

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 Bulletin is dedicated:
In loving memory of
Ceanne Butt, R.N.
(January 23, 1953 – December 27, 2009)
from sisters-in-law Glenda Winsor and Gloria Le Feuvre
and Families.

January 1, 2023, First Sunday after Christmas

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel and Andie Winsor
Ushers: Jean Thompson, Michelle and Wayne Skinner.

We Come to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME

We extend words of greeting in Inuktitut, Twi and Portuguese.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP

We give thanks for the land and the Indigenous peoples who steward it and pledge to be a safer and inclusive space for everyone.

HYMN: “All Beautiful the March of Days” (*Voices United 530*)

LIGHTING OF CHRISTMAS CANDLE AND OPENING PRAYER

One: As we begin a new year, we light our candle, grateful for both the long nights of this time of year and the sun’s returning strength.

Two: *We give thanks as well for Jesus’ birth and the day that dawns with his coming, a light for the nations and glory to his people Israel.*

(A member of a family lights the centre candle.)

All: Creator of day and night, we pray with hope on this New Year’s Day. As your light shone in the birth of Jesus, shine once more in us that in this coming year we may care for one another and all creation, each of us living into the fullness of our shared life in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

We Share

OUR LIFE AND WORK

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

OFFERTORY: “In the Bleak Midwinter” (*Voices United 55 v. 4*)

What can I give him, poor as I am. If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man I would do my part; yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We dedicate our offerings to the work of God’s love and justice. Tax receipts issued at year-end if donor’s name and address are provided.

We Listen

LEARNING TOGETHER

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

HYMN: “What Child Is This” (*Voices United 74*)

PRAYER OF AWAKENING

SOLO

READINGS: Isaiah 63:7-9; Luke 2:16-21

“New Year’s Morning” by Helen Hunt Jackson

MESSAGE: “What’s in a Name?”

We Respond

HYMN: “At the Name of Jesus” (*Voices United 335*)

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

We take time to give thanks for the year that has been and the gifts and heartaches that it brought, even as we look to the year that is to come.

We Leave to Serve

BLESSING:

One: Go forth with joy and hope, go forth in love and peace:
for the One we call Emmanuel, God-with-us, has been born.

All: We go forth blessed to share God's blessing to the world!

HYMN: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (*Voices United 36*)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

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Creative Corner:

A place where you can write a note, draw a picture, or whatever you wish!