

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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This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Irene Tucker
(January 28, 1926 – February 1, 2011)
with love from Marilyn Pardy & Linda Facey & families.

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January 31, 2021/Fourth after Epiphany

Minister:
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:
Minister Emeritus:
Music Director:
Associate Music Director:

Rev. Marion Davis
Susan Sheppard, DLM
Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Amy Dalziel
Branden Olsen

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY/FIRST PEOPLES

LIGHTING OF CANDLE

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:

One: Source of blessing,

All: your love abides deep in our very being. All that we are reflects your unceasing mercy.

One: Shower us with joy that awakens the possibilities of hope for a world in need.

All: Bathe us in justice that transforms indifference into boldness so that new life may come to all. Amen

Laura Turnbull in *Gathering, A/C/E/* 2016 p40

HYMN:

Spirit of Gentleness

VU 375

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

Most gracious and caring God, we turn to you trusting in your unfailing compassion. We acknowledge before you that our thoughts, actions and words have, too often, betrayed the trust and commitment to which we are called. Free us from our guilt and guide us in your way of faithfulness; we pray in Jesus' name.

Laura J. Turnbull *Worship for All Seasons*, Vol.3, p6

Moment of reflection.....

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

One: 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

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 111 see insert

HYMN: *Come and Find a Quiet Centre* VU374

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:21-28

REFLECTION ON THE WORD: "Don't Be Afraid"

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: Don't be Afraid MV90

We Respond to God's Love

OFFERING INVITATION:

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

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

All: 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.

Celebrate God's Presence p50

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* see insert

COMMISSIONING:

Leave this place knowing that there is nowhere you can go where God is not and nowhere too far to find your way home.

Kate Crawford in Gathering Lent/Easter 2018, p35

BENEDICTION & CHORAL AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE



**Fourth Sunday
after the Epiphany**

Responsive Psalm 111 (VU 833)

I will thank you, God, with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in their assembly.
**Great are your works, O God,
studied by all who delight in them.**

Honour and majesty are your work;
your righteousness endures forever.
**You have won renown for your wonders;
you are gracious and full of compassion. R**

You give food to those who fear you;
you keep your covenant always in mind.
**You have shown your power in action,
giving your people the heritage of nations.**

The works of your hands are faithful and just;
all your precepts trustworthy.
**They stand fast forever and ever;
grounded in justice and truth.**

You sent redemption to your people;
**you decreed your covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is your name. R**

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom;
**those who practice it have good understanding.
May your praise endure forever. R**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (VU 264)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of mother Mildred Blackwood, brother Walter Blackwood Jr., and sister Ida Dowden from Lorna Jamieson.

CPR Training for AED Machine

We will be holding a retraining session for our current registered users for CPR/AED here at St. James on Saturday, February 20th @ 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. If you are interested in participating in a NEW Training session and becoming an attendant for St. James can you please contact Susan Pike by email susanpike@warp.nfld.net or 576-0703 by February 13th to ensure we have space for all participants. Training is certified by The Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Registration:

This is a reminder that registration is mandatory.

Please call **Jennifer at 700-6064** between the hours of 11:00 am and 4 pm for a 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.