



St. James United Church



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

Celebration of Worship for January 19, 2025



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 Memory of
Thomas Rose
a dear friend of Mildred, Lisa and family.

In Loving Memory of
Harold Price (April 5, 1929 to January 21, 2017)
From Lillian and Family

January 19, 2025, Second Sunday after Epiphany

Leading Worship and Music: Rev. James Ravenscroft,
Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose and the Senior Choir
Ushering: Harvey and Paul Diamond, Marilyn Adams
Jean Thompson and Susan Pike

*Please rise as you are able where there is an * in the service.
Print in **bold** indicates that the portion is read or sung by everyone.*

We Come to Worship

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

LAND AND KINSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We share greetings in Inuktitut, French and Turkish, and give thanks for the land upon which we gather as we commit to be an inclusive church.

SHARING OF PEACE: We greet others with signs of welcome.

INTROIT: "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" (VU 336, v. 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 36:5-10)

We gather in the embrace of God's steadfast love.

We rejoice in God who reaches out to everyone.

We worship as a community upheld in God's righteousness.

We pray to God who holds all the earth with compassion.

We give thanks to God for the blessings of their abundant grace.

Let us celebrate God's joyful love for and with us!

OPENING PRAYER

Holy Love, in you we find both peace and purpose,

the chatter of our lives brought to quiet in you,

the push and pull of our lives given direction as well.

Be with us as we pray together, that in your grace

we may discover our true identity in you,

and so how we are to be with one another,
together resting in the fullness of your saving love.
We pray in the name of the One we call the Christ. Amen.

* **HYMN:** “Love Divine All Loves Excelling” (*Voices United* 333)

We Share in Love

OUR LIFE AND WORK

OFFERTORY: *There are many ways to give to St. James. You can place an offering in the plate, scan the QR code on the left, contribute via PAR, website (www.stjamesuc.org), e-transfer email treasurer@stjamesuc.org, mail to the church office or drop in our secure mailbox. In whatever way you choose to give, the community is grateful.*



* **HYMN:** “When Heaven’s Bright with Mystery” (*VU* 93, v. 4)
**When heaven’s bright with mystery and stars still lead an unknown way,
when love still lights a gentle path where courts
of power can hold no sway, there with the Magi,
let us kneel, our gifts to share, God’s world to heal.**

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

We Listen and Respond

LEARNING TOGETHER

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

* **HYMN:** “Take, O Take me As I Am” (*More Voices* 85)

READINGS: *At the end of each reading please say, “Thanks be to God.”*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Luke 4:14-21; and
“Building a Neighbourhood” by Steven Garnaas-Holmes

* **HYMN:** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (*VU* 664)

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

ANTHEM: “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for the needs of our global and local communities.

We Leave to Serve

* **HYMN:** "I Am the Light of the World" (*Voices United* 87)

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

As we go forth from here:

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

Each day may our actions:

be rooted in wisdom, nurtured by hope and open to love.

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

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

POSTLUDE

St. James United Church

Chair of Council:	Michelle Skinner
Minister:	Rev. James Ravenscroft
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Associate Music Director	Bob Rose
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Life and Work - January 19, 2025

We accept the following donation to the Memorial Fund:

* In memory of our parents, Nellie and Bill Bishop and our brother, Keith Bishop from Karen Bishop and Beverley Wicks (daughters)

We accept the following donation to the Music Fund:

* In memory of Harvey Weir from the Guitar Group

We accept the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:

* In loving memory of husband, Bas Jamieson from Lorna and family

Pub Theology: On Thursday, January 23 at 7 pm at Guv'nor Pub. A time to explore questions of faith, spirituality and ethics over a beverage. No question is too big or too small. Note that this is a week later than normal, the first week of January being a bit of a right off. See you there.

January Wild Light Spiritual Oasis Event: January 26 at 3 pm. We will gather at the church for some nature based craft activities to honour this time of strengthening light in the midst of winter.

St. James Calendar: 2025 Calendars are available to purchase. If you wish to buy one, please contact the office during regular business hours. The cost is \$20.

Members of the Association of Chartered Professional Accountants of Newfoundland and Labrador are once again offering free income tax services to senior citizens and low-income residents of the surrounding areas.

Members have volunteered their time to be available for consultation and assistance in the completion of income tax returns at several public clinics located throughout St. John's and Mount Pearl.

Senior citizens with total personal income of \$35,000 or less and other individuals with income of \$25,000 or less qualify for this free service. The program excludes all persons with self-employment or rental income or income from foreign sources

For more information or to arrange for an appointment, please call the Association of Chartered Professional Accountants of Newfoundland and Labrador at 753-3090 ext. 201. Please leave a message and your call will be returned within 2 days.

Please note we will start booking appointments Monday, February 3, 2025.

SILENT VIGIL FOR PEACE

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
5:30 - 6:30 PM



INDIVIDUALS ARE FREE TO COME AND GO AS THEY WISH.

NO SLOGANS

NO DISCUSSIONS

NO SIGNS

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY WAR.

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