

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of brother
E. Desmond Butt, P. Eng.,
April 14, 1948 – March 5, 2018
from sisters Glenda Winsor and Gloria Le Feuvre
and families.

St. James United Church

March 10, 2019/First Sunday in Lent

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist/Choir Director:	Paul Rodermond
Choir:	Senior
Usher in Charge:	Trevor Bartlett
Greeters:	Clyde & Brenda Flight
Ushers:	Michelle & Wayne Skinner, Nancy Paul, Anthony Paul, Heather Hickman, Janet Bartlett

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

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CANDLE: We light this candle, thinking back to the candles we lit during Advent in anticipation of the arrival of the promised Christ child. Today, we look ahead through the shadowed days of a Lenten journey and the anticipation of the joyous Easter morning.

CHORAL INTROIT: *A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester*

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: We are gathered here on the first Sunday in Lent.

All: It is a season of mystery.

One: It marks the time of Jesus' journey in the wilderness.

All: Can we go with Him on this journey?

One: Yes, Jesus invites us on this journey to discover more about ourselves, to discover more about His way and to discover the Kingdom of God.

All: Come; let us go with Jesus on this journey. Let us gather in worship.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) Gracious God, this Lenten journey seems so long at times, and we become impatient. Loving God, strengthen us for the days ahead as we

walk with Jesus toward Jerusalem and the cross, toward His dying, and His promise of new life. May we find the blessing in this journey. We pray in His name. Amen.

HYMN: *God We Praise You for the Morning* 415

CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HYMN: *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights* 108

OFFERTORY INVITATION OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Your work, O God, needs many hands* 537
*Your work, O God, needs many hands to help You everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.
Because we love You and Your work, our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as Your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (together) Gracious God, You are generous beyond our understanding. You have given us everything good, and we thank You. We ask that You accept our gifts, our money, our time and our talents. We ask that You bless every situation where our gifts are used in the generous spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Richard de Castre's Prayer to Jesus* Choir

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
Luke 4: 1-13

MEDITATION: "In the Wilderness."

HYMN: *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert* 115

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* 664

COMMISSIONING: May we go forth with a spirit that sees the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God. Amen.

BENEDICTION

(Let us share the peace of Christ with each other as we leave.)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

Minute for Mission: Rob Dalglish, Executive Director of EDGE, says the growth of Embracing the Spirit, an M&S program, demonstrates that there is an appetite across the church to experiment with new forms of worship and ministry. Embracing the Spirit is an M&S program, learning network and innovation fund. He notes: *“People sometimes ask ‘What do art shows or cooking classes have to do with church?’ I tell them it’s about loving your neighbour and the neighbourhood. Changing lives for the better, whether economically, socially, environmentally, or through more traditional spiritual practices, is an act of love. It’s an expression of the abundant life that was Jesus’ purpose. Through our own deepening discipleship, it becomes an opportunity to introduce people to who Jesus is and the way He invites us to walk.”* The Embracing the Spirit learning network consists of more than 300 people receiving guidance from more than 80 mentors. Another part of the program is the Social Innovation Challenge, where participants can develop a concept, discover new partners, and compete for start-up funding. There have been 11 Social Innovation Challenges so far, which bring a spiritual bottom line to entrepreneurship.

St. James United Church Life and Work, March 10, 2019

Financial Update: To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$3,961. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)

Givings for: February 17: \$2,806

February 24: \$3,541

March 3: \$3,460

Today: immediately after the 11am Service, please join us for Coffee Hour, hosted by our UCW, followed by our Annual Congregational Meeting to discuss reports from 2018 and approve the 2019 budget.

Tomorrow, Monday, March 11:

***Our Lenten Offering Folders** will be available from the office all week;

***St. James Guitar Group** plays at North Pond Manor in Torbay at 2pm;

***Sewing Studio**, 3-6pm in the Fellowship Room. New people welcome;

***Writers’ Circle** every second and fourth Monday of the month, 7-9pm in the Youth Centre;

* **The regular monthly meeting of the UCW** at 7:30pm in the church auditorium. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

Tuesday, March 12 at 2pm: Pleasant View Towers Worship Service conducted by members of the men’s club. 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 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, March 13:

***The first of a weekly lunch time Communion Service** every Wednesday during Lent. This short Service

will begin at 12.15 in the Youth Centre followed by a brown bag lunch. Why not make this weekly practice part of your Lenten Spiritual Journey?

* **Our Friendship Group** meets at 1pm for lunch.

Zatoun Olive Oil: Our Outreach Committee is offering Fair Trade Extra Virgin Olive Oil on sale from the office during Lent at \$20 a bottle. *"Zatoun is Palestine in a bottle"* Proceeds benefit farmers and children living in occupied Palestine and create awareness for peace in Palestine.

Thursday, March 14: Not a Bible Study at 7:30pm in the Youth Centre.

Saturday, March 16:

***Tech Time**, 10am – noon in the Youth Centre.

***Ukelele:** in the Youth Centre at 1pm for 1:30 start. Susan at 722-1881, ext. 204, susan@stjames.org
If you don't have a ukulele, the A. C. Hunter Public Library's Musical Lending Library has some to borrow.

***Community Potluck and Games Night 6-9pm** in the Auditorium! All ages are welcome! Bring something to share for supper, and stay for fun and board games, or even a game of cards!

Next Sunday, March 17: PIE DAY: Public-Intentional-Explicit – The St. James Diversity Committee will be hosting PIE DAY following the 11am service. This event draws awareness to our commitment towards becoming an affirming congregation. Slices of pie will be available for all on a donation basis, with funds used to support diversity at St. James. Interested in donating a pie? We're looking for homemade dessert pies. If you're interested in making a pie, please call Robin Bartlett at 754-5409 (or via e-mail at robinbartlett1224@gmail.com) and let us know.

Burry Heights Camp and Retreat Centre's AGM on Saturday, March 23, 10am at the Burry Heights Camp Site on Salmonier Line. All are welcome.

UCW Spring Tea & Variety Stalls: Saturday, April 13, 2-4 pm. Cost: \$7.00;

tickets available from UCW members and at the door. Donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support. If you require additional information please contact Sheilah Beckett 722-7621 or Barbara Butt 576-1344.

"Come let us have some tea and continue to talk about happy things."

This afternoon at Gower Street UC: Gower's Community Band's Downtown 'POPS' Concert at 3pm; fun for all ages, including a performance by members of the Anchormen Barbershop Chorus. There are prizes to be won! Free tickets available at the door!

Tenth Annual Memorial Service for Cougar Flight 491: Tuesday, March 12 at 7pm at Elim Pentecostal Tabernacle, Kenmount Road.

First United Church, Mount Pearl:

* **'St. Patrick's Irish Stew Supper'** Friday, March 15 at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children, purchased at their church office or from members of their UCW. Please call 368-2194 for more information.

***Evening of Gospel Music**, Sunday, March 17 at 7pm for an uplifting service of Gospel Music with their 'Blended Voices Choir' and the 'Right Fit Band'.

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