

St. James United Church

October 7, 2018/Thanksgiving Sunday/World Wide Communion

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
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Choir:	Senior
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Greeters/Ushers:	Florence Head, Oliver Wellon, Betty Pilgrim, Gilbert & Lillian Thomas

St. James United Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Candle: We hear Jesus calling, *"Follow Me!"* We light the candle to remind us that we are community and we follow Christ together, and His light will guide us on our journey.

Introit: *We Gather Here*

Choir

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Come together on this day for thanksgiving and communion.

All: We come to praise God with grateful hearts and open minds.

One: Come to remember and be still, and know God is with us.

All: We come longing for wisdom and peace to fill our spirits.

One: As we worship God together, let us be open to receiving the gifts of God. Let us be ready to respond to God's calls to service.

All: Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer: (together) Holy God, as the landscape is painted with reds and golds and all the colors of the season, we are filled with gratitude. We are thankful for the earth that is alive around us, for families and friends that give us life, for all that makes life good. May we give our thanks freely, so all around us may feel Your presence. Amen.

Chorus: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* 400

*Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!*

Children's Time, Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Offertory Invitation

Offering

Offertory Chorus: *Spirit, Open My Heart* MV79
*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living,
As You love, may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

Offertory Prayer: (together) Creator God, on this Thanksgiving Sunday, we celebrate the bounty of this earth, the love of family and friends, the grace that surrounds our lives, and the opportunity to be a means of grace in the lives of others. Through these offerings, may Your love and grace be known here and around the world. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Joel 2: 21-27
1 Timothy 2:1-6

Meditation

Anthem *O Taste and See* by Vaughan Williams Choir

Invitation to Confession: In order to fully and freely be drawn into worship, we confess to God all that we know we have done that falls short of the glory of God.

Prayer of Confession: (together) Generous God, there is so much in our lives for which we can give thanks, but we often forget. There is abundance in our lives, but we end up noticing what we don't have. Open our hearts to Your grace and Your presence. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Communion Hymn: *One Bread, One Body* 467

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Please see projected liturgy

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

(Communion will be served in the pews today.)

Prayer after Communion: (together) God of great mystery, we have shared in Your feast, but not only with those in this church this morning; we have also shared this Holy Communion with sisters and brothers around the world. A range of languages and smiles have praised You, O God, from all over the earth. Unite us to one another.

The St. James budget for 2018 included a revenue target of \$7,300 for the special Thanksgiving offerings. At this Thanksgiving, let's make a collective effort to exceed this amount! Thanks to the congregation for all the continued support.

Tomorrow, Monday, October 8: The Church office will be closed, and the weekly *Loose Threads Sewing Studio* cancelled for Thanksgiving Monday.

The October Pleasant View Towers Worship Service will take place on Tuesday, October 9 at 2pm. Volunteers are asked to meet at 1:30 in the chapel to plan the congregation pick-ups; new volunteers are always welcome!

Important notice for volunteers: When residents are taken from their floor to go to the Chapel, they now need a floor identification tag, available from the floor nursing station. Residents are not to be taken off the floor without this tag!

Wednesday, October 10: Our Friendship Group will meet at 2pm. Winona and Barbara appreciate the ladies who came forward. Thanks to Vera Marshall, Shirley Simmons and Phyllis Hoskins. The format will be a little different from the past, for further details please call Vera at 221-5869 New members are always welcome.

Thursday, October 11 Weekly *Not a Bible Study* continues at 7pm.

New programs this fall at St. James:

***Chi Gong** for 8 Tuesdays at 11am, October 16 – December 4 in the Fellowship Room. Come to the first class as a \$5 drop-in to see if this class is for you. If so, sign up for the remaining 7 for \$70.

***Tech Time** every third Saturday of the month, 10am-noon in the Fellowship Room starting October 20. Would you like help in navigating your electronic device? From simply extracting photos from your cell phone to unravelling a tangly software issue, our experts can help.

***Writer's Circle** every second and fourth Monday of the month, 7-9pm in the Fellowship Room, open to anyone wishing to discover or exercise their creative writing skills as well as folks needing direction, proofreading or editing of their work, with assistance from experienced leaders.

Our UCW Fall Sale is on Saturday, November 3 this year at 10am. \$7 tickets can be purchased from any UCW member, who love to see you there!

The St. James 60th Anniversary Committee: * is looking for photos of the beginnings of St. James at Macpherson. Please contact the office if you have.

***has placed a copy of the Anniversary calendar for 2019** outside the office. To pre-order a calendar (\$20 each), please add your name to the list on the office door, or contact Jennifer Adams, 237-7011 or jadams@nl.rogers.com

***tickets for our Diamond Anniversary Celebrations Dinner are available** for purchase or reservation from our Church Office. Saturday, November 17 at 6 for 6:30pm in the Auditorium. Cost is \$25 per ticket.

Zatoun Fair Trade Extra Virgin Olive Oil for sale at \$20 a bottle. Please contact Susan or SuAn if you wish to purchase a bottle.

Topsail UC: *Thanksgiving Breakfast on Saturday October 6, 8 - 11am

*Annual Fall Sale with Soup luncheon and dessert on Monday October 8, 11am - 1pm. All are welcome.

Wesley Church Flipper Dinner, Thursday, October 11, at 6pm. Eat in only, no takeouts available. Tickets are \$25. Call Pheobe Sheppard at 726-1689, Marvin Barnes at 579-7900 or Wesley Church office at 579-3682.

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