

St. James United Church

February 1, 2015

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany/Baptism

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Choir: Senior
Organist/Choir Director: Amy Dalziel
Sophia WerdenAbrams

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Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.**

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: The rescuing, healing grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us come and glorify God with our bodies.

All: Standing in praise, let us sing of God's majesty in the sanctuary of the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks for the temples of the Holy Spirit that are our bodies.

All: It is beneficial for us and for the world that we gather as one body in Christ that gives thanks to God.

Opening Prayer: (together)

Great and loving God, when You created the cosmos, You shaped eternity. With great care, You divided the week into days from birth to death, from generation to generation, from eon to eon. You modelled for us a balance of work and rest. Today, in Your presence, we set apart this time to rest in You and to be renewed in Your word of life. As we breathe in Your goodness, may we echo Your voice and prayer: "It is good." It is good, it is good. It is good to be here. Amen.

Hymn: *God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness* 260

Celebrating Relationships: Circle Song, Passing the Peace & Children's Time

Baptismal Hymn: *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation

Parents' Baptismal Vows

Congregational Commitment (together, standing as you are able):

We have heard the will of the parents. We receive 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 and these children through prayer, and provide a community of faith in which they are welcome to belong. May we serve God's world together. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed 918

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Pouring of the Water

Action of Baptism

Lachlan Hamish Seal, son of Melanie Dawn Pike Seal & Shane Kenneth Frederick Seal

Jenna Susan Stanley, daughter of Melissa Jean Pelley Stanley & Adam James Stanley

Blessing: (together)

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *Doxology* 541

Offertory Prayer: (together)

Living Christ, You show us the cost of discipleship. You offer our poor spirits the kingdom of heaven. With our offering, may You also find we bring to You kind hearts, strength for justice and humility as we walk with you in trust. Bless these gifts in Christ's name. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20
Responsive Psalm 111 833

Anthem

Scripture Reading : Mark 1 : 21-28

Hymn: *Bathe Me in Your Light* MV82

Sermon & Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision* 642

Blessing & Sending Forth

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Michelle Skinner

Greeters & Ushers: Wayne & Sophie Skinner, Jennifer Tremblett & Claire Neary,
Vanessa & Liam Nichols



Accessibility at St. James United Church:

Hearing Devices Wheelchairs Enlarged Bulletins

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<input type="checkbox"/> We have sickness in our family	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like a call from a Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to receive The Visitor
<input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in PAR, envelopes	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to discuss full membership	<input type="checkbox"/> I have changed my address

Name: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

