

Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of the following:

Bethany Danielle Pike

As we remember and celebrate her birthday today, January 8

From Stephen, Susan and Rebecca Pike

Olive Parsons

From daughters: Brenda, Jean, Heidi, Susan and families.

John Butler

From his wife Blanche

St. James United Church

January 8, 2012

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| Minister: | Rev. Bill Bartlett |
| Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain | Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald |
| C.E. Lay Minister: | Susan Sheppard |
| Organist/Choir Director: | Philip Roberts |
| Assistant Organist: | Allan Morgan |

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Organ Prelude

Welcome



Call to Worship: (responsive)

- L: The Magi came from many places, following a star.
- P: We come to worship and the star sheds light on our lives.**
- L: The Magi brought gifts to offer the Child.
- P: We too bring gifts—ourselves, our hopes, our dreams.**
- L: Shepherds and Magi—the meek and the mighty—all welcome in Bethlehem.
- P: We too come to Bethlehem and then return to our homes rejoicing.**

Opening Prayer: (unison)

God of the constellations and distant star fields, you call out to us from all corners of creation, drawing us to the side of your son, Jesus

Christ our Lord. Forgive our failures to journey on with you. Forgive our short-sighted visions and our yearning for yesterday. Forgive our complacency with the status quo. Help us to see what you see, to dream what you dream, and to follow where you lead, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: The First Nowell 91

Time with the Children:

Hymn: "The Wise May Bring Their Learning"

The wise may bring their learning, the rich may bring their gold, and some may bring their greatness, and glories new and old. We too would bring our treasures to offer to the King; we have no wealth nor wisdom; what shall we children bring?

We'll bring him hearts that love him; we'll bring him thankful praise, and young souls meekly striving to walk in holy ways. And these shall be the treasures we offer to the King, and these are gifts that even the poorest child may bring.

We'll bring the little duties, we have to do each day; we'll try our best to please him, at home, at school, at play. And better are these treasures to offer to our King, than richest gifts without them; yet these a child may bring.

Congregational Life and Work:

Offertory Invitation: (unison)

Where we see scarcity, you see abundance, O God. Where we see limits, you see possibility. Where we see endings, you see beginnings. Where we doubt, you bring hope. Open our hearts, Gracious God, to know gratitude for your abundance in our lives, and to share hope and abundance with others, as we offer the gift of ourselves and the work of our hands.

Offering:

Offertory Hymn: As with Gladness Men of Old (verse 3) 81

Offertory Dedication: (responsive)

L: Though we do not bear gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,

P: yet we offer ourselves and what we have.

L: The story continues, Good News abounds. We worship and serve the living Christ.

(All) Let us rejoice and be glad!

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 60: 1-6



Responsive Psalm: Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14 790

Anthem:

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Meditation:

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

O God, Creator of the universe and all living creatures, forgive us when we break faith with you by failing to love as we ought. Make us new in your image; recreate us, and set us free to love you and all your children. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Words of Affirmation:

God wants only good things for us. Wherever we are and whoever we are, God is with us. God has destined us to be free and generous. Let us live in God's forgiveness and power.

Communion Hymn: O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts 472

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Call To Give Thanks

L: The Magi followed a star to a lowly stable in Bethlehem and found a baby, who became the Prince of Peace.

P: They were humbled in the presence of the Christ child.

L: As a sign of their admiration, they presented gifts.

P: O God, in thanksgiving we present the gift of our lives, as we enter this time of Holy Communion.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Holy God of light and love, by the light of your promise you guide your people across the desert and through the night. In the light of your presence we behold your glory and offer you our gifts. Through the light of your peace you claim us as your beloved, and joy is our banquet. We give you thanks that you make manifest your glory: lighting the way for every pilgrim, gifting the earth with the Prince of Peace, setting a table for all who hunger. Guiding God, so it is that we sing your praise:

Sanctus and Benedictus: (sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

Institution Narrative

Distribution of the Elements

Post Communion Epiphany Prayer: (unison)

Radiant God, light for all people and all places, by the guidance of a star you led the Magi, to worship the Christ Child. By the light of faith lead us to worship you in peace and love, and guide us in your way. We are thankful for the guidance and strength we have received here at your table. We pray in the name of Christ, light of the world. Amen.

Hymn: Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Commissioning:

L: Follow the light of hope's guiding star.

P: Seek the child.

L: Listen to the words of a heavenly host

P: Find the child.
L: Offer as gifts the best that you have.
P: Serve the Child
L: Peace be among us.
P: God be with us. Amen.

Choral Benediction: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (verse 3) 375
Organ Postlude:

Head Usher: Dave Hapgood

Greeters: Michelle and Maggie Skinner

Ushers: Wayne and Sophie Skinner

Linda Babstock Dorothy Hapgood
 Janice Winsor Kevin and Marilyn Pardy

Communion Servers:

Al and Minnie Penney Eric and Roma Paul
 Vickie and Albert Styles Carlson and Ann Emberley

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Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund

We acknowledge a donation in loving memory of *Bethany* as we remember her birthday today, January 8 from Stephen, Susan and Rebecca Pike.

We also acknowledge other donations remembering *Bethany's* birthday from the following:

Luke, Cathy, Stephanie, Janna and Jillian Grenning
Nan and Pop Hapgood
Aunt Joanne Hapgood
Susan Pike and Michael Kavanagh
Lisa, Ken, Harrison and Ethan Young
Gilbert and Lillian Thomas
Fred and Pam Earle Ricky and Andrea Reid
Randy Whittle Tanya Kerr Regina St. Croix

Memorial Fund

We acknowledge donations in memory of the following:
Frank and Beatrice Clarke from Ralph and Lillian Gosse.

Melita Saunders from Sandra Thistle, Lorene Tuck, Dorothy and Basil Tracey, Sylvia Tuck , Jack and Florence Head, Doug and Joan Bursey and George and Mary Saunders.

Life and Work at St. James

We acknowledge a donation in loving memory of *Melita Saunders* from the Sheppard Family.

Memory Tree

We acknowledge a donation in loving memory of *Chesley Moore* from his wife Barbara and daughters, Heather, Daphne, Janet, Libby and Sarah.

Senior Choir Fund

We acknowledge a donation in loving memory of *Mrs. Olive Parsons* from Jean Bowering. (Mrs. Parsons was always interested in the Senior Choir)

Congregational Meeting: There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following today's worship to review/approve the report from the Joint Needs Assessment Committee and to establish a Joint Search Committee.

Sympathy and Condolences:

We express sincere sympathy and condolences to the following:
Phil Saunders and family on the recent death of his wife, *Melita*. A private funeral was held on Wednesday this past week at Barrett's Chapel.

Harold and Lillian Price on the recent death of Lillian's brother, *Harry Hutchings*. The funeral took place on Tuesday this past week in St. Albert, Alberta.

Family and friends of *Nina Hatcher*. The funeral took place at Barrett's Chapel on Friday this past week.

Confirmation Classes:

Youth are reminded of their class next Sunday, January 15, following the 11 a.m. service.

Intercultural Study Group

The group will resume their gatherings from 7-8 p.m. on Monday, January 9 in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome. Refreshments provided.

2012 Go Project

Are you finishing grade 8 this year? Or 19 years old or under and would like to join the GO experience? There will be a meeting for interested youth and parents on Sunday, January 22 at 12:30 p.m. to let you know about this year's programs and to preregister. For more information about the GO Project visit www.thegoproject.ca or for meeting and program information contact Susan at 722-1881 or youthchurch@stjamesuc.org

Yoga:

Monday, January 9 at 9:30 a.m.

UCW monthly meeting

Monday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Escasoni Worship

Tuesday, January 10 at 2 p.m.

AOTS Men's Service Club

Wednesday, January 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Scent Sensitive at St. James

Due to increased expression of health and allergy concerns, we are again asked to become "scent-sensitive" at St. James. In the interest of your church friends who have reactions to perfumes and colognes, you are asked **NOT** to wear such fragrances. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.