

St. James United Church

April 1, 2012

11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Organ Prelude:

Welcome:

Introit: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery 121

Call To Worship: (skit) After the cheering has stopped.....

Prayer Of Approach: (unison)

Faithful God, we come to Holy Week again, craving to find our place in the story of faith. As we listen to the words that are spoken and sung, may we feel Jesus' presence riding in our midst today. Amen.

Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna 123

Time With Our Children And Youth:

Baptismal Hymn: I Have Called You by Your Name MV 161

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name, as you go;
Read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,
Offer Jesus' body, given long ago.

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Holy Week Services

7:30 pm - April 2 - 6

Monday	Wesley United Church
Tuesday	St. James United Church (Preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Marion Parry – Former Moderator of the United Church of Canada)
Wednesday	First Street United (Choir Cantata)
Thursday	Gower Street United (Communion)

Good Friday – George Street United Church

3 hour Service - 12 noon – 3:00

First Word:	Rev. Bill Mercer
Second Word:	Rev. Miriam Bowlby
Third Word:	Rev. Bill Bartlett
Fourth Word:	Susan Sheppard
Fifth Word:	Rev. Scott Parsons
Sixth Word:	Rev. Denine Morgan
Seventh Word:	Rev. Grant Stuckless



Annual Good Friday Walk – (rain or shine) – 10:00 a.m.

Join us as we journey through the Passion Story, with readings, meditations and singing as we walk in our neighborhood. Hot cross buns and hot drinks will be served back at the church following the walk.

Good Friday Worship Service – 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service

Following the service our youth participating in the Go Project to be hosted here at St. James this summer will be serving a boiled egg breakfast. There will be no cost but any donations collected will be gratefully accepted and will go towards the cost of hosting the Go Project.

11:00 a.m. Service of Celebration

	<u>What's Happening?</u>	<u>Time</u>
Today	Nursery and Sunday School	
Monday	Yoga	9:30 am
Wednesday	Singing Group	10:00 am
	Guitar Group	11 am – 12:30
	Friendship Group	2:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Men's Choir	8:00 pm
Thursday	Senior Choir	7:30 pm
Saturday	Youth Group	7:00 pm

Annual AOTS Fish Dinner:

The AOTS invites you to join them for their Fish Dinner which will be happening on April 27 here at the church. Tickets are \$18 and are available from either David Hapgood at 576-4075 or Albert Styles at 754-6628.

Webmaster Needed:

St. James is looking for a webmaster for our website. Duties include weekly posting of the bulletin, updating announcements and coming events. If you are interested in helping us reach the community in this way contact the church office at 722-1881.

Memorial Fund:

We acknowledge a donation in loving memory of *Melita Saunders* from Anne Henry.

Sympathy and Condolences:

We express sincere sympathy and condolences to Jean Babstock and family on the recent death of her husband Carl. The funeral was held on this past Saturday at St. James.

Good Friday Luncheon:

Topsail United Church will be holding a Good Friday Luncheon at 11:30 on April 6. Menu of Baked Beans, Fish Cakes, Molasses Raisin Bread, Assorted Cakes for Dessert, Tea and Coffee. Cost \$10. To reserve tickets please call Gillian at 781-1562. No tickets at the door.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation

Parent's Declaration

Parent's Baptismal Vows



Congregational Commitment: (all stand)

We have heard the will of the parents. We have received these children in Christ's name as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of Christ. We will support these parents by providing an environment where love is shown and faith is nurtured. Amen

Statement of Faith: (unison) A New Creed 918

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of the Water:

Action of Baptism

Zackary Uchenna David Nwokedi, son of Manny Nwokedi and Krystal Burt.

Lucas Jack Greene, son of Paul Greene and Debora Godwin.

Blessing:

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

Baptismal Hymn: I Have Called You by Your Name MV 161

I know you will need my touch as you go;
 Feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
 Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,
 Hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
 I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
 With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
 Go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Offertory Invitation:

In a world and time in which injustice seems to reign, a King comes, riding on a donkey, a King who is to be crucified. Our God knows about suffering and invites us to reverse and counter injustice and suffering wherever we can. The United Church of Canada-both locally and through its Mission and Service Fund-seeks justice and resists evil, proclaiming Jesus crucified and risen. As we present our offerings, let’s keep in mind that it is our offerings of time, talent, and money that make it all possible.

Offertory:

Offertory Hymn: All Glory Laud and Honour 122 vs. 2
The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

Offertory Prayer:

Gracious God, we pray that all the gifts we offer may be used to joyfully proclaim your vision and hope for our world. Amen.

Life and Work of St. James:

Prayer of Illumination: (unison)

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather in your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we hear the familiar story of your triumphant entry into the Holy City of Jerusalem, we too join the crowds, with expectant hearts and shouts of Hosanna. Forgiving God, bring us at last with him and all the faithful to your new Jerusalem, your kingdom of peace and justice for all. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture: Zechariah 9:9-10

The King comes, “triumphant and victorious, humble upon a donkey”.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 837-838

The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Solo: The Creation Chelsi Walsh

Gospel: Mark 11: 1-11
Jesus’ joyful entry into Jerusalem.

Hymn: O Worship The King 235

Meditation:

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer:

Hymn: Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 127

Commissioning:

The road has been long. You have seen much on this journey, but it is not time to quit. There is much to be done. Go in peace, dear people of God. Go ready to proclaim with your lives God’s love, and peace to all. Amen.

Benediction: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery 121

Organ Postlude:

Resources for the worship service taken from GATHERINGS & Celebrate God’s Presence



Head Ushers: Jack and Florence Head
Greeters: Gus and Winona Kelsey
Ushers: Eric and May King
Ross and Betty Pilgrim
Tom and Maxine Rose

Reminder: Zone Mail Captains
The Easter Visitor is ready for delivery!
Please check the Fellowship Room for your mail.