

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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

Celebration of Worship for November 5, 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.

November 5, 2023, Remembrance Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft
Leading Music: Amy Daziel, Bob Rose and the Senior Choir
Trumpeter: John Austin
Ushers: Guy & Julie Hollett, Marilyn Adams,
Susan Pike and Jean Thompson

We Come to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME; ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP

We share greetings in Inuktitut, Ukrainian and Urdu as we gather with thanks for the land and commit to be a fully inclusive community.

NATIONAL ANTHEM: "O Canada" (see overhead projection)

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.

OPENING/OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

God of Shalom, each year at this time

**we hold in our hearts the memory of men and women
who lost their lives in wars past. Even as we do,
we are aware of the conflicts that still impact our world,
and so recognize that like those who came before us,
we too our called to share our lives in such a way
that love overcomes hatred, compassion wins over judgment
and peace stands guard against violence of all kinds.
May we remember your generous grace in all that we do,
as we work for a world of understanding, justice and peace.
We pray in the name of One we call Prince of Peace. Amen.**

We Remember

INTROIT: "We Turn to You" (VU 685, v. 1)

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE (adapted from *Hebrew Union Prayer Book*)

One: We remember with sorrow all whose lives were lost, whom death has taken from our midst. We recall them with reverence.

Two: In the rising of the sun and its going down:

All: We remember them.

One: In the blowing of the wind and the chill of winter.

All: We remember them.

Two: In the opening buds and the rebirth of spring.

All: We remember them.

One: In the blue of the sky and the warmth of summer.

All: We remember them.

Two: In the rustling leaves and the beauty of autumn.

All: We remember them.

One: In the beginning of the year and when it ends.

All: We remember them.

Two: When we are weary and in need of strength.

All: We remember them.

One: When we are lost and are sick of heart.

All: We remember them.

Two: When we have joys that we yearn to share.

All: We remember them.

One: So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are part of us

All: as we remember them.

LAST POST, TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE, ROUSE

RESPONSIVE READING (from "The Fallen" by Laurence Binyon)

One: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

All: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn

One: At the going down of the sun and in the morning

All: We will remember them.

HYMN: "What Shall We Pray" (*see insert & overhead projection*)

We Listen

READINGS: Micah 3:5-10 and Romans 8:31-39

ANTHEM: "In Remembrance" by Eleanor Daley

MEDITATION

READING: "I Went to See the Soldiers" by Kenny Martin

HYMN: "O God Our Help in Ages Past" (*Voices United 806*)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMITMENT

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

SHARING A SIGN OF PEACE

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

We Leave to Serve

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "O Day of Peace" (*Voices United 682*)

SENDING FORTH

PROVINCIAL ANTHEM: "Ode to Newfoundland"
(*see overhead projection*)

POSTLUDE

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Eventide Worship Service: Our eventide Worship Service this evening will be in the style of Taizé. This meditative service of both silence and song will once again be dedicated to peace.

Standing against religious violence: As we did last year, we propose to keep our lights ON all night on Wednesday, November 9, 2023, in remembrance of Kristallnacht - the Night of Broken Glass, which marked the beginning of the Holocaust. For more information, please visit [Light Up the Church](https://www.lightupthechurch.org/)."

Some Food for Thought: The ongoing war between Israel and Hamas is a source of great worry and concern for all of us. With everything happening, many of us aren't sure how to respond. Rev. James read this article by Dr. Matthew Myer Boulton and found it to be very helpful. <https://www.saltproject.org/progressive-christian-blog/2023/10/30/jesus-jews-and-palestinians>. Perhaps you will too.

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. The cost is \$25 per table. The number of tables are limited so don't delay



Trunk N' Treat: Our first Trunk 'N Treat was an overwhelming success. Approximately 800 children paid us a visit! We would like to thank everyone for their support. Whether you donated treats, shared the word for us, or participated on the day of the event, we could not have done it without you! Special thanks to Colin Lane, our MUN Campus Enforcement Officer, for volunteering his time to ensure safety for all.

St. James 65th Anniversary Dinner Celebration: Tickets can be purchased at the church office during office hours, by E-transfer 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



**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

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!

Coastal Sounds Choir Association 10th Anniversary Christmas Cantata registration: Coastal Sounds Choir Association are pleased to announce that Registration for its 10th Anniversary Christmas Cantata *TIDINGS OF JOY*, (A Celtic

Christmas Celebration) by Joseph M. Martin is now OPEN. All Singers Welcome. For more information please visit our website at: www.coastalsoundschoir.com

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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!

Topsail United Church: will be holding a Baked Bean & Bologna supper served with Bread, Dessert, Tea, Coffee on Wednesday, November 8th from 5:30PM until 7:00PM. Cost \$12 for Adults, \$8 for Children. Please reserve your tickets by calling the church office at 834-4567, Entertainment will follow.

Flipper Dinner - Wesley Church: Wesley United Church will be holding a Flipper Dinner (with dessert, tea & coffee), on November 16th at 6:00 pm. Eat in and take outs available. Take outs to be picked up between 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$30. Call Phoebe Sheppard at 726-1689, Marvin Barnes at 579-7900 or the Church office at 579-3682

Topsail United Church Coffee Group will be hosting a Fall Afternoon Tea on Saturday November 18 from 2 until 4 P.M. Cost \$ 15. To reserve Tickets please call the church office at 834-4567. Entertainment by Avalonia. All are Welcome.

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