

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
a cherished mother, Roma Paul (November 30, 1938 – April 27, 2013)

"She will always be our guiding light."

with love and gratitude from Nancy and Anthony.

And also in loving memory of

Murley Bursey,

ever remembered by Shirley, Carolyn, Sherry, Joanne, Paul and Barry.

St. James United Church

November 27, 2016/Advent 1

Minister: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Acting Minister of Visitation: Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray
Organist: Ashley Ruby
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

Acknowledgement of country and First Peoples

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



Entry into the Celebration

Lighting the Community Candle

Introit: *Soon, Very Soon* Choir

Call to Worship: (together)

Awaken us, O God. *(arms stretched above head)*
We are waiting for someone special, let us keep watch. *(look around the room)*
Prepare us to embark on this journey. *(stamp feet on the floor)*
May peace be within each of us, *(hands over heart)*
as we travel Your path of peace together. *(hands in prayer position, turn to left and right)*

Opening Prayer (responsive) and Lighting of Advent Candle:

One: We are all on this Advent journey together. Travel with us, God, during this time of waiting.

All: Awaken our hearts to Your peace.

One: We light a new candle each Sunday in Advent, reminding us that You, God, are the light along our paths leading us to a more just world.

All: Awaken our hearts to Your peace.

One: Holy One, as we wait, help us to stay awake and present to Your love.

Help us unlearn ways of harm, and practice ways of kindness.

All: Awaken our hearts to Your peace.

Sharing The Peace:

One: The peace of God is here... to stay *(Iona)*.

All: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.

Hymn: *Let There Be Light* 679

Children's Time

Hymn: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* 2

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *People in Darkness* Choir

Offertory Hymn: *to the tune of My Life Flows On*
Sheep softly bleat, the angels sing, wise men and shepherds seek Him.
The greatest gift we have received; a child born in Bethlehem.
With grateful and with humble hearts, these gifts we gladly offer,
to share God's love with all the earth, with Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Prayer of dedication: Friends, we are called to travel on God's paths, with people from every nation. Let us live in the light of God that we may unlearn war and learn peace. We bring the best of ourselves and our offerings, to God's church and world. Amen.

Silence

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 2: 1-5

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 122 845

Anthem: *Come, Light of the World* Choir

Gospel: Matthew 24: 36-44

Hymn: *Marching to Zion* 714

Meditation

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *People Look East* 9

Parting Words

Blessing

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Barry Cutler

Greeters & Ushers: Bill & Cindy Pike, Sandra Thistle, Marjorie Tiller, Linda Babstock

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.

We are a caring community: It is important to us that those in need of prayers and pastoral care receive it. If you know of someone in need, we encourage you to have them, or a member of their immediate family, contact us personally.

Help Us To Help You

<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

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