

St. James United Church

October 11, 2020/ Thanksgiving Sunday

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of cherished parents,
Roma and Eric Paul,
from Nancy and Anthony.

"We are forever grateful for the blessing of having had such loving parents. Life is not forever, but love is."

Minister:	Rev. Jim von Reisen
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Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Assoc. Music Director:	Branden Olsen
Soloist:	Glenda Winsor

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

Acknowledgement of Country/First Peoples

Welcome

Congregational Life and Work

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle to remind us that the Spirit of the eternal God moves around among and within us, drawing us into Christian Community.

Call to Worship:

One: We gather on this Thanksgiving Sunday to celebrate God's presence, and God's love expressed through Jesus the Christ.

All: We gather remembering Christ's life and ministry, and the life we are called to live.

One: We gather as a pilgrim people searching for ways to live out our faith.

All: We gather seeking the strength to continue on our journey.

One: Let us rejoice in God's gifts of life and love!

Opening Prayer: (together)

O Holy Spirit, Breath of God, blow in our lives this day. Fill us with the freshness of your living love. Inspire and renew us as we worship that we might be refreshed and ready to be your people in the world. Amen.

Hymn: *We Are One as We Come*

VU 402

Offertory Invitation

Offering

Offertory Prayer: (together)

Generous One, these our offerings have no life in themselves, but can be a vital influence for good when they are put to work. May this money bring new life to the hopeless, justice to the oppressed, healing to those who suffer. May this money be put to work in a way our faith would commend. Amen.

Dedication of New Stained-Glass Window:

**Dedication of Stained-Glass Window
in Memory of Blanche Hollett
Presentation of the Gift**

Family Memoriam:

One: In memory of Blanche Hollett and on behalf of the Hollett family, we present this window to be dedicated to the glory and praise of God.

All: With gratitude we accept this window. We will care for it as it enhances the beauty of our Sanctuary

Words of Dedication:

One: In the name of the Holy and Triune God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit,

All: We dedicate this window to the glory of God.

One: With gratitude and reverence,

All: We dedicate this window to the glory of God.

One: For the beauty of this Holy place, and for the sake of all God's people,

All: We dedicate this window to the glory of God.

One: In remembrance of Blanche Hollett,

All: We dedicate this window to the glory of God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

One: Creator God, source of all inspiration and beauty, we thank You for the gift of this window now dedicated to the glory of Your name.

All: May Your Holy Spirit guide us in reverent and loving use of all things, remembering always Your great gift to us, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Saviour. Amen.

Biblical Reference to the window: Ephesians 5:19 NIV

Prayer:

God of the whole human family, we thank You for all that was beautiful and good in the life remembered today; for the example Blanche provided of faith and hope, and for her love of Your church and of all who gather in the name of Jesus, our Saviour. Amen

Hymn: *God, We Pray at This Beginning* VU 443

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Oliver Charles Klemola
child of Lindsay and Dean Klemola

Purpose and Presentation

Parents' Vows

Congregational Commitment: (together)

We have heard the will of the parents. We receive this child in Christ's name as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of faith in Jesus Christ. We will support these parents and their child 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)

The Act of Baptism

Lighting and Presentation of Baptism Candle

Anthem/Solo/Special Music

Epistle: Galatians 3:26-29

Responsive Psalm: Psalm29 VU 756

One: Ascribe to God, you powers of the heaven, ascribe to God all glory and strength!

All: **Ascribe due honour to God's holy name, and worship in the beauty of holiness. R**

One: God's voice is over the waters – God's glory thundering across the great waters.

All: **God's voice is power, God's voice is full of majesty.**

One: God's voice shatters the cedars, splinters the cedars of Lebanon.

All: **God's voice makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
Mount Hermon stampede like a wild young bull.**

One: God's voice forks into tongues of fire, God's voice shakes the wilderness, sets trembling the wilderness of Kadesh.

All: **God's voice causes the oaks to whirl, stripping forests bare; and in the temple all cry: Glory!**

One: God sits enthroned above the waters,

All: **god is enthroned as sovereign forever.**

One: You give strength to your people, O God.

All: **Now give to your people the blessing of peace.**

Hymn: *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* VU 644

Gospel: Matthew 19:13-15

Meditation: What Did We Just Do?

Musical Interlude

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *One More Step Along the World I Go* VU 639

Commissioning

One: As you leave this place, remember that you may be the only grace someone will meet this week.

All: **We go, to share God's graciousness with all.**

One: Remember you may be the only love someone will encounter this week.

All: **We go, to be the love of Jesus for all.**

One: Remember you may be the only peace someone will find this week.

All: **We go, to share the Spirit of peace, hope and reconciliation with all.**

Benediction

Sung Benediction:

May God's Sheltering Wings

Organ Postlude



Blanche Hollett served the congregation of St James for many years. First as Organist, then assumed the duties as Choir Director as well. She is known for her wonderful personality and incredible sense of humour. She was very familiar with the tunes of United Church hymns and could be counted on to always play the hymns "just right" for congregational singing. The remaining choir members of the day recall very enjoyable practices, with lots of laughter. There were no cross words and much patience. Blanche was well admired for her great competency in playing and directing the choir. One member noted that Blanche was praised to the Highest Heavens by all who knew her.

St. James United Church Life and Work, October 11, 2020

We offer our condolences to John, Catherine, Margaret, Jennifer and Susan, their family and friends, on the passing of their dear mother Ethel Pitt on September 30. A small ceremony will take place at the Columbarium at Mount Pleasant Cemetery for family and friends at a later date.

We offer our condolences to Kevin and Marilyn Pardy on the passing of Kevin's brother, David Pardy in Corner Brook on October 5.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

* to the General Fund in loving memory of Phil Saunders from
Nancy Hickman
Nancy and Anthony Paul

* to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Carl & Doreen Babstock and Kimberly Lewis from
Craig Babstock,
Carol Ann Henley
Bonnie Power and families.

*to St. James United Church from Ian Barrett.

Our 2020 Diversity Fair goes virtual!

St. James United Church presents its annual Diversity Fair in a virtual environment. Join us online from September 27th (Orange Shirt Day) to October 11th (Thanksgiving).

Solve puzzles to learn more about the groups making a difference in our community. Hear diverse music with our international hymn sing. Listen to interviews which present real-life stories of local people who face challenges regarding their ability to be included in our society, and hear them speak about what has changed, and what still needs to change. Get involved!!

Check out our Facebook page for details.

We send our congratulations to Emma and Louis House on the announcement of the birth of their baby girl, Lorelei Beryl House, born Tuesday, September 29 at 1:53 am in Dawson Creek, BC. She weighed 7lbs, 15oz and couldn't be healthier.

Emma and Louis were members of St. James Senior Choir, including Emma as our Senior Choir Music Director. They were married at St. James on December 28, 2017. Our best wishes are extended to their family. Enjoy happy playtime and singing lullabies!

To register for attendance:

Please call Jennifer at 700-6064 between the hours of 11:00 am and 4 pm for personal response, or leave a message with your name, number and time of your call. Jennifer will accept your registration and answer any of your questions regarding the process. We have set up this line for registration purposes only. There is no need to call the church office to register.

Deadline for registration is 4 pm on the prior Friday.

Susan's Fall Programs:

Book Study: *The Birth of Jesus for Progressive Christians*, beginning the week of November 15 and running through the week of December 13. This 5-week program will use the book *The Birth of Jesus for Progressive Christians* by Donald Schmidt, available from Woodlake Publishing at a cost of \$12 (paperback) and \$7.50 (e-book). Depending on registration there is the possibility of a morning and evening group. To register contact Susan Sheppard.

Topsail United Church's popular annual online auction is taking place from October 12-28; they encourage bidding and sharing. Please visit topsailunitedchurch.nf.net or Facebook.com/TopsailUnitedChurch to learn more and register to bid.

Congratulations!

The Stella's Tea Cups, a team of United Church members from several congregations, raised \$1,400 for women's mental health programs at Stella's Circle!

Thank you to everyone who participate and everyone who donated.