

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Jacob Parsons
from wife Effie and sons Donald, Derek and families.

St. James United Church

November 6, 2016/Pentecost XXV/Baptism/Communion

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Musical Prelude

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James

Lighting of the Community Candle

Introit: *Jesus Stand Among Us*

Choir

Sharing The Peace

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.



Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: The Christian life is not so much a destination as a journey.

Two: Even so the worship of God is not to be found solely in the gathering of this people of faith, nor in their acts of worship or faithful service.

All: But true worship is found in sharing these moments when we sense God's presence....(silence).....

One: ...and in celebrating those moments together with joy.

Two: Come then, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer: (together) Gracious God, we are here today in the spirit of joy and celebration. As we gather for worship, may we feel the love and power of Your Holy Spirit. May we also experience Your love and grace beyond this worship in our daily lives. Amen.

Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

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Children's Time & the Circle Song

Baptismal Hymn: *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

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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

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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Pouring of the Water

Action of Baptism

Ethan Alexander Green, son of Stephanie Nicole Boland Green & Kristian Kyle Green, and **Penelope Violet Thorne Piercey**, daughter of Rebecca Miriam Thorne & Jeffrey Calvin Matthew Piercey

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: *In Gratitude and Humble Trust*

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today

to serve Your cause and share Your love with all along life's way.

*O God, who gave Yourself to us in Jesus Christ, Your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.*

Offertory Prayer: (together) We offer You our wounds and our worries. We offer You our brokenness and our struggles. We offer You these gifts and our very selves. Bless us and what we offer, O God. Help us to bring transformation for discipleship within Your call. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21

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Gospel: Matthew 5

sung by Glenda Winsor

Anthem: *Peace Like a River/Kumb'a Ya*

Choir

Prayer of Confession: (together): Forgiving God, we bring to You today the many times and ways we have neglected to listen to You. In our daily living we have sometimes put You last instead of first. We have neglected others. We have not been true to our call to discipleship. In silence we ask for Your forgiveness.....Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon
Silent Meditation**

Hymn: *We Gather Here*



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Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: Jesus taught that bread was meant to be shared, and that all are welcome at God's table. Jesus asked to be remembered in the sharing of the bread.

All: In this sharing, in this welcoming, in this remembering, we celebrate the gift of life.

One: Jesus taught that all of life is woven together, and that love is why we are here. Jesus asked to be remembered in the sharing of the cup.

All: In this weaving together, in this loving, in this remembering, we celebrate the gift of life.

One: We gather at this table to remember that.....Whenever you drink it, remember Me."

All: Holy God, we remember Your Son, His life with the humble, His death among the wretched, His resurrection for us all: Your wisdom- our guide, Your justice- our strength, Your grace- our path to rebirth.

And so we cry: Mercy! Glory! Blessing!

One: Holy God, we beg.....Nourish the life of the earth.

All: Make us, while many, united. Make us, though broken, whole. Make us, despite death, alive.

One: And so we cry....the earth pleads.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!!

One: Praise God now..... and we praise God together saying:

All: Our Father.....

Prayers for our Community and World

Breaking of the Bread and the Pouring of the Wine

Prayer after Communion: (together) We thank You God for Your presence here at this table and for Your companionship on all our journeys. Bless what we have shared here this day. We pray in the name and Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Walk with Me*

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Blessing and Sending Forth followed by Musical Postlude