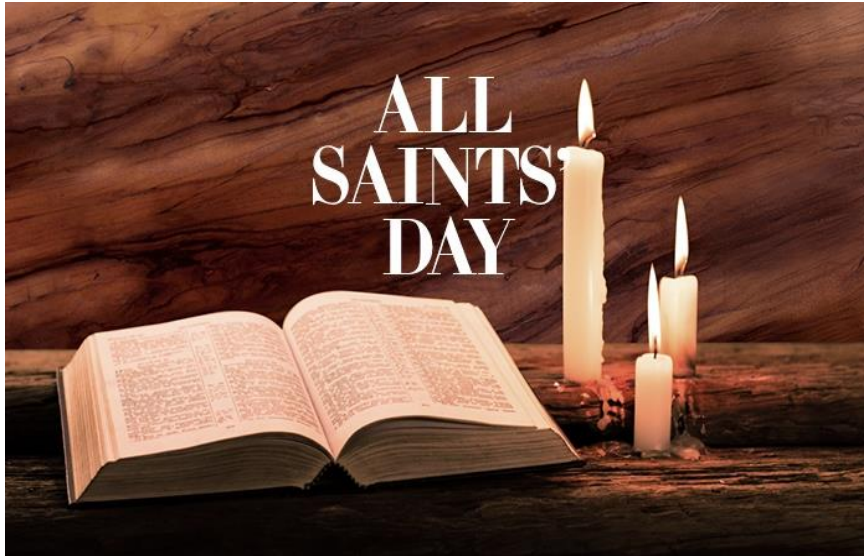


St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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

**Celebration of Worship for October 22, 2023**



The people of St. James United Church are eternal seekers who value diversity within our congregation, 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  
**Jacob Parsons**  
From Effie Parsons

## October 29, 2023, All Saints Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft  
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel and Glenda Winsor  
Ushering: Bill and Cindy Pike, Susan Pike,  
Marilyn Adams and Jean Thompson  
Communion Servers: Bill and Cindy Pike

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*Please rise in body or in spirit where there is an \*.*

### We Come to Worship

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME; ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP

*We share greetings in M'ikmawi'simk, Arabic and Hebrew as we gather with thanks for the land and commit to be a fully inclusive community.*

#### SHARING OF PEACE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For all the saints who went before us,  
who have spoken to our hearts, touched us with your love.

**All: We give thanks and praise to God.**

One: For all the saints who live beside us,  
whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own.

**All: We give thanks and praise to God.**

One: For all the saints who live beyond us,  
who challenge us to change and transform the world.

**All: We give thanks and praise to God.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, source of life and all blessing,  
**you touch us with grace through the lives of others,  
a great cloud of witnesses both known and unknown,  
who even now raise a great song of praise to you.  
Inspire us in our lives through their wisdom and love,  
that we too may follow Jesus as his faithful disciples.  
Blessed are you, Creator, Redeemer, Giver of Life. Amen.**

\* **HYMN:** “Holy, Holy, Holy” (Voices United 315)

### We Share

#### **OUR LIFE AND WORK**

**OFFERING:** *There are many ways to share your financial gifts with St. James United Church. There are plates as you enter the church in which to place your offering, you may contribute by pre-authorized remittance (PAR), via e-transfer (email treasurer@stjamesuc.org), sent through the website (www.stjamesuc.org), mailed to the church office or dropped into our secure mailbox. In whatever way you give, the community is grateful.*

\* **PRESENTATION HYMN:** “In Gratitude & Humble Trust” (VU 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.**

### We Remember

#### **TIME TO REMEMBER**

*Those who wish are invited to bring forward a photo of a loved one who has died. We pause to remember them and to give thanks for their lives.*

### We Listen

#### **PRAYER OF OPENNESS**

\* **HYMN:** “Take My Life and Let it Be” (Voices United 506)

**READINGS:** Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 22:34-46;  
“The Open Door” by Danna Faulds

**SOLO:** “All Saints Day” by Carrie Newcomer

#### **REFLECTION ON THE READINGS**

### We Respond

\* **HYMN:** “As We Gather at Your Table” (Voices United 457)

#### **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

One: At this and each of our tables, we are most fully ourselves.

**All: We see others for who they are – children of God, our siblings in Christ. We share this meal together as one family.**

## **THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

One: God be with you.                   **All: And also with you.**

One: Open your hearts.               **All: We gladly open them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks.           **All: We give to God our thanks & praise.**

One: It is good to praise you, holy and wondrous God, source of all life, made known in the universe you made, present in the hearts of all your countless children. Today we give thanks with our siblings of every age, who meeting you in faith, shared your love through the witness of their lives. With them, with all the saints both in heaven and on earth, we praise your eternal glory.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your light. Glory to you our God.**

**Blessed is he, blessed are we, blessed are all who come.**

**Hosannas ring, archangels sing. Blessed are all who come.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your light. Glory to you our God.**

We give you thanks for the witness of those who walked before us, people like Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, who obeyed your call, and left their home to go to a land promised but not seen.

**And Moses, Miriam and Aaron, who led your people out of slavery, called as a new people through your holy covenant.**

We thank you for your many prophets like Elijah and Isaiah who called the people back into right relationship with you.

**And for Mary and Joseph who rejoiced in the birth of your Holy Child and John who proclaimed your Messiah had come.**

We give you thanks most especially for Jesus in whom is fulfilled the hope of all your saints. In him our salvation is won through your love revealed, made grace known in all that he said and did.

And so in a special way, we pause to remember how on the night he was betrayed, he gathered for a meal with his friends. Taking some bread, he gave you thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you." Again after supper, he took the cup. After giving you thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Take and drink. This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you eat or drink, remember me."

We remember, gracious God, and so we hold fast to Jesus' examples of faith and love, as the saints have done before us, proclaiming in word and action the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is ris'n, Christ will come again.**

In union with them we pray that you make known to us the gifting of your Spirit within this bread and wine, and within us also.

Through this feast, join us in one holy communion of all the saints,  
with Peter, James and John, Mary Magdalene and Paul,

**With Francis and Clare, John Calvin and John Knox,  
John Wesley and Ann Cutler, with all the blessed whose lives of faith  
and love continue to inspire and guide us.**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit  
all glory is yours, most holy and wondrous God.

**All: Amen, amen, alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen.**

**PRAYER OF JESUS** *(in unison)*

### **SHARING IN COMMUNION**

The bread we share, **is our sharing in the life of Christ.**

The cup we bless, **is our blessing in the love of Christ.**

*Everyone is welcome to share communion – all ages, beliefs, identities and life experiences. Come to the front to receive the bread and grape juice (in a small glass). Please consume both before returning to your pew. Please let us know if you need the gluten free option. If you're unable to come forward, someone will bring communion to you.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(in unison):*

**We give thanks, holy God, for this sacred meal,  
shared not only with the saints we see, but the countless faithful  
who embrace us in your love. As we have shared in your heavenly banquet,  
may we make its meaning present in our lives. Amen.**

### **We Leave to Serve**

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

### **BENEDICTION**

One: As we go forth from here:

**All: may we be strong in spirit, courageous in will,  
and gentle of heart.**

One: Each day may our actions be:

**All: rooted in wisdom, nurtured by hope and open to love.**

One: May we meet others as we would wish to be met:


**All: with a heart of compassion, in a spirit of healing,  
and grounded in joy.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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## St. James United Church

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## Life and Work - October 29, 2023

### **We accept the following donation to the General Fund:**

In memory of Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray from the Agnes Pratt Home Foundation Inc.

**Eventide Worship Service:** There will be no Eventide worship service today, October 29, 2023. The next EvenTide Worship Service is November 5 in the style of Taizé. This meditative service of both silence and song will once again be dedicated to peace.

**Remembering Loved Ones:** This year we will take time to remember our loved ones a bit differently than the last two years. We invite you to bring a photograph of someone who has died. During the service, we will bring them forward and pause in thanksgiving. If you would prefer, email a copy to us and we will include your loved one in the service as well.

### **UCW Fall Sale - November 4, 2023:**

Our Fall sale is approaching! It's November 4th.  
Get your ticket beforehand, or else at the door.  
For an \$8 ticket, this will enable all hungry patrons to sit at a table.

With servers all ready for you to come in.  
The coffee and tea cups, they will fill to the brim.  
Try muffins and tea buns and along with all these,  
good raisin bread, tasty jam and hard cheese.

Move along to home bakery, there's no need to bake!  
Buy tea rings and cookies, and a favourite cake,  
muffins or fruit loaves, fine sponges or tortes,  
light crusty rolls, or pleasures of all sorts.

We'll have two lovely baskets, try your luck!  
If you win it, we're sure you'll be pleased with all that is in it.  
The success of our sale surely depends on support we receive  
from church family and friends.

If you will not be at the Morning Coffee and Bake Stall  
and you would like to buy tickets on the gift baskets,  
they are \$2 each or \$5 for three tickets.  
Please contact Barbara Adams at (709) 697-5565

## St. James 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Celebration:

Tickets can be purchased at the church office during office hours, by E-transfer [treasurer@stjamesuc.org](mailto:treasurer@stjamesuc.org) or by Paypal. The deadline to get your tickets is November 10th. The meal is Hot Turkey Dinner and catered by Fireside Catering. For additional information please contact the church office at [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org)



# St. James United 65th Anniversary Dinner Celebrations

LIVE MUSIC | FOODS | PARTY

**Friday, November 17, 2023**

Start at 6 for  
6:30 pm

Emcee: Gary & Lou of NL Now  
(Jake Thompson)

**Tickets**  
**\$45**

Featuring:  
Wayne Button and Friends  
Rachel Cousins





St. James Bethlehem Market: Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 2nd from 11AM-3PM. St. James United Church will be hosting a Bethlehem Market this year, including an opportunity for local crafters and other vendors to sell their wares. If you know someone who would like to rent a table to sell their wares, please contact the St. James church office at 722-1881 ext. 200 or by email at [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org). The cost is \$25 per table. The number of tables are limited so don't delay.



St. James United Church  
330 Elizabeth Ave.

# Bethlehem Market

Local Vendors

**SAT, DEC. 2**  
**11AM-3PM**

★ Free Admission ★

★ Food and Beverage Sales

★ Great Gift Ideas

★ Live Entertainment

The poster features a dark blue background with a starry night sky. At the bottom, there is a stylized illustration of a town with a central church building, houses, and green trees. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical layout, with the event name and date being the most prominent elements.

Social Action and Outreach Team: We wanted to show our support and to help the homeless who are camping on Confederation Hill to demonstrate the dire need for affordable housing and public housing in our province and to push our government to act.

On Tuesday October 24, St. James' volunteers compiled needed items into 20 care packages (including 10 for women) and delivered them. They were very appreciative.

Thanks to the generosity of the donors, and to the managers of Piper's on Aberdeen and Elizabeth Avenues for giving us a discount. We were able to buy enough items to make 20 nice care packages.

We will continue to support them by supplying necessary comfort items, and in a couple of weeks, with meals. Please contact me to donate products or your time: (709) 682-3927 or [robinbartlett1224@gmail.com](mailto:robinbartlett1224@gmail.com).

Thank you! Robin Bartlett, Chairperson



(Photo Caption: "Glenda Winsor packaging the items")