

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.

In Loving Memory of our Father
Eric Paul
From: Nancy & Anthony
“The love and wisdom that Dad shared will always guide us.”

In Loving Memory of Husband
Adolphe Penney
Love Minnie

**June 18, 2023, The Third Sunday after Pentecost
Father’s Day**

Leading Worship: Rev. Peggy Johnson
Leading Music: Bob Rose and Jean Rose
Ushers: Daphne Coish, Maxine Rose,
Marilyn Adams, Jean Thompson and Susan Pike

We Come to Worship

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME

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.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of Christ is with us.

All: Here in this place.

One: In Christ, although we are many,

All: We are one.

One: Let our hospitality toward each other reflect God’s love.

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us come together giving honor to Almighty God our Creator!

People: Let us honor those who led us in the ways of the Lord during our youth! Especially today do we remember our fathers and others who played the father role in our lives.

Leader: Thanks be to God for the families we shared in our childhood and the families we have created during our own earthly journey.

People: May the Lord bless all our loved ones wherever they may be.

Leader: Let us give thanks that we are also part of the family of God!

People: Together, as the family of God, let us worship in gladness and in song.

Opening Prayer (unison)

O God, in your infinite wisdom you have blessed us with families. Just as we love and honor you, O God, we love and honor those who raised us from childhood, as well as the precious children and grandchildren whom you have entrusted to our care. May we feel your presence as we celebrate your love and the love we share with our families and friends. We give you our praise, Lord, and in Christ we pray. Amen

HYMN # 395 (VU) Come in, Come in and Sit Down (Vs. 1,2 & 3)

We Share

OUR LIFE AND WORK: *We acknowledge the connection between work and worship, announcing what is going on in our congregation.*

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Spirit of Life" (*Voices United 381*)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea.

move in the hand, giving me the shape of justice.

Roots hold close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life come to me, come to me.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We dedicate our offerings to the work of God's love, justice, and peace. Tax receipts are 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.

SOLO

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy God, prepare our souls to hear your Word. Silence in us any voices but yours. In hearing, may your voice implant your Word into our hearts. In Jesus' name. Amen

READINGS: 2 Samuel 18:24-33(RSV), Ephesians 6:1-4(RSV),
Luke 15:11-24(RSV)

REFLECTIONS ON THE WORD

We Respond

HYMN # 556 (VU) (tune 664) Would you bless our homes & families.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

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.

We Leave to Serve

HYMN # 660 (VU) How Firm a Foundation

COMISSIONING AND SENDING FORTH

Let us go in peace to love and care for one another in the name of Christ. Let us remember that life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us on our earthly journey. So let us be loving and kind to one another and quick to forgive. Amen

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

St. James United Church

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

Life and Work - June 18, 2023

We offer condolences to: the family of Basil Worthman who died on June 8th. Basil and Beryl were the very first couple married in the sanctuary of St. James. Their wedding took place the day before the first Sunday morning worship in October of 1961.

We accept the following donation to the Memorial Fund:

- * In loving memory of Husband and Father Clayton Humphries from Ethel, Paul, Dwight and Jennifer.
- * In loving memory of W. A Coish from Dora Lee Pope.
- * In loving memory of Ronald Abbott from Wife, Nina and Family.

We accept the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:

- * In loving memory of Chesley Howse, Hubert Stokes and Carl Babstock from Jean Howse-Babstock.
- * In loving memory of Husband; Bas Jamieson and Father; Capt. Walter Blackwood from Lorna Jamieson.
- * In loving memory of Father, Gilbert Hiscock Sr. from Patsy.
- * In loving memory of Cecil G. Cole from Muriel and Family.
- * In loving memory of Dad, Fred Higdon from Cheryl, Karen, David and Kelly.

We accept the following donation to the General Fund:

- * In loving memory of our Fathers, Lewis Babstock and Edward Murphy from Linda and Ed Murphy.
- * In loving memory of Father, Daniel B. Hann from Nellie and Family.
- * In loving memory of Don Marshall from his Daughters, Janet, Joanne and Families and his Wife, Vera.

We acknowledge a donation to The Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund: from Sorensen School of Dance Christmas Show.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a Congregational meeting following the service on Sunday, June 25th. We encourage all to attend, if possible.

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Sharing in the Celebration Church: Each Sunday morning during worship at St. James we take time for people to share something that they are celebrating, like a Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, or anything at all! If you are joining worship from home, we would love to include you in this time. So email us at info@stjamesuc.org with information on what you would like to celebrate, and we will include it as part of our "Celebration Church" time during the Sunday Service! Let's all celebrate together!

St. James Mini Lunches will continue throughout the summer months. If you are able and would like to help Linda on a Sunday of your choosing, could you please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship room. She could use our support.

Forest Church Summer Solstice Service will be held at The Autism Society of NL Farm, 70 Clinch Cres (behind the Health Science Centre) 7 pm, Wednesday, June 21. Everyone is welcome. If the weather is as terrible as it has been all month we will meet in the Greenhouse. Contact Susan for more details.

Stewardship Committee's first on-line auction fundraiser on www.bartlettauctions.com continues and has been extended until 7 pm, Monday, June 19 with the technical, in-kind support of Bartlett Auctions! Thanks to generous donations of local businesses and our congregants, we have 71 various auction lots valued from \$5 to \$2500, including: home décor; giftware; designer sunglasses; wine; preserves; different groceries; a home-knit sweater; rocking horses (from St. James); gift certificates of all sorts; and a catered, five-course dinner for 10 people, generously donated by chefs Scott and Emma Hillyer (valued at \$2500!)

On-line auctions are easy to participate in and a lot of fun! Think of it as competitive shopping. Register to bid by setting up a secured, web site, shopping account as usual on: <https://bartlettauctions.com/register-to-bid>. Scroll down the pages to view and bid! You will receive e-mailed notifications on the lots on which you bid. Payments are electronically made to the registered bidders' credit cards and the invoices/receipts are automatically sent to the bidders' e-mail. *(For those who are less computer literate, simplified, printed directions for registering and bidding are at the church.) For help, please contact Paul at (709) 690-2767.*

There has been much action already -- more than 1000 views and bidding raising more than \$2000! Most bidding happens in the final hours, minutes and seconds as one by one, each lot closes. (The countdown is visible.) Don't miss out on the auction fun! Once paid, you may drop by the church office before 1 pm, from June

20 -23 to pick up your items. We greatly appreciate everyone's donations and support! Thank you!

Topsail United Church will be hosting an Afternoon Tea including a Bake Sale on Wednesday June 21 from 2 until 4 P.M. Entertainment provided by Avalonia. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance by calling the Church office at 834-4567.

Songwriters Circle Concert: Please join us on Thursday, June 29th for a Songwriters Night Fundraiser at Topsail United Church at 7 until 9 P.M., featuring Multi Award Winning Artists, Justin Fancy, Mallory Johnson, Gordon Cormier and Special Guests The Cormiers. Tickets \$25 and are available at the Church Office at 834-4567 or via email at office@topsailunited.ca

2023 Memorial Services

Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hamilton Avenue Extension
Monday, July 3, 2023 at 7 P.M

General Protestant Cemetery, Topsail Road
Monday, July 17,, 2023 @ 7 P.M

Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 25 Beaumont Hamel Way
Monday, July 31, 2023 at 7 P.M

Please Note:

In the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7 P.M the next evening.