

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith



November 21, 2021: Reign of Christ Sunday

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.

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
brother Gary, father Garfield, and mother Margaret Gordon
with much love Ettie Gordon-Murray and M. Alison Murray

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Jacob Parsons
from his loving wife Effie.

November 21, 2021 – Reign of Christ Sunday

Leading worship today: Rev. James Ravenscroft
Organist: Amy Dalziel
Music Leadership: Guitar Group

We Come to Worship

MUSICAL PRELUDE: “Morning” by E. Grieg

WELCOME

We extend words of greeting in Innu-aimun, Farsi, Hindi and English.

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

We give thanks for the land and the Indigenous peoples who steward it.

HONOURING TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

We take time to light candles in memory of those who were killed this past year simply because of their gender identity or expression.

PRAYER OF LAMENT (in unison)

Holy and Mysterious Maker of every gender and identity, of all that is in between, outside, and none at all, today we remember those who have lost their lives because they did not conform to gender roles and expectations. We weep for them and their loved ones, lamenting the continued suffering and struggle of our siblings of all gender identities. We pray for strength, support, and loving acceptance in a world where too much harm is caused by prejudice and ignorance. Help soften hearts that all may be seen as equally Beloved, that all may let their light shine by living out their Truth. We pray in the name of the One who came beyond all norm, Amen.

*Adapted from a Prayer for Transgender Day of Remembrance by Jenn Luong
[https://www.augsburg.edu/campusministry/2020/11/19/a-prayer-for-the-trans-day-of-remembrance/Jenn Luong](https://www.augsburg.edu/campusministry/2020/11/19/a-prayer-for-the-trans-day-of-remembrance/Jenn%20Luong)*

TIME OF CENTERING

We pause in memory of those who have died and to prepare for worship.

HYMN: “Morning Has Broken” *Voices United* 409

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the World!

Sweet the rains new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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.

TESTIMONY REGARDING PAR:

A member of the congregation shares why using pre-authorized remittance is an important way for them to support St. James United Church.

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:

God, whose realm is all around us and yet not quite here, we give thanks for the ways you help us see with your eyes, looking for the possibilities that your “kingdom” brings. As we share our gifts in service of your reign, may we make your prayer “thy kingdom come, thy will be done” a practice of the heart and not just words that we say. Amen.

ANTHEM: “Living in the Promised Land”

We Listen

PRAYER OF STILLNESS

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

READINGS: Psalm 93
John 18:33-19:3
Revelation 1:4b-8

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

MESSAGE: “The Cost of Kingship”

We Respond

HYMN: “Will You Walk with Me”

Will you walk with me
Through the darkest night when my world goes wrong
Will you make it right will you guide my lips
In all I say will you walk with me every day

When I'm tired and weak
Will you make me strong when my mind's confused
And all hope is gone will you take my hand
Will you lead the way dear Lord will you walk with me today

Refrain:

Will you walk with me, ease my pain
Will you walk with me give me hope once again
When my eyes grow dim will you let me see
Dear Lord will you walk with me

If my friends should go
When there's no one there if I call your name
In my dark despair will you come to me will you ease my pain
Dear Lord will you walk with me again

Help me find the strength
Just to carry on teach me how to pray
For it's been so long since I fell on my knees
And ask that you forgive all my sins
Dear Lord please forgive

Refrain

Will you walk with me
Through the darkest night when my world goes wrong
Will you make it right will you guide my lips
In all I say will you walk with me every day

Will you walk with me, ease my pain
Will you walk with me give me hope once again
When my eyes grow dim will you let me see
Dear Lord will you walk with me
Dear Lord will you walk with me

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for the needs of our global and local communities, responding to the words "May your kingdom come" with "on earth as it is in heaven."

THE PRAYER OF JESUS: *Please pray in your first language.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 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: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Thro' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?

None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Refrain

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

Refrain

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: May God, who comes to us in the things of this world,

All: bless our eyes and be in our seeing.

One: May Christ, who looks upon us with deepest love,

All: bless our eyes and widen our gaze.

One: May the Spirit, who perceives what is and what may yet be,

All: bless our eyes and sharpen our vision.

One: As we go from here, may the Sacred Three bless our eyes and cause us to see.

Amen.

*~ Adapted from "In the Sanctuary of Women", copyright © Jan L.
Richardson <http://paintedprayerbook.com>*

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Star Wars Medley" by John Williams
(arr. A. Dalziel)

St. James United Church

Lead Minister:	James Ravenscroft, OM
Youth/Christian Education Minister:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Assistant Music Director:	Alba Chen
Technology Support:	Jake Thompson
Office Administrator:	Tracy Bishop
Church Custodian:	Bruce Winsor

Life and Work – November 21, 2021

We gratefully accept the following donation to the Memorial Fund:

In loving memory of William and Nellie Bishop
from their family, Beverly Wicks, Keith and Karen Bishop, Kara, Stephen, Joshua, and
Juliana Sheppard.

We offer our sincere condolences to Glenda Winsor and Gloria Le Feuvre and families on the passing of their brother Derek Butt on Sunday, November 14, 2021. A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

Volunteers Needed ! It's that time of year again !

Time to decorate the church for the Christmas season and we need help to do justice to our decorating. We will be at the church on Thursday, November 25, 2021 from 10:30am-12:30pm, and again on Saturday, November 27 from 10:00am until it is finish. Please join us on either, or both days, if you have any time to share. Lots of fun and laughs abound.

All ages and abilities welcome!

Introducing "The Great Christmas Visit"

The Advent-Christmas season is upon us. It is a favourite time of year for so many, especially because it is a great time to connect with loved ones (while following public health protocols).

Family and friends include all of the church family, so why not reach out to members of St. James United Church who may be feeling isolated or lonely, especially if they have trouble getting around or are staying in due to the pandemic.

You can participate in our Great Christmas Visit by simply signing up and you will be matched with someone to visit this holiday season (remember to wear your mask and stay 2 meters apart).

Visit with your match at some point between Sunday, November 28, 2021 and Thursday, January 6, 2022, extending to them the care of this faith community.

A Masked Face-to-Face: (Rev.) James 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.

GOOD NEWS ! There have been some changes made to the Special Measures Orders by the Chief Medical Officer of Health that impact us as a Faith Community.

Effective immediately, pre-registration will not be required as we are able to expand to full capacity with no social distancing required. Seating will no longer be determined as you can seat yourself. To accomplish this we must continue to wear masks at all times, provide proof of vaccination and personal identification, and lists of attendees at worship services will be maintained.

A truly remarkable move forward. St James RE-Opening Team

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

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 25, 2021: New Study Immersion

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Richard Bott (Our Moderator)

Zatoun Products

St. James is again offering Zatoun Olive Oil for sale. Zatoun products reflect the rich culture and the essence of Palestine, and they make perfect fair-trade gifts. Proceeds benefit farmers and

children living in occupied Palestine and create awareness for peace in Palestine.

COST: Olive Oil is being sold for \$20.00 per bottle, contact Karen Brown at 437-1520 or email tomkarenbrown@yahoo.com You can contact Tracy at the church office (722-1881) to get yours now!

Community News

Memorial United Church Portugal Cove: Bake & Craft Table

When: Saturday November 27, 2021 from 10:30-12:30

Price: \$5:00 with children under 3 free

Masks and nl vax pass required

NOTE: we cannot serve Coffee or Tea for this event.

BRIDGES TO HOPE - We are very excited to announce that Bridges to Hope has been selected as the recipient of

Tim Horton's Holiday Smile Cookie Campaign.

From Monday, Nov 22 – Sunday, Nov 28 100% of proceeds from each cookie sold will help to feed over 10,000 of your neighbors. This includes all Tim Horton's Restaurants in the greater St. John's Area and will have a huge impact on reducing hunger this Holiday Season.

We need your help to ensure we raise the most funds possible during this one-time amazing opportunity.

Coastal Sounds Choir Association in CBS is recruiting for the paid position of artistic director of coastal sounds community choir. Position to start in January. Email info@coastalsounds.ca for more info.

George Street United Church and the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Center

CHRISTMAS Vegetable Hampers, offering fresh local Vegetable Hampers at Christmas time. Hampers include 13 pounds of locally grown vegetables including potatoes, cabbage, carrots, and turnip. This would make a wonderful gift for friends and family at Christmas.

Pick-up dates: December 21, 22, and 23.

Cost: Hampers are \$20.00 each.

To place your order please contact: Ruth Butler at 722-4961, Ruby Shea at 745-4807, Nancy McCarthy at 726-8775 (Office), or George Parsons at 685-0066.

There will be ticket prize draws for sellers and purchasers.

Gower Street United Church's Seniors Group is planning to hold a Seniors' Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 30th November, starting at 6pm (doors open at 5.30pm).

Gower has adopted the policy of requiring a vaccine passport (and a photo ID) to enter the church building. If you do not already have such a passport, please let us know in plenty of time and we will help you acquire one.

Entertainment will be provided by the Walsh Family.

A door prize (tickets \$2). And Gift Bags.

COST: Ticket \$20

If you need transportation, please let us know when booking your tickets!

DEADLINE FOR BOOKING: 4pm 23rd NOVEMBER 2021

CONTACT: office@gowerunited.com or 753-7286

George St. United Church

Saturday, November 27, 2021 George St. United Church presents your two favourite princess sisters who went on a holiday adventure to visit Santa but now they're lost in St. John's!

Can you help them get back in time for Christmas?!?

Join Anna, Elsa, and some other special guests for a Christmas sing-along you won't want to miss!

Show 1: 11am - 12pm

Show 2: 5pm – 6pm

COST: Tickets are \$25 each. Tickets available at www.quayconcerts.com

George St. United Church

Join Newfoundland Music Legend, Bud Davidge with Hamilton Sound as they ring in the Holidays in Traditional Newfoundland style. Enjoy your favorite Simani songs including those from their Iconic Christmas Album, Christmas Fancy. If that weren't enough, Corey Crewe (Corey and Trina) will be along with some tales and tunes to tickle your funny bone.

WHEN: Friday, December 10, 2021 at George St. United Church

COST: Tickets are \$35 each and are available at www.quayconcerts.com

Theatre CBS Presents: "ITS A WONDERFUL WORLD"

WHEN: Dec. 3, 4, 5

WHERE: The Royal Canadian Legion, 60 Legion Road, CBS.

Ticket Info: Seniors/Students \$20, Adults \$25. Available at www.theatrecbs.com or by e mail theatrecbs@gmail.com

Friday and Saturday shows: 7:30 P.M. arrive at 7 P.M.

Sunday Afternoon Matinee: 2 P.M. arrive by 1:30 P.M.

Covid 19 Protocols in place and Vax Passes required.