

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9
November 1, 2015, The Year of Hospitality



Called to Be the Church

*Giving Sunday
Our Personal Response*

Each of you must give as you have made
up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7



Your gift, along with all other gifts,
will help us be the Church.

Looking ahead –

Gratitude – Give thanks in all circumstances.

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This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Eric Thompson,
December 3, 1920 – October 29, 2010
from Nellie, Paul and Jean.

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November 1, 2015/All Saints Day/Baptism
Called to be the Church – Giving Sunday: Our Personal Response

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

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

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



Introit: *Welcome*

Choir

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Come; let us join together in work and celebration.

All: Enter these gates with thanksgiving and praise.

One: Come; let us share our love for God and our neighbour.

All: Whoever is kind to the poor tends to the Lord.

One: Come; let us offer sustenance, even as we are sustained.

All: Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

One: Come; let us learn of the Way of the Gospel.

All: Let those who have eyes to see, see and ears to hear, hear.

One: Come and enter these gates with thanksgiving and praise.

All: We come together in worship and celebration. Amen!

Opening Prayer: (together) God of welcome and hospitality, we come to this morning's time of celebration prepared to meet You in the words we hear, the hymns we sing and the people we meet. As we gather on this day

with friends, neighbours, strangers and those soon to be friends, we recognize that each of us brings with us hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, gifts to be offered, and needs to be met, and we know that this is a place of safety where we can share the entirety of our lives. Amen.

Hymn: *We Are One, v.1-3* 402

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

Baptismal Hymn: *Let Us Build a House* MV1

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 this child 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 this child through prayer, and provide a community of faith in which he is 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

Benjamin James Farrell, son of Joanne Melissa (Butt) Farrell & Shawn Michael Farrell

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. Amen.

Minute for Mission & Offertory Invitation

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands* 537

Offertory Prayer: (together) God of justice and right relations, we live in a world where our possessions define us and our value is measured by our net worth. It is out of that world that we now bring this offering forward as one expression of the value we place in Your mission, Your ministry and our willingness to invest ourselves in the life of this church and the wider community. See in these plates, and in PAR, our financial givings, and see in our hearts the offering of both our time and our talents in the sharing of Your gospel and the building of Your kin-dom. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 35: 20-29

Anthem: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* Choir

New Testament Reading: Matthew 6: 19-24

Hymn: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* 670

Sermon

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Closing Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised* 120

Blessing & Sending Forth

Musical Postlude: *We Are One, v.4* 402

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Barry Cutler

Greeters: Bill & Cindy Pike

Ushers: Marjorie Tiller, Baxter Howse, Oliver Wellon, Jim Inder



Accessibility at St. James United Church:

Hearing Devices Wheelchairs Enlarged Bulletins

If you wish to use one of the above services that we offer, please speak with one of our ushers and they will be happy to assist you.

The AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is now located in a cabinet hanging on wall outside of the side door to the sanctuary – the extension entrance.