

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**We Leave to Serve**

**HYMN:** "For All the Saints" *Voices United 705*

**SUNG BENEDICTION:** "May God's Sheltering Wings"  
*More Voices 214*

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

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** This is Halloween from  
"Nightmare Before Christmas"

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## St. James United Church

*A Community of Friends in Faith*



**October 31, 2021:**  
**All Saints/Reformation Sunday**  
(Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost)

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The people of St. James United Church are eternal seekers who value diversity within our congregation, our city and all of society. We affirm each person's uniqueness and believe that all persons deserve to be valued, treated with equity and respected. We are all children of God, walking many paths of spirituality.

Further, we proudly and publicly declare our commitment to practice radical hospitality and strive in every way to provide a safe and supportive place for all persons to participate in the worship and work of our church.

Guided by the teachings of Jesus, we embrace all persons, regardless of creed, race, age, ability, economic status, cultural and ethnic background, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation or any other difference that has led to marginalization or oppression.

## October 31, 2021 – All Saints / Reformation Sunday

Leading worship today: Rev. James Ravenscroft  
Organist: Amy Daziel  
Soloist: Alba Chen

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### We Come to Worship

**MUSICAL PRELUDE:** Moonlight Sonata, Mvmt. 1  
by Ludwig van Beethoven

### WELCOME

*We extend words of greeting in Innu-aimun, Igbo and German.*

### LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

*We light the candle as a sign of Christ's spirit both with and within us.*

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP

*We take time to give thanks for the land and the Indigenous peoples who continue to steward it; we also commit to be an inclusive community for all.*

### TIME TO REMEMBER (VIDEO)

*We pause to remember loved ones who have died, especially this year.*

### RESPONSIVE OPENING PRAYER

One: Eternal One, we pause to give thanks and remember,

**All: carrying in our hearts those we miss, bringing to mind things long gone, holding memories both sorrowful and sweet.**

One: Gracious One, we come together in community,

**All: trusting in the power of abiding Love as we call on One who knew the bitterness of death and the promise of new life.**

One: Sustaining One, we gather in a spirit of solidarity,

**All: knowing the bonds that connect us also join to all who went before us and will come after, all of us held in your Love.**

One: As we worship, may we reach out to the Grace that carries us, holding on to Memory, holding on to Life, holding on to Love.

**All: Amen.**

**HYMN:** "Those Hearts That We Have Treasured"

*Voices United 494*

### We Share

### OUR LIFE AND WORK

*We acknowledge the connection between our work and our worship as we take time to announce what is going on in our congregation and community.*

### RECOGNITION OF OFFERINGS

*We acknowledge the ways people contribute to the community of faith and wider community, especially by way of supporting St. James UC financially.*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

**Gift of Grace, we pause in gratitude for all the ways we share in your goodness, especially here in this community of faith. We also give thanks for those who walked this way before us, inspiring us to give of ourselves for others. May the memory of supportive relationships, acts of compassion, gifts of love continue to inspire us to serve others as we have been. Amen.**

### SOLO

### We Listen

### PRAYER OF STILLNESS

*We pause in silence as a way to prepare to hear readings from the Bible.*

**READINGS:** Ruth 1:6-18  
Psalm 119:1-8  
Mark 12:28-34

### MUSICAL INTERLUDE

**MESSAGE:** "Reformed and Always Reforming"

### We Respond

**HYMN:** "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" *Voices United 635*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We take time to pray for the needs of our global and local communities, knowing that what we pray for we in turn are called to do something about.*

### THE PRAYER OF JESUS

*Please pray in your first language. A traditional version in English follows:*  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

## Meeting Rev James

Now that (Rev.) James has settled into St. John's, he is open to come see you for a visit (while maintaining proper health protocols).

To arrange a visit, email him at james@stjamesuc.org or give him a call at 351-0983.

## A New Committee

Are you interested in community issues like systemic racism, housing insecurity and right relations with Indigenous peoples?

Do you worry about climate change and loss of biodiversity?  
Are you concerned about international conflicts and other global issues?

Then you will be interested in a new ad hoc committee that we are establishing to help us respond to social and ecological justice issues.

Contact James for more information.

Email: james@stjamesuc.org  
Phone: 722-1881 ext 202  
Cell: 351-0983

## Life and Work – October 31, 2021

### We gratefully accept the following donation to the Memorial Fund:

\*In memory of my loving husband Charlie Parsons from wife Annie Parsons.

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## Save the Date for Our Covenanting Service

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm we are celebrating our new ministry with James and our ministry team at St. James United Church.

Rev. Miriam Bowlby from Cochrane Street United Church will be the guest preacher. Come and pray both as a community of faith and with representatives of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council as we give thanks for this new pastoral relationship. All are welcome to attend.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have a reception after the service. This decision was made in order to keep everyone safe and healthy, especially with another COVID-19 outbreak in the province

## Check out our new "Family Resources" link on our website

You will find weekly stories, puzzles, and activities for children, youth, and families. Its sure to be fun for all !!!

## Regional Fall Learning Event

This year's Fall Learning event will take a lunch and learn approach through a series of presentations via Zoom. The event is open to all members of Pastoral Charges in our Regional Council at no cost.

Thursday, November 4, 2021: Workplace Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Prevention/Response Policy.  
Presenter: Rev. Faith March-MacCuish

Thursday, November 18, 2021: Forest Church  
Presenter: Susan Sheppard

Thursday, November 25, 2021: New Study Immersion  
Presenter: Rev. Dr. Richard Bott (Our Moderator)

## The Communication Committee: St. James Visitor

1. **Delivery** - We are putting the call out for volunteers to help in delivering the St. James Visitor. If you are interested, please email Sarah Norman at srhnorman@gmail.com

2. **Submissions** - We are now accepting submissions for the St. James Christmas Visitor.

Do you have a story to tell (fiction or non-fiction), a poem you wrote, a song/limerick/recipe/drawing/painting/photograph, or any other item of interest you would like to share, please email it to info@stjamesuc.org with the subject line "Christmas Visitor Submission."

**Deadline for Submissions:** Tuesday, November 19, 2021, at 11:59 pm.

## St. James Anniversary Take-out Turkey Cold-Plate Fundraiser

**The Stewardship Committee** is holding a turkey cold-plate, take-out dinner, fundraiser on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 in celebration of our congregational anniversary. Prepared by Coffee Matters in Mount Pearl, each meal will include: fresh roasted turkey, ham, two potato salads, macaroni salad, coleslaw, dressing, cranberry sauce, a roll & butter, and a cookie for dessert.

**Cost: \$12/meal, a great deal on a great meal!**

Tickets are limited, so get them now by contacting:

Tracy Bishop at 722-1881 or info@stjamesuc.org  
Robin Bartlett at 682-3927 or robinbartlett1224@gmail.com  
Karen Brown at 689-7297 or tomkarenbrown@yahoo.com

Payments can be made by:

1. Cash
2. Cheque
3. E-mail transfer: treasurer@stjamesuc.org
4. "Donate" button on St. James' web site www.stjamesuc.org.

**\*Please write or type the note: "for cold plates"**

**Deadline: Friday, November 5, 2021.**

*Don't be late or you won't get your cold plate!*

**Cold Plate Pick-up:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 from 4pm - 6pm. **Note:** we will be providing times for pick ups.

## Fall UCW Bakeless Bake Sale:

Before the pandemic, the UCW would be busy preparing for our Annual Fall Sale and Morning Coffee on Saturday, November 6th. Your donations of items for the bake and craft tables, and your attendance has always helped make our sales a tremendous success. Since March 2020, we have missed three sales which would have enabled us to contribute approximately \$15,000.00 to aid the church financially.

For this year's Fall Sale we are having a Bakeless Bake Sale and collecting monetary donations in lieu of items. Think about what you would spend on an in-person sale (baking, buying, entry fee, etc) and we hope that you will turn that into a financial contribution to our virtual sale.

**How to Donate** - Be sure to include "For UCW Sale" on cheque, or special instructions with Donate button or e-transfer.

1. Cheque/cash. Make cheque payable to "St. James UCW Sale"

- a) pass into collection plate
- b) place in outside mail slot by side door of church
- c) drop into church office (10-2 Mon-Fri)
- d) mail cheque to:

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2. Donate button on church website

3. E-transfer to treasurer@stjamesuc.org

## The Stewardship Committee:

Seeking volunteers to help with the Anniversary Take-Out Turkey Cold-Plates.

We are seeking some volunteers for Wednesday, November 10, 2021 to help with assembly and distribution of the meals. If you are interested in helping, contact Robin Bartlett at 754-5409 or 682-3927 or the church office at 722-1881.

## October is Minister Appreciation Month

A time to recognize how important our clergy are to our lives, as spiritual leaders, counsellors, friends, and members of our family in faith.

James and Susan,

THANK YOU for all that you do for St. James and the congregation. We appreciate your care and concern and the long hours you too often must work when we, as individuals or a congregation, need you the most. We realize that life in Ministry is not always easy or predictable, but we trust that your calling to this vocation continues to be fulfilling both at a personal and spiritual level.

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- \*Pray for your minister and those in church leadership.
- \*Ask your minister why they went into ministry and what they love about it.
- \*Write a thank-you card, e-mail, or letter of appreciation.
- \*Invite the minister or other church leaders out for coffee or a meal.
- \*Get creative and have fun showing your minister and your church leaders how much you appreciate their hard work!

Yes, it is late in the month and we offer our apologies to our ministers that it was not noted before. However, expressing our appreciation should not occur only in one time frame but all year round.

Blessings and thanks to you both,  
from a grateful congregation

## Notice from Church Council

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You will be met at the door of the church and required to present your Vaccine Passport for scanning and may be required to show verification of your identity. If you are an individual who is frequently in the building, you can ask for your name to be added to the confidential list of verified individuals, and your name will remain on that list until you request it be removed or the program ends.

To maintain your confidentiality, you may be asked to have your passport scanned a second time in order to be verified for entry into the church office during office hours. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but we do this in the best interest of the health and well-being of St. James United family and friends.

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