

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9
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The Church is a fellowship of believers who have responded to God's call through Jesus Christ. As members of a Christian community initiated by Christ to proclaim God's love for the whole creation, we are called to:

- (1) Believe in God and God's love made visible in Jesus Christ;
- (2) To participate in a spiritual journey, intentionally proclaiming, celebrating and deepening spiritual consciousness;
- (3) To be good stewards of all that we possess and to care for the Earth which is God's creation;
- (4) To develop meaningful and caring relationships with others as well as with God;
- (5) To empower individuals and groups, in response to the call of Christ, to increase their awareness of the oppressive forces around them, and with God's help, to seek justice for all people.

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January 17, 2021/Second after Epiphany

Minister:	Rev. Marion Davis
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Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
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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.

We Gather as God's People

MUSICAL PRELUDE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY/FIRST PEOPLES

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Light shines in shadowed places.

All: Hope abounds where once there was fear.

One: God's Chosen One is born into our hearts.

All: We honour Jesus with gifts of devotion, love, and commitment.

One: And so, we worship with gladdened hearts and voices.

Laura Turnbull, Penticton, B.C. *Gathering 2020-21*

Prayer of Approach: (in unison)

In the midst of shadows or dazzled by the glare of other lights we are searching, Radiant One, for that which gives life and hope and joy. Within this place and this people, this gospel and this grace we encounter your call and warm to your light. Amen

Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, ON, *Gathering 2020-21*

HYMN: *A Light is Gleaming* VU 87

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

One: Eternal Light

All: shine in our hearts;

One: Eternal Goodness

All: deliver us from evil;

One: Eternal Power,

All: be our support;

One: Eternal Wisdom,

All: scatter the shadows of our ignorance;

One: Eternal Compassion,

have mercy on us; that with heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face, and be brought by your infinite mercy to your Holy Presence; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Moment of reflection.....

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the Good News of the Gospel. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Our sins, yours and mine, are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

Celebrate God's Presence, p129

We Listen to and for God's Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

One: The scriptures proclaim to us the message of your light.

All: Loving and ever-present God shine your light on us so that we may discover and know your will for our lives. Amen

Beth W. Johnston, Nipawin, SK, Gathering 2020-21

EPISTLE READING: 1Corinthians 12:1-11

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 36 see insert

HYMN: *O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word* VU 84

GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11

REFLECTION ON THE WORD: "Radiant Grace"

MUSICAL INTERLUDE:

We Respond to God's Love

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

One: We bring our gifts to you, O God.

Here is the work of our hands, and here is the love of our hearts. Accept what we offer and use them, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *Arise, Your Light is Come* see insert
(Masks on, please)

COMMISSIONING:

As you resume your journey through life in faith, carry the light of this season of Epiphany, sharing the light of Christ with family, friends and strangers, neighbours everywhere.

George Allan, Chatham, ON in Gathering 2020-21

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Responsive Psalm 36 VU 762

Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens,
Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mountains, O God,
Your judgements are like the great deep;
All living things you save. R**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,
And you give them drink from the river
Of your delights. R**

For with you is the fountain of life;
In your light do we see light.

**Continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
And your salvation to the upright in heart. R**

Arise, Your Light is Come VU 79

Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken-hearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's power will make us strong.

Life and Work – January 17, 2021

Message from Church Council:

With great pleasure, your Council announces that we have hired our new Office Administrator.

Mehakdeep Kaur comes to us as a recent graduate of the Office Administration Course at CONA; a very articulate, intelligent young lady with a very pleasing personality. She was at the top of her class at CONA and has a proven commitment to employment.

Mehakdeep will begin at St. James this Monday: January 18th at 9 am. We have not yet finalized office hours except to commit to 4 hours a day five days a week. This will be forthcoming next week.

Please give her a warm welcome to St. James as she learns about us and our church. She is very eager to get to know our congregation and is looking forward to meeting you.

We offer our condolences to Doug and Janet, their families and friends, on the passing of their mother, Helen Smith, on January 9th. The family will hold a celebration of Helen's life at a later date.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the General Fund in loving memory of Bert and Helen Smith from Doug and Becky.

“Both Helen and Bert were members of St. James and both were active members for as long as they could be, Bert on committees related to building issues, I believe, and Helen as a choir member. Bert died some years ago and Helen a few days ago. Rev. Susan Sheppard kindly and thoughtfully officiated January 14 at the ceremony to commit their ashes.”

Becky (daughter-in-law)