

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

330 Elizabeth Ave, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9



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 Sunday's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of:

T. Alex Hickman

October 19, 1925 - January 10, 2016

Forever missed by Nancy, Sandy, Heather, Harry, Peter,
and families

This Sunday's bulletin is dedicated in loving Memory of:

Howard Forsey

from Wife, Alice

October 23, 2022, Poverty Eradication Sunday
(Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost/ Women's History Month)

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose, and Senior Choir
Ushering: Michelle & Wayne Skinner, Marilyn Adams,
Jean Thompson, and Susan Pike

We Come to Worship

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

We extend greetings in Innu-aimun, Spanish and Shona as we gather as a baptized community, lighting the candle as a sign of Christ's presence.

INTROIT: "Spirit of the Living God" (*Voices United 376, v. 1*)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF KINSHIP

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from a Call to Worship for this day by Very Rev. Richard Bott as inspired by a prayer by Hallett Llewellyn*)

One: We gather together as grateful people,

All: seeking Christ's Word made new for this time and place.

One: We gather together as we strive to live Creator's intention -

All: of community of right relations, of community of peace.

One: We gather together, open to act as the Spirit guides us

All: in our seeking and living, our serving and praying.

One: We gather together to dedicate ourselves to God.

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

**Gathering God, from the first moments of creation,
you have formed all of life into interconnected community,
inviting the human family to see in this a lesson for our living,
called to be good relations as we look after one another with respect and care.
Renew in us this lesson, that with grateful hearts
we may seek to do justice, to love goodness,
and to walk humbly with you, each other and all of creation.
We pray in the name of Jesus, your Anointed One. Amen.**

HYMN: "I Am a Child of God" (*More Voices 157*)

We Share

OUR LIFE AND WORK: *We share what is going on in our community.*

OFFERTORY: "In Gratitude & Humble Trust" *Voices United 544*

In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way. O God, you give yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We Listen

LEARNING TOGETHER

We explore themes of the day in a manner that is accessible to all ages.

CHORAL MEDITATION: "In the Quiet Curve of Evening" (*VU 278*)

CENTERING PRAYER

We quiet our minds in preparation to hear the readings of the day.

READING: Micah 6:1-8

ANTHEM: "It Is Well with My Soul" (*Mary McDonald*)

READING: Luke 18:9-14

MESSAGE: "Bootstraps and Other Myths"

We Respond

HYMN: "Spirit Open My Heart" (*More Voices 79*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND CONCERN

(adapted from a prayer by Rev. Dr. Hallett Llewelyn)

In response to the Spirit speaking through the readings we have heard, we name the places in our lives where we need forgiveness and grace.

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: "There's a Spirit in the Air" (*Voices United 582*)

BENEDICTION

One: Through the prophet Micah, God gives us this commission:

All: To seek justice, love goodness, walk humbly with God.

One: So may God bless us as we do as much,

All: And may the Spirit guide us in the Way. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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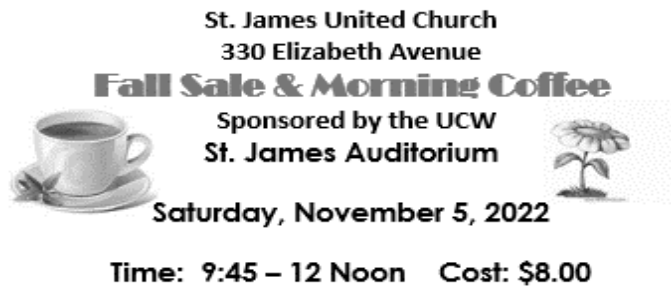
Lead Minister:	James Ravenscroft, OM
Youth / Christian Education Minister:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Associate Music Director	Bob Rose
Office Administrator	Stephanie Harnum
Technology Support:	Jake Thompson
Church Custodian:	Bruce Winsor

Life and Work – October 23, 2022

Bethlehem Bazaar: Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 3rd we are hosting a scaled down Bethlehem Market this year, including an opportunity for local crafters and other vendors. If you know someone who would like to rent a table to sell their wares, please contact the church office. Cost is \$25. Number of tables are limited so don't delay. Please bring in gently used items.

Ukulele Group: The Ukulele practice group will be on Saturdays from 11AM to 12PM in the Fellowship Room here at St. James. All are welcome!

UCW Fall Sale and Morning Coffee:



Co-Conveners: Barbara Butt: (709) 687-1041
Sheliah Beckett: (709) 726-7421

Tickets: May be purchased at the church office or at the door.

Donations: all donations of baked goods, handiwork, knitted goods and crafts would be very much appreciated *Please remember to bring your own shopping bag*

Sewing Studio: 1-3 pm, Monday, October 24, 31, November 7, and 14th in the Fellowship Room at St. James. (7-9 pm at Memorial United, Portugal Cove) All levels welcome, bring your own sewing machine and project.

Photos for All Saints: Like we did last year, for our 11 am worship service on Sunday, October 30, we would like to take time to remember loved ones who have died, especially in recent years. If you would like to remember your loved ones in this way, please send a digital photo to info@stjamesuc.org by October 27.

Get ready for Christmas and support St. James at the same time! : A portion of the profits from each order of Purdy's Chocolates comes back to the church. Please click on the link below to register and join the campaign! <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1570494-97987>
(See below for more details)

Wild Light Spiritual Oasis: (Forest Church) will meet at 3pm on Saturday, October 29th at 397 Thorburn Road. We will explore All Souls and Samhain. Dress for the weather.

St. John's Choir Card Game: The St. John's Choir will host a card game (bridge or 120's) on Wednesday, October 26 at Wesley United Church Hall starting at 7:00pm with dessert served with tea or coffee. Admission is \$15.00, bring your own cards and snacks. Call Helen at 682-4982 or Carolyn at 690-6329.



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St. James United Church
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November 21, 2022**

Pick up orders on December 15, 2022

To register:

fundraising.purdys.com/1570531-97987

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1. Join our group by typing in the link above.
2. Please provide your email in the box. If you have already registered, you will automatically join the campaign. If you haven't, you will need to register before joining the campaign.
3. Click "Shop Online" to start shopping!
4. Invite your friends and family to help! They can simply follow the same steps as above.



Help Reunite a Family: It was recently announced that we no longer needed to have a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 23. The need for a formal meeting is gone but not the issue that gave rise to it. A member of our congregation who hails from Ghana is trying to get her partner and their daughter to Canada. Ghana is a dangerous place for people who identify as LGBTQI+ and so we were looking at ways to get this family out of harm's way, including sponsoring them as refugees. Sadly, you cannot privately sponsor people who are still in their home country. There are other avenues we are exploring to reunite this family, but they need to be funded. If you would like to help, there will be an information session after worship on Sunday or email James (james@stjamesuc.org).

"Big Drums are Calling - A Fusion of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Voices Raised in Celebration" : Nations Elder, Speaker, Singer, Songwriter and Recording Artist, Shannon Thunderbird is coming to St. John's to present a concert at Holy Heart Theatre on Thursday, October 27. This concert titled "Big Drums are Calling - A Fusion of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Voices Raised in Celebration" will also feature performances by Eastern Owl, Deantha Edmunds, 100 Voices Children's Chorus, and Holy Heart Chamber Choir. This concert will conclude a week of workshops and presentations by Ms. Thunderbird to NLESD schools and community partners. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. The concert begins at 7:00 PM and tickets can be purchased from the Holy Heart Theatre website or box office. Proceeds from the concert go to supporting Holy Heart's Food Programs.

Garage Sale: Cowan Heights United Church is holding a Garage Sale on Saturday, October 29 from 8:30 - 11:30am. Donations are welcome Anyone wishing to donate, can drop off items at the church at 6pm on Friday, October 28th.

Concert at St. Teresa's Church: St Teresa's Parish, 120 Mundy Pond Road, invites you to our fundraising concert featuring our choirs and special guests. It will be held at the church on Sunday, October 30 at 4 pm. Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased at the parish office, Tuesday to Friday. More information is available on our website at www.stteresa.ca.

Quilts @ The Cathedral: Come join us and view this magnificent display and read the stories of the Quilts. Quilts @ The Cathedral takes place Friday, October 28th from 12 noon to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, October 29th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Quiet Hour is from 10 to 11 a.m.) Music will be offered at regular times during the exhibit. Tea/Coffee and sweets will be available in the Cathedral Crypt on Saturday, for \$5 per person. Entrance to the event is by donation (\$5 suggested) or pay what you are able. All donations go to support the ministry and outreach of the Cathedral Parish. Would you like to be part of the Quilts @ The Cathedral Show?

For more information visit: <https://ourcathedral.ca/quilts/>