

St. James United Church



1958-2023
Celebrating 65 Years!!

In loving memory of Brother:
Derek T. Butt
(March 16, 1953 - November 14, 2021)
From Sisters Glenda Winsor, Gloria Le Feuvre
and Families.

In loving memory of:
James Alan Beckett
(Dec. 25, 1940 - Nov. 17, 2023)
Remembering you is easy. We do it everyday.
But missing you is a heartache, that never goes away.
From Sheilah, David, Tina and Kayleigh.

November 19, 2023 – Anniversary Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft and Rev. Amanda Barnes;
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose and Senior Choir
Ushers: Kim and Gerry Mayo, Marilyn Adams
and Jean Thompson

We Come to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME; ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP

We extend greetings in M'ikmawi'simk, Twi and German with thanks for the land and commit to be a fully inclusive community.

INTROIT: "Siyamba"

CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Psalm 90:1-2, 12-16*)

One: Across time and space, all of creation has been blessed.

All: And so we gather to praise the God of creation.

One: In every generation, people have found their rest in God!

All: And so we gather to praise the God of all people.

One: In this faith community we've experienced God's saving love.

All: And so we gather to praise God, and seek holy wisdom.

One: May the favour and blessing of God be upon us this day.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**O God of every time, age and generation,
we come together on this Anniversary Sunday
to ponder all it means to be church,
to bear your presence of love and grace,**

especially here in this community of faith.
As we sing and pray, listen and reflect together,
may you inspire our faith, awaken our hope,
and animate us with love so that we follow Christ
into the promise of your saving realm.
In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (*Voices United 220*)

We Share

OUR LIFE AND WORK

we announce what is going on in our congregation and 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.

PRAYER OF OPENNESS AND THANKSGIVING

We Remember

HONOURING TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Thanks to Rev. Robin Braffet Murray for this candle liturgy.

After the Blue and Pink Candles are lit, we say:

Their light comes from the eternal light. It will not be put out.

After the White Candle is lit from the Christ Candle, we say:

Their light comes from the eternal light. It will not be put out.

May all be free to shine as who they are both inside and out.

HYMN: "Spirit, Open my Heart" (*MV 79, V.3*)

We Listen and Respond

LEARNING TOGETHER

HYMN: "I'm Gonna live So God Can Use me" (*Voices United 575*)

READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30,
and "It Might Have Been" by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

ANTHEM: "Immortal, Invisible" (*Eric H. Thiman*)

HYMN: "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" (*Voices United 512*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYER OF JESUS (*VU p.921*)

SHARING OF PEACE

We Leave to Serve

HYMN: "Rise Up, O Saints of God"

**Rise up, O saints of God! Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.**

**Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of Christlike love
and end the night of wrong.**

**Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;
Led onward by the Son of Man,
Rise up, O saints of God!**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Life and Work - November 19, 2023

We accept the following donation to the General Fund:

*In loving memory of Captain Peter & Mrs. Olive Parsons, Parents, and Sister, Susan Bishop, from Heidi Janes, Brenda Newton, and Jean Babstock.

*In memory of David Hapgood. From Linda and Ed Murphy

Rev. James' Office Hours: If you would like to see Rev. James, he is in the church office on Tuesdays between 1:00 pm and 3:30 pm and on Thursdays between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm. If he is not in during those times, he has been called out on an emergency. Should that happen Stephanie can arrange an alternate time.

Open for a Visit: Rev. James loves coming to people's homes for a visit. If you would like him to come by, feel free to call him at 709-351-0983 to arrange a visit or you can email him at: james@stjamesuc.org.

Celtic Vespers: This Sunday evening at 7 pm is a brand new EvenTide service which celebrates the musical traditions of Ireland, Britain and Newfoundland. Come to this time of prayer, music and readings, including a time to kindle light as dark descends.

Pub Theology: This coming Thursday (Nov. 23) at 7:00 pm, it's time for Pub Theology at the Guv'nor Pub. Come for a time of conversation about faith, spirituality and life's big questions.

Wild Light Spiritual Oasis: Mark your calendars. November 25 at 2 pm will be our Wild Light gathering for November. Come to the parking lot of the Fluvarium for a time of shared reflection and meditative walking. Be sure to dress for the weather.

A Chance to See the Quad: As an addition to our anniversary festivities this weekend, the leadership team at Quadrangle are hosting an Open House so that folks from St. James can see their space and learn about their programs with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. So, when you come for the post-anniversary-service luncheon, be sure to pop in and say hello, and support them in their important work.

Bethlehem Market: We are sorry to announce that our Bethlehem Market, originally scheduled for December 2nd has been cancelled. We thank everyone for their interest and support. There will be another Christmas event scheduled for later in the month. Stay tuned for details.

Support the People Impacted by the Conflict in Palestine and Israel: Mission and Service partners are currently responding to those who are impacted by the conflict in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Partners are prepared to expand their activity into Gaza when a humanitarian corridor is opened, allowing for safe access to provide relief. Currently, there is an urgent need for food as well as non-food items such as medicines, psychosocial support, and shelter. You can support the people impacted by the conflict in Palestine and Israel through your donations and advocacy.

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!

Gower's Seniors Christmas Gala will be taking place on November 28th, 2023. Join us for Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings and entertainment by the Walsh Family. *Ticket Sales Start on November 7, 2023.* Purchase tickets via Gower Office (99 Queens Rd. 709-753-7286), office Hours Wednesday - Thursday, 11:00 A.m. - 4:00 P.M. Payment (cash, cheque or e-transfer) due on ticket distribution. Everyone welcome!