

This bulletin is dedicated in honour of a wonderful lady,
Ruby Hiscock
on your 100th birthday, from your loving family.
"You are an inspiration to us all."

St. James United Church

December 9, 2018, Advent 2, Peace

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
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Usher in Charge:	Bill Butt
Greeters:	Barry and Keith Hiscock
Ushers:	Lillian & Gilbert Thomas, Bruce Hunt, Glenda & William Butt, Eric King

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 Community Candle

Introit: *Let there be peace on earth* Choir

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Imagination ignites the world with dancing and laughter.

All: Anxiety dreams of a day when all worries are cast aside.

One: Wisdom reflects how to build a world where peace and sharing prevail. And we gather to celebrate and sing, to praise and pray, all the while seeking a glimpse of Peace.

Opening Prayer: (together) God, grant us a vision of Your future, so we may be people of peace. Let it give us calm in times of chaos, and gratitude in times of reconciliation. Amen.

Hymn: *Hark the Glad Sound* 29

Lighting the Second Advent Candle: (*light the first candle*)

One: On the first Sunday of Advent we lit a candle for Hope.

(*light the second candle*) Today we light a candle for Peace.

All: We welcome the glow that causes us to pause, the glow

that entices us to gather together, the glow that shines in hearts of goodwill .

One: Come, Holy One of Peace on this Advent journey: welcome us as we welcome You.

All: We receive the light of peace.

Hymn: *Hope is a Star, v. 2* 7

*Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.*

Children's Time, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Hymn: *There's a Voice in the Wilderness* 18

Offertory Invitation

Offering

Offertory Song: *In Gratitude and Humble Trust* 544

*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) Love takes many forms O God, and peace is more than the absence of war. Compassion can be shared in a bowl of soup, and justice must be shared by all. Let these gifts we bring be all these things and more, because we have given them into Your care and use. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Anthem: *Creation Will Be At Peace* Choir

Scripture: Malachi 3: 1-4
Luke 1: 68-79

Meditation: 'God Works in Unlikely Places, and Unlikely People'

Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* vs.1, 6, 7 1

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* 670

Blessing and Sending Forth: We may become instruments of peace in times of strife. Let us take up our call and go, spreading the message of peace to all.

Benediction: Let us share the peace of Christ with each other as we leave.

Musical Postlude

St. James United Church Life and Work, December 9, 2018

We offer our condolences to Cator Brown, his family and friends, on the sudden passing of Cator's beloved wife, Jean, on December 3. Her funeral service took place from Carnell's Chapel last Thursday.

The poinsettia adorning the Sanctuary today is in loving memory of Nellie & Bill Bishop from Beverley, Karen and Keith and grand-daughter Kara and family.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the General Fund:

***in loving memory** of husband Gilbert, son Gil Jr. and daughter Lona from Ruby Hiscock.

***in loving honour of a most wonderful mother**, Ruby Hiscock, on her 100th birthday, Sunday, December 9, 2018 from:

*her daughter Patsy,

*her daughter Donna and son-in law Ted,

*her son Glenn and family,

*her son Keith & daughter-in-law Kathie,

*her son Paul & daughter-in-law Susan,

*her son Barry and daughter-in-law Janine.

***in honour of a wonderful Nan**, Ruby Hiscock, on her 100th birthday, with love from:

*Andrew, Matthew, Sasha and Barry Pyne,

*Stephen, Robin and Maggie,

*Michael & Chrissy, Jeffrey & Teri, Daniel & Lisa,

*David, Courtney and Matthew.

***in honour of our Nanny the Great**, Ruby Hiscock, on her 100th birthday, with love from:

*Zara and Nuala Pyne,

*Jake and Jesse,

*Lana.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to Stella Circle's Wish list in loving memory of daughter Joanne Hapgood, R.N., B.N. and grand-daughter Bethany Danielle Pike from Dot & Dave Hapgood.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the General Fund in loving memory of Dr. Betty Brett: *"Ever remembered, love Michelle."*

Financial Update: To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,115. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)

Givings for: November 18: \$3,745

November 25: \$6,700

December 2: \$4,249

The Memorial Fund of St James was established as a means for families to commemorate the lives of deceased loved ones through enhancement of worship and the Sanctuary. It is managed by the Worship

and Sacraments Committee. Examples of expenses are: Hymn Books, Bibles, Choir gowns, Furnishings for the Sanctuary and Music. Music is an integral part of our worship services providing joy, solace, inspiration and peace through participation, simply listening or reflecting. The Music Program at St. James is financed directly from the Memorial Fund. When considering donations to the church, we ask that you consider donating to the Memorial Fund.

Today after the 11am Worship Service: A congregational meeting to discuss the Visitation Program and the status of the Minister of Visitation position.

This afternoon: Project Grace presents their Christmas *Semester Showcase* in our Sanctuary at 3pm. Admission is by freewill donation.

Every Sunday: St. James' Anniversary Calendars are available for purchase at \$20 each. They are also available during the week from the church office.

The 60th Anniversary was a wonderful event and a truly special evening. If members of the congregation have photographs they are willing to share, please contact Susan Sheppard for information on how to send them.

Tomorrow, Monday, December 10:

**Loose Threads Sewing Studio*, 3-6pm. **Writer's Circle*, 7-9pm.

Tuesday, December 11: *Pleasant View Towers Worship Service at 2pm. Volunteers, please 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 need a floor identification tag, available from the floor nursing station.

*St. James Guitar Group will be playing at Karwood Retirement Community at 2pm.

Thursday, December 13: This week only, the weekly *Not a Bible Study* meets at the Mercy Centre at 7pm for an Advent Retreat.

Next Sunday, December 16: *The 11am White Gift Service with donations to Stella's Circle and Street Reach. Stella Circle's Wish List for our White Gift Service is on the notice board by the Annex door.

*7 pm: A Christmas Festival of Carols and Choirs. St. James will host an evening of Christmas music: a congregational carol sing alongside performances by the Senior Choir and various groups from the St. John's community. Entrance: freewill offering.

Guy Matthews Medical Assistance Fund: Please see Page 6 of your Christmas Visitor for details.

Christmas 2018 Memory Tree: Christmas is a time of celebrating the birth of Jesus. As with all special celebrations, we remember with fond and loving memories those who are no longer with us to share in these occasions. One of the ways we at St. James acknowledge this at this time is through the Memory Tree. For a donation of \$5, a coloured bulb will be changed to a white one in memory of your loved ones. The changing of lights is a beautiful, seasonal visible symbol. Even when the tree comes down, the gift continues in our Life & Works.

Deadline Monday, December 17.

Memory Tree Form

Name of person donating: _____

In Memory of: _____

Env #: _____ Address if no Env. #: _____

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for M&S support overseas personnel like Marion Pope, RN, who served with the Presbyterian Church in the republic of Korea (PROK) for 36 years. She notes: *“Our questions relate to the struggle to reconcile the truth we see in the gospel with the values of the culture in which we are living & working”*. We are not sent out to change others but to learn, work and live with other people under the direction of the church to which we are sent. Marion took this challenge seriously, teaching the traditions of Korean nursing (which had been replaced by western medicine). Marion provided insight into how to develop nursing in the Korean context by using their Korean perspective. Her teaching and influence showed Korean nursing educators that Korean nursing has much to offer. She states that everything I have done and taught and lived in Korea and Canada was my attempt to reflect the missiology I was taught at the Centre for Christian Studies. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

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