

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

Ben S. Lake

(June 26, 1939 to Nov 3, 2019)

from

Maude, Elizabeth, Jean, Joan, Lisa and families

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

Adolphe (Al) Penney

from

Minnie and family.

St. James United Church

November 8, 2020/Remembrance Sunday

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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

O CANADA

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & 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: Litany of Remembrance

L: In the rising of the sun and its going down,
P: We remember them.
L: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
P: We remember them.
L: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of the summer,
P: We remember them.
L: In the rustling of the leaves and the beauty of the autumn,
P: We remember them.
L: When we are lost and sick at heart,
P: We remember them.
L: When we have joys we yearn to share,
P: We remember them.
L: So long as we live, they too shall live,
P: For we remember them.

OPENING PRAYER: (All) O God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth, lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust, lead us from hate to love, from war to peace, let your peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen

HYMN: *When Will People Cease Their Fighting* VU 687

We Respond to God's Love

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (All) We can stand at the edge and watch while you seek to bring hope, healing, peace, and joy to everyone in the world. Or we can take that step, of committing our lives as well as our gifts, in working with you in this ministry of grace. Bless our gifts, bless our lives, bless our service, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM/SOLO/SPECIAL MUSIC

We Listen for God's Word

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

EPISTLE: I John 4:7-12

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 90 see insert

HYMN: *God! As with Silent Hearts* VU 527

GOSPEL READING: Mark 12:28-34

MEDITATION: The War Prayer

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: *THE LAST POST*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Are Sent Forth to Live our Faith

HYMN: *Let There Be Light* see insert

COMMISSIONING:

L: As we depart one from another, let our hearts be secure through every human season.

P: **Let our hearts be secure in seasons of anguish as in seasons of joy, in seasons of failure as in seasons of success, in seasons of uncertainty as in seasons of security.**

L: Let our hearts be secure in this dual reality: we are worthy recipients of love and support we can never earn,

P: **and we are worthy providers of love and support others cannot earn.**

L: Let our hearts be secure,

P: **for hearts know and understand and will respond if invited in.**

BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: May God's Sheltering Wings MV 214

*May God's sheltering wings, God's gathering wings, protect you,
May God's nurturing arms, God's cradling arms, sustain you
And hold you in God's love, and hold you in God's love.*

**ODE TO NEWFOUNDLAND
ORGAN POSTLUDE**

see insert

Let There Be Light (VU 679)

1. Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face.

2. Open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace.

3. Perish the sword,
perish the angry judgment,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain.

4. Hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowed be your name.

5. Your kingdom come,
your Spirit turn to language,
your people speak together,
your Spirit never fade.

6. Let there be light,
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.

Responsive Psalm 90 (VU 805)

God, you have been our refuge in every generation.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
before earth and world were formed,
from age to age everlasting, you are God.
You turn frail humans back to dust, saying:
"Return, you mortals,"

**For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday,
a day that is past, a watch in the night.**

You sweep them away like a dream,
like grass that is fresh in the morning,
**Like grass which in the morning is green,
but in the evening is dried up and withered. R**

Your anger consumes us; your wrath overwhelms us.

**You set our misdeeds before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

All our days pass away under your anger;
our years come to an end like a sigh.

**The days of our life are seventy years,
even eighty, if we are strong;**

but all that the years bring is toil and trouble;

they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Yet who understands the power of your anger?

Who considers the fierceness of your wrath?

Teach us to count our days

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom

Ode to Newfoundland

When sunrays crown thy pine-clad hills

And Summer spreads her hand

When silvern voices tune thy rills

We love thee smiling land

We love thee, we love thee,

We love thee smiling land.

As loved our fathers, so we love

Where once they stood, we stand

Their prayer we raise to heav'n above

God guard thee Newfoundland

God guard thee, God guard thee

God guard thee Newfoundland.

Life and Work – November 8, 2020

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the General Fund in loving memory of Ben Lake from Godfrey and Sheila Wedgwood

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Cemetery Fund in memory of mother, Cassandra Butt, from son Bill and daughter -in-law Barbara.

We offer our condolences to the following members of our congregation:

*Verna Howse, her family and friends, on the passing of Verna's beloved husband Baxter on October 31. Baxter's live-streamed funeral service took place from St. James United Church on Wednesday, November 4.

*Glenda & Glenn Winsor and family on the passing of Glenn's aunt Ruby Elaine Warren (nee Winsor) who passed away on Friday, October 30. Her funeral took place from Barrett's Chapel on Tuesday, November 3.

*Keith Davis, his family and friends, on the passing of Keith's father, Dr. Albert (Bert) J. Davis, MD, CM, FRPC on October 15. Bert was a medical pioneer who made significant improvements in pediatric care and important contributions to medical education and physician evaluation in Newfoundland and Labrador. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

*Bruce Winsor, his family and friends, on the passing of Bruce's dad, Jacob Winsor, on September 25. A celebration of life was live-streamed from Carnell's Memorial Chapel on October 1.

*Sylvia French, her family and friends, on the passing of Sylvia's beloved husband Edward on August 8. A private service will be held in August 2021.

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Thank you very much to all who continue to support St. James. Your efforts to send your contributions in the mail, drop them off at the secure mailbox at the church, and send them online are very much appreciated. Thanks also to those who have continued with their PAR contributions - Pre-Authorised Remittance. All members of the congregation are encouraged to consider PAR as a convenient means of making your financial contribution to St. James.

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Important: Even though we are now open for in-person Sunday Morning Worship, you still have to pre-register to attend by calling 700-6064 by the previous Friday.

There will be the usual Contemporary Digital Service at 4:30pm on Saturday, November 14.

In-person traditional Worship Service on Sunday, November 15 at 11am with Rev Marion Davis.

St. James Memorial Hymn Sing
Sunday, November 29, 2020 at 11:00 am

There comes a time every year when we find strength and comfort in remembering our loved ones through fellowship in song. On Sunday, November 29 we will hold our Memorial Hymn Sing, with music provided by the St. James Guitar Group and our Music Directors. It is a time to remember our loved ones who contributed so much to our lives and who live in our hearts and memories.

To attend the service in person, registration is required.

Please call the registration line at 700-6064 during the week before the service between 11am and 4pm, Monday through Friday. Covid-19 safety protocols will apply.