

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
cherished parents, Roma & Eric Paul,
with thanks and gratitude for their love and guidance
from Nancy and Anthony.

St. James United Church

October 11, 2015/Thanksgiving/Baptism
Living Thankfully Day by Day – The Life of the Steward

Minister: Rev. Terrie Jackson
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Choir: Senior
Music Director: Sophia Werden Abrams

Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.
Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.

Musical Prelude

Welcome & Life & Work of St. James



Lighting the Christ Candle:

One: Every day is made new; we are never, ever alone!

All: Thanks be to God!

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: In the early church, the people of the Way gathered each & every day

All: to eat and drink, and give thanks to God!

One: In times of worry, in times of joy,

All: to eat and drink and give thanks to God!

One: And so we gather, Christ's people here,

All: to eat and drink and give thanks to God! alleluia, Alleluia, ALLELUIA!

Opening Prayer: (together with actions)

For the wind that blows, for the water that flows,

For the earth and the stars above; thank You God!

For the peace and quiet, for the chaos of life,

For this moment, thank You God!

In the name of the Creator, in the name of the Christ,

In the name of the Holy Ruach. Amen!

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Hymn: *Come, You Thankful People, Come* 516

Children's Time, the Circle Song & Passing the Peace

Baptismal Hymn: *God of the Bible, v.1-3* MV28



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

Madeleine Jane Kaemah Des Roches, daughter of Jeanetta Noah Howard & Christopher Leigh Des Roches;

Olivea Daniel Jean Hand, daughter of Pamela Nicole Hutchings & Trevor Gary Hand;

Cayden Jason Raymond Bishop, son of Cassandra Ann Bishop & Tyler Raymond Fowlow.

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.

Baptismal Hymn: *God of the Bible, v.4-5* MV28

Offertory Invitation

Offering: Ev'ry Day is a Day of Thanksgiving (MV 185) Choir

Offertory Hymn: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God, v. 1* 382

Offertory Prayer: (together) Our hearts that beat, our hands that share, our love that lives within each prayer, receive and bless, O God. And on these plates lie just a few gifts given to us, now given to You, receive and bless, O God!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 12: 2-6

Christian Scripture: Acts 2: 43-47

Anthem : *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree* Choir

Gospel: Matthew 6 : 25-34

Hymn: *Give Thanks for Life* 706

Meditation

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Closing Hymn: *Now Thank We All Our God* 236

Blessing & Sending Forth

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Ushers in Charge: Kim Mayo

Greeters: Jennifer Tremblett, Claire Neary

Ushers: Jennifer, Kate and Allison Bartlett,

Gerry, Katelyn and Laura Mayo



Happy Thanksgiving to all

Life and Works of St. James, October 11, 2015

We acknowledge the following donations: *to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of parents, Albert & Annie Humphries from Clayton, Ethel and family; *to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Bonnie Barbour Vincent from George & Barbara Barbour; *to the General Fund in loving memory of Robert Whitman Goodwin from Elizabeth and family.

What we can do for the Syrian Refugee Crisis? *Pray that the conflict may end and peace prevail. **Donate to The United Church of Canada, Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response*, online, by phone or by civic mail. *Sponsor a refugee. (Contact The Association for New Canadians.)

We offer our thanks and welcome to: * Sharon Seaward as our new Secretary of Council; *Laun Shoemaker as our new Chair of the Worship & Sacraments Committee. We also thank John Austin for his work on the Property Committee over the summer, and welcome Lorne Hollett back for the winter.

The Church office will be closed tomorrow for Thanksgiving Monday.

Called to Be the Church study groups begin this week: Tuesday, October 13 at 10am or Wednesday, October 14 at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

The next Escasoni Service will be on this coming Tuesday, October 13 at 2pm at the new Long Term Facility on Newfoundland Drive. Volunteers are asked to meet at 1.15 in the chapel to plan the congregation pick-ups.

Meditation for Seniors continues in the Fellowship Room on Wednesday, October 14 at noon, this week, not 11am.

Our Guitar Group will be playing at Margaret's Manor on Oct. 15 at 2pm.

Tickets (\$20) for the AOTS Fall Fish Dinner on October 23 are available from David Hapgood, 576-4075 & Aubrey Hill, 726-8306

The Worship & Sacraments Committee is evaluating the summer 10:00am service schedule, and feedback from the congregation is an integral part of the evaluation. Please take the time to complete the included questionnaire and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the pew for collection. Pencils are available in the pews. We ask that you please only complete the form ONCE to maintain the integrity of the information gathered. Our sincere thanks for your assistance. Any questions or comments can be directed to the committee through the church office, 722-1881, ext. 200.