

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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

Celebration of Worship for November 26, 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.

Dedicated In Loving Memory of:
John Harvey Butt (November 7, 1921 - November 26, 2005)
from Daughters and Sons-in-law, Glenda and Glenn Winsor, Gloria
and Keith Le Feuvre and Grandson Joel Le Feuvre.

November 26, 2023 – Reign of Christ Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft;
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose and Jean Rose
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 Inuktitut, Swahili and Portuguese as we gather with thanks for the land and commit to be a fully inclusive community.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(inspired by Psalm 95)*

One: Come, let us worship God, for we are God's people!

All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

One: Let us worship God, great Sovereign over all the earth!

All: We worship the one who holds all creation in loving care.

One: We worship though we do not always listen for God's voice.

All: We worship knowing God loves us even as we go astray.

One: For the God of the universe is our shepherd and our rock,

All: God offers this flock a place of rest, a place of refuge.

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

Holy One, enthroned over all creation,

you are both sovereign and shepherd,

ruling our hearts with love and guiding us with mercy.

Teach us to see the world as you do,

to see your living presence in the least as much as the great,

and so to uplift in love all in need of compassionate care,

knowing that as we do so we serve your Christ,

in whose name we pray. Amen.

HYMN: "O Worship the King" *(Voices United 235)*

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.

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.

PRAYER OF OPENNESS AND THANKSGIVING

We Listen and Respond

LEARNING TOGETHER

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

HYMN: "Jesus Loves Me" (Voices United 365)

READINGS: Ezekiel 34:11-16, Matthew 25:31-46; Excerpt from
Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander by Thomas Merton

DUET: "Before Our Lord and King"

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

HYMN: "We Are Pilgrims on a Journey" (Voices United 595)

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

SHARING OF PEACE

We commit to the prayers we have made with a sign of peace.

We Leave to Serve

HYMN: "Rejoice the Lord Is King" (Voices United 213)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

St. James United Church

Council Chair	Michelle Skinner
Lead Minister:	Rev. James Ravenscroft
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

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Life and Work - November 26, 2023

We accept the following donation to the St. James AOTS:

- * In memory of David Hapgood from Ernest and Stella Bishop

We accept the following donations to the General Fund:

- * In memory of Dave Hapgood from Charlie and Linda Babstock
- * In memory of Dave Hapgood from Linda and Ed Murphy
- * In memory of Dave Hapgood from Paul and Jean Thompson and Maude Lake
- * In memory of William David Hapgood from Hazel Milley

We accept the following donations to the Memorial Fund:

- * In memory of Dave Hapgood from Ruth Baker
- * In memory of Dave Hapgood from the AOTS
- * In memory of Dave Hapgood from Aubrey and Ruby Hill
- * In memory of Dave Hapgood from Jack Head
- * In memory of Dave Hapgood from Michelle and Perry Winter
- * In memory of Dave Hapgood from Vera Marshall
- * In memory of Dave Hapgood from The Grenning Family
- * In memory of Dave Hapgood from Karen Pike & Jeremy Squires
- * In memory of Dave Hapgood from Una Keenan
- * In memory of Dave Hapgood from Jamie Stroh
- * In memory of David and Dorothy Hapgood from Heather May
- * In memory of David and Dorothy Hapgood from Lisa Pike-Young
- * In memory of Dave Hapgood from Susan L. Pike and Michael Kavanagh

We accept the following donation to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund:

- * In memory of Dave Hapgood from Marion Davis

We accept the following donation to the Music Program Fund:

- * In memory of William David Hapgood from Joyce Emberley

We accept the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:


- * In loving memory of Cecil G. Cole from Muriel and Family

Christmas Decorating - Please join us in decorating our church sanctuary on Saturday, December 2, 10:00 am. Light refreshments provided. All help will be greatly appreciated.

Eventide Worship: This week's Eventide Worship service is Tapestry. This service celebrates the strands that make us who we are in terms of faith, experience, and identity. Based on a theme, the service makes use of popular music as its "hymnbook". Participants are invited to bring a text or other media that represents the theme. Time is given for individual and shared reflection.

St. James Christmas Bake Sale and Luncheon: Don't have time to bake your Christmas cookies or cakes? Let us help you out! On *Sunday, December 17th from 12:30PM to 2:30PM* we will be hosting a Christmas Bake sale, including breads, cookies, homemade fudge, and more. Baked beans, hot dogs, and soup will also be available for lunch. No admission charge. We hope to see you there!

Memory Christmas Tree: At this time of the year, thoughts of our loved ones are never far from our minds. One of the ways we acknowledge this is through the Memory Tree. For a donation, a colored bulb will be changed to a white one in memory or in celebration of loved ones. We often think of this in terms remembering those who have passed but we also may have happy memories that we want to acknowledge, like the birth of a child, a graduation or perhaps an important anniversary. The money raised through your gift helps to fund the many projects and activities that make St. James the vibrant faith community we love. Please have your request into the office before ***noon on Friday, December 15*** for inclusion in the Christmas Eve bulletin insert. Best wishes for a Christmas of peace, love and joy!

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Donor's Name(s): _____	
In Memory or Celebration of: _____	
Address: _____ \$ _____ Donation	

White Gift Sunday: This year's White Gift Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, December 10. Please see the list of requested items on the insert about Stella's Circle.

[Please Click Here for the Wish-list of specific items.](#)

Social Action & Outreach Team: A young Ukrainian family with two daughters, one a teenager and the other 15 months old, and their small dog, recently escaped Ukraine during the bombings last year, They finally arrived here on Monday, November 13, and are staying at Holiday Inn until they find the needed furnishings for their apartment in Mount Pearl.

To help the family to settle, our committee asks you for donations of beds, furniture, all kinds of home furnishings and small appliances (in new or very good condition and working order only please). **For details of their needs and to donate, please contact Robin at (709) 682-3927 or robinbartlett1224@gmail.com.**

Pick-up and deliveries of smaller items in the St. John's/Mt. Pearl areas may be arranged. *(Please do not drop off items at the church. There is little space to store them.)* Thank you!

Topsail United Church Breakfast with Santa: Topsail United Church will be hosting a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday Dec. 2, from 8 Until 11 A.M. Usual great Menu of Baked Beans, Ham, Plain or Blueberry Pancakes, Eggs; fried or Boiled, Cereal, Juice, toast, Tea and Coffee. Admission \$10 Adults, \$5 Children. Pictures with Santa, Face Painting and Coloring. All are Welcome.

Coastal Sounds Choir Association are thrilled to announce, A CELTIC CHRISTMAS, Choral Concert and 10th Anniversary Cantata, on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 7 P.M. at All Saints Anglican Church, Foxtrap, with Special Guests: Matthew Byrne and local Members of NLESD. Tickets are \$ 25 and are available by our website: www.coastalsoundschoir.com Donations for the Community Food Sharing Association Greatly Appreciated.



Gower Street United Church
invites you to our
**Seniors' Christmas
Gala**
Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Tickets are \$25.00

Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings
Entertainment by the Walsh Family
Accepting Food Bank Donations (or a Loonie)
Draws for Door Pizes

Doors Open at 5:30 PM - Dinner starting 6 PM

Ticket Sales Start on November 7, 2023
Purchase tickers 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 distribtion



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