of communion is a banquet, God's saints, past, present and yet to come, gathered around one table in Christ.

**Here we celebrate as one family, joined as God's children.**

## **THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Open your hearts. **We gladly open them to God.**

Let us give thanks. **We give our thanks and praise.**

It is good to praise you, holy God, source of all life, revealed in the universe you made and present in the hearts of your children. Today we give thanks with our siblings of every age who meeting you in faith, shared your love in their lives. With them, with all the saints both in heaven and on earth, we praise your eternal glory.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your light. Glory to you our God. Blessed is he, blessed are we, blessed are all who come. Hosannas ring, archangels sing. Blessed are all who come. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your light. Glory to you our God.**

We give you thanks for the witness of those who walked before us, people like Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, who obeyed your call, and left their home to go to a land promised but not seen.

**And Moses, Miriam and Aaron, who led their people out of slavery, called as a new people through your holy covenant.**

**We thank you for your many prophets like Elijah and Isaiah who called the people back into right relationship with you.**

**And for Mary and Joseph who rejoiced in the birth of your Holy Child and John who proclaimed your Messiah had come.**

We give thanks most especially for Jesus in whom is fulfilled the hope of all your saints. In him our salvation is won and your grace made known in the many ways that he revealed your love, especially when on the night he was betrayed, he gathered for a meal with his friends. Taking bread, he gave you thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you." Again after supper, he took the cup. After giving thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Take, drink. This is the new covenant in my life's blood. Whenever you eat or drink, remember me."

We remember, gracious God, and so we hold fast to Jesus' examples of faith and love, as the saints have done before us, proclaiming in word and action the mystery of our faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is ris'n, Christ will come again.**

In union with them we pray that you make known to us the gifting of your Spirit within this bread and wine, and within us also.

Through this feast, join us in one holy communion of all the saints, with Peter, James and John, Mary Magdalene and Paul,  
**with Francis and Clare, John Calvin and John Knox, John Wesley and Ann Cutler, with all the blessed whose lives of faith and love continue to inspire and guide us.**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit all glory is yours, most holy and wondrous God.

**Amen, amen, alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen.**

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

### **SHARING IN COMMUNION**

The bread we share, **is our sharing in the life of Christ.**

The cup we bless, **is our blessing in the love of Christ.**

*Everyone is welcome to share communion. Come to the front to receive the bread and grape juice (in a small glass). Please consume both before returning to your pew. Please let us know if you need the gluten free option. If you're unable to come forward, someone will bring communion to you.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**We give thanks, holy God, for this sacred meal, shared not only with the saints we see, but our many ancestors holding us in your love. As we have shared your heavenly banquet, may we make its meaning present in our lives. Amen.**

### **We Leave to Serve**

\* **HYMN:** "Give Thanks for Life" (*Voices United* 706)

### **BLESSING AND SENDING** (*Based on 1 Peter 2:9; 2 Corinthians 12:9*)

We are called as the saints 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 through you, blessed in God, Abba, Christ and Spirit.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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