**Breaking the Bread & Pouring the Cup**

**Welcome to the Table**

**Prayer after Communion:** (unison)

**All: Holy One, nourished at Your table with food, fellowship and the gift of Your Spirit, we pray You send us out into Your world sharing Your grace and mercy with all Creation. Walk with us on the journey, filling us with strength, guiding us with light and holding us in love. We pray together in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray to You saying those ancient words, “Our Father…….”**

**Closing Hymn:** *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah* 651

**Blessing & Sending Forth**

**Organ Postlude:** *Nun danket alle Gott* Karg-Elert

*\* prayers adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion,Celebrate God’s Presence*

**Ushering this week is provided by:**

**Ushers in Charge:** Barry Cutler

**Greeters:**  Sandra Thistle, Linda Babstock

**Ushers:**  Stephen Coward, Jim Inder, Baxter Howse

 Bill & Cindy Pike, Trevor & Janet Bartlett

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St. James United Church

 A Community of Friends in Faith

 330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John’s, NL A1B 1T9

 November 17, 2013

**Mission Statement**

The Church is a fellowship of believers who have responded to God’s call through Jesus Christ. As members of a Christian community initiated by Christ to proclaim God’s love for the whole creation, we are called to:

(1) Believe in God and God’s love made visible in Jesus Christ;

(2) To participate in a spiritual journey, intentionally proclaiming,

 celebrating and deepening spiritual consciousness;

(3) To be good stewards of all that we possess and to care for the

 Earth which is God’s creation;

(4) To develop meaningful and caring relationships with others as

 well as with God;

(5) To empower individuals and groups, in response to the call of

 Christ, to increase their awareness of the oppressive forces

 around them, and with God’s help, to seek justice for all people.

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This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

**Garry Winsor, May 15, 1954 -November 27, 2010,**

**Andrew Winsor, June 9, 1985 – November 12, 2008,**

from Jan.

 St. James United Church

 November 17, 2013

 Pentecost 26/Anniversary Sunday/Communion

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry

Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald

Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM

Guest Preacher: Rev. Marion Davis

Choir: Senior Choir

Organist/Senior Choir Director: Christine Tiller

Assistant Organist: Gillian Burry

Band: Sight Restored

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**Organ Prelude:** *How Firm A Foundation* arr. Smith

**** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Doran

**Introit:** *We Are People of Faith* Carter

**Welcome**

**Hymn:** *Holy, Holy, Holy* 315

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

One: Today is our birthday, the celebration of our 55 years as a Church family here at St. James:
All: This is the time to gather in worship;
One: to bring the stories of our faith;
All: to recall memories of joy and reflect on our years of love.
One: This is the time to uplift all of our yesterdays and to recognize the possibilities of all our tomorrows.
All: We have come to offer praise and to lift our hearts and voices in thanksgiving, as we prepare to worship our God.

The Great Thanksgiving: (responsive)

One: The Lord be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
**One:** God of all nations, You created every person in Your image and called us by Your Holy Spirit to become one in Christ Jesus, through baptism and through faith. In Jesus Christ, You showed us the way to live with unique gifts and particularities, yet in harmony with You and with each other. You, O God, are indeed above all and through all and in all. So, today we join with voices throughout the earth and in heaven saying:
**All:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**
**One:** Holy are You and blessed is Your child, Jesus Christ. Jesus lived among us to show us Your love: caring enough to feed hungry persons, stopping to touch those in need of healing, reaching out to those not like himself: a Samaritan woman at a well, lepers from another country, those tortured by demons, a father pleading for his daughter, a woman from Syro-Phoenicia, Zacchaeus, a tax collector, a rich young ruler, a humble fisherman. When people gathered to hear His teachings, Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to them to eat, so that they might be fed. When Jesus ate with his disciples for his final meal on earth, they remembered His blessing on the multitude, and listened as he told them:
**ALL: “Take, eat, this is My body given for you.”**One: They watched as Jesus took the cup, blessed it and said:
**ALL: “Take, drink, this is My blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for the whole world for the forgiveness of sins.”**One: After his death and resurrection, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples told others through this meal, that Jesus was the Messiah, sent by God, for all humankind. Remembering now, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
**All: Christ, by Your cross and resurrection You have set us free. You are the Savior of the World.**One: Pour out Your Holy Spirit on the table spread this day, and here spread with Your gifts of bread, wine and Your grace overflowing abundantly. May all who partake, wherever they live, know the reconciling love of Jesus Christ. May Your church go forth from Communion with you to be one in Christ and one in witness to the world.
**All: In Your Holy name we pray. Amen.**

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**Opening Prayer:** (together)

As we gather this morning, O God, we have a song of celebration to sing. For all these years, many have worshiped in this faith family and gone out to serve their neighbours. We are deeply grateful for this gift. So as we gather once again, touch our hearts with Your love, ignite our spirits with Your passion, and align all our actions to Your will so that those who come after us may say, “Well done, good and faithful servants.” Amen.

**Time with the Children**

**Hymn:** *One Bread, One Body* 467

**Offertory Invitation:** (together) In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we are about to bring our gifts to You, O God. Help us to give with them a ready mind, a willing spirit and a joyful heart. Amen.

**Organ Offertory:** *Thanks Be To Thee* Handel

**Offertory Hymn:** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* 541

**Offertory Prayer:** (together)

Gracious and loving God, accept these gifts that we bring to You just now. We give thanks that, through Christ, You have shown us what giving really looks like. We also thank You for this faith community of St. James. Here You have shown us Your presence through a fellowship of caring, compassionate, and giving people. Accept our gifts and use us to bless the lives of others. Amen.

**Life and Work at St. James**

**Prayer for Illumination** (together):Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may Your Word be heard;

in the meditations of our hearts, may Your Word be known;

and in the faithfulness of our lives, may Your Word be shown. Amen.

 **THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Testament Responsive Reading:** Isaiah 12:1a-6 880

**Epistle Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27 859

**Gospel:** Luke 4 : 14-21

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**Anthem :** *Spirit Gathered, Spirit Guided* Trites

**Sermon :** Rev. Marion Davis

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Communion Hymn:** *All Are Welcome*

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live, a place where saints
and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Chorus:

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true, where all God’s children
dare to seek to dream God’s reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God’s grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground,

where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone

to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,

and live the Word they’ve known.

Here the outcast and the stranger

bear the image of God’s face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger;

 **We offer our condolences** to Rev. Terrie Burry and her family on the passing of Mary Burry in her 102nd year on November 8. The funeral was held at St. James on November 12.

We offer our condolences to Helen Smith on the passing of her sister-in-law, Elinor Eaton on November 6.

**A donation has been received for the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund** in loving memory of Joanne Hapgood from the NL Association of Realtors.

**Coffee Hour today** after the 11am Service!

**Note regarding recent mailout of financial statements**: St. James is aware that there may be issues with the amounts shown on the contribution statements that were recently mailed to the congregation.  The matter is being reviewed, and corrected statements will be available shortly.

**The Senior Choir** is extending an invitation to all those interested in singing with the choir – just for the Christmas season. Rehearsals for Christmas music will begin on Thursday, November 21st at 7.30pm. We are preparing for our Christmas Cantata – **‘*Voices Of Christmas’***. You may contact Christine (740-3810) for additional information or you can just come to rehearsal on November 21st.

**Memorial Gardens Cemetery Fundraiser**:  Fruit Sale!!    St. James has been invited to join with 18 other congregations in the St. John’s area to participate in a fundraiser for our new cemetery, Memorial Gardens in Southlands.  Fresh Florida oranges and grapefruit will be delivered to St. John’s in only 10 days!  Cost to you is $35 for a box of approx. 40 oranges or 20 grapefruit. 100 percent of the profits will go to the cemetery fund.  St. John’s Seventh Day Adventist Church has agreed to do all the ordering, receiving, storing and distributing.  When we pay for our total order, our church will be credited with the profit it generates.  Call the church office (722-1881) to place your single order, or pick up an order sheet from the office, and encourage your friends and family to order fresh fruit for Christmas. Place your order(s) with SuAn by Friday, November 29, and you will be notified when the fruit can be picked up and paid for. This is a sweet way to support our new cemetery!

**Bible Study** - **Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture**, using materials by Walter Brueggemann, will be held this week on Tuesday evening 7-8:30 and Wednesday morning 10-11.30 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

**The regular Dinner Meeting of AOTS** Men’s Service Club will take place at 5.30pm on November 20th. All men are welcome.

**The United Church has launched an Emergency Appeal for the Philippines.** If you wish to make a donation to this, you may do so online at  [www.united-church.ca/haiyan](http://www.united-church.ca/haiyan%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)  or via a personal cheque to St. James UC by December 8th. For more information, please see the letter outside the office.

**National Child Week Activities - November 16 to 23:** The City of St. John’s Recreation Division is recognizing National Child Day with activities for children and families to celebrate throughout the week.  This year we celebrate children's right to be heard. Activities throughout the week include:  playgroup, family archery, free swim, print making at Anna Templeton Centre and much more! For more information please call 576-8499, E-mail recreation@stjohns.ca or visit our website at [www.stjohns.ca](http://www.stjohns.ca/)

**On Tuesday, Nov 19, the Gower Street UC Men’s Club** will be holding its 43rd Annual Fall Auction and Bean Supper.  A silent auction begins at 5:30 PM and the main auction starts at 7:00 PM.  To reserve a 6:00 PM Dinner Ticket ($7.00) at the door, please call the Church Office at 753-7286.

**Visit the United Church Book Store and Gifts** in St. John’s for a

Christmas Sale November 20, 21, 22, from 9am to 4pm.

You may find the perfect gift for someone special on your Christmas list.

20% discount on selected items.

**Cowan Heights UCW Annual Fall Fair** Saturday Morning Coffee 10-12.30 ,November 23. Tickets available at door. **Annual  Turkey Dinner  at 6 pm** November 23 (dessert, tea or coffee).Tickets $20.00 available at church office 745-2871.

**Christmas Gospel Concert:** The S.A. Glenbrook Lodge Ladies’ Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Christmas Gospel Concert to be held at St. John's Citadel, Adams Avenue, on Friday, November 22nd at 7.30pm featuring the Wesley Men's Choir, along with the Spirit Movers Choir, and several other groups and vocalists. Tickets ($10) will be available from members of the Auxiliary and from the S.A. Christian Bookstore.

**The AED (Automated External Defibrillator)** is located in the west side closet of the church foyer. A sign saying such is on the door.

**An account has been set up at the Recycling Depot on O’Leary Avenue for the ‘GO Project.’** If youhave any refundable cans or bottles for recycling that you wish to donate, please bring them along to the O’Leary Avenue location and let them know they are for the ‘GO Project.’