



Welcome



Sept. 21, 2025, Welcome Back Sunday
(Third Sunday in the Season of Creation)

Leading Worship and Music: Rev. James Ravenscroft,
Paul Walsh, Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose and the Senior Choir
Ushers: Barry Cutler, Donna Downey, Marilyn Adams,
Jean Thompson, and Susan Pike

*Please rise in body or in spirit where there is an *.
Print in bold indicates that the portion is read or sung by everyone.*

We Come to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

We gather in love, greeting each other in Innu-aimun, French & Turkish.

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*** SHARING OF PEACE**

INTROIT: "We Gather as Christ's Body" - J. Locke/ G. Holst

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come in the name of God, who gathers us into community,
who brings us together to love and work, support and heal.
We come in the grace of Christ, who gathers us into community,
who calls us to work for justice, peace, freedom and truth.
We come in the power of the Spirit, who calls us into community,
who gathers us with all of creation to cherish and renew.
We come to share in the community that is the heart of God,
we worship God who gathers us together and makes us one.

OPENING PRAYER

Gathering God, you are the one who has drawn us together,
binding us as a family, not just within these walls,
but every people, every nation, every creature,
held in the unifying and renewing power of your love.
Be with us then as we worship as a community,
hearts open through your Spirit to each other and all creation.
We pray in the name of Jesus, your love made known. Amen.

HYMN: “God Is Here” (*Voices United 389*)

We Share in Love

OUR LIFE AND WORK: *We share what is going on in our community.*

OFFERING: *There are many ways to financially support St. James.*



You can place your contribution in the plate, scan the QR code on the left, donate via PAR, website (www.stjamesuc.org), e-transfer (email treasurer@stjamesuc.org), or mail to the church office. In whatever way you support St. James, the community is grateful. Tax receipts available upon request.

* **HYMN:** “For the Gift of Creation” (*Voices United 538*)

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts which we give.

* **PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND GRACE**

We Listen and Respond

LEARNING TOGETHER

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

* **HYMN:** “Praise with Joy the World’s Creator” (*Voices United 312*)

READINGS: *At the end of each reading please say, “Thanks be to God.”*
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; and Luke 16:1-13

* **HYMN:** “When We Are Tested” (*More Voices 65, to Slane*)

READING: *At the end of the reading please say, “Thanks be to God.”*
“On the Mystery of the Incarnation” by Denise Levertov

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

A PAUSE FOR THOUGHT: *We pause for a time of quiet reflection.*

ANTHEM: “The Prayer” – Sager/Foster, arr. T. Chinn

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

We Leave to Serve

* **HYMN:** “God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness” (VU 260)

* **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

Go in the blessing of God whose abundant loves hold all creation,
in the companionship of Christ who encourages us in God’s way,
in the power of the Spirit who draws us deeper into God’s kin-dom.
Go and tend the earth, bringing forth the fruits of righteousness.
We go in the love of Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE: *Please remain seated during the postlude.*

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Life and Work – September 21, 2025

Creative Corner: Each Sunday we try and have a section in the bulletin or "Life and Work" for what we call a "Creativity Corner". This is included because some people like to take notes during the sermon, to draw as a way to stay focused, or perhaps to write down a name when they meet someone in church, There was a time when we thought doing those sorts of things was not appropriate, but today we recognize that people have different learning styles, have varying needs. As a community of faith that seeks to include everyone, it is important to have things like the "Creativity Corner" to ensure everyone feels comfortable in their spiritual home.

InsideOUT LGBTQIA+ Spirituality Gathering - Sunday, September 21, 2025: InsideOUT is an LGBTQIA+ an opportunity to explore the intersection between queerness and spirituality. Held in the Quadrangle Outreach Room at 7:30PM

Wild light Spiritual Oasis Event: Our September gathering will be held in Rev. James and Glen's backyard on September 21 @ 3PM. Please email Rev. James AT JAMES@STJAMESUC.ORG for the address.

Today is Welcome Back Sunday!: Following the service, come down for a soup lunch and an opportunity to see what activities and groups you can get involved in this fall! Various groups and committees will have set up displays to share what they are up to and give you a chance to sign up to participate.

Looking for a new name: Now that our quarterly newsletter is principally an online only publication, it feels apt that we give it a new name. Please send in your suggestions to info@stjamesuc.org and then we will have a vote.

Terry Fox Run: Congratulations to our team on their great work! They raised \$700 for Cancer research!

Ushering: Thank you to all who volunteered to help with ushering throughout the summer by signing up on the sheet in the vestibule. I have placed a new sheet on the wall in the vestibule for all who might like to sign

up for the fall and winter season. Feel free to add your names when it might be convenient for you and your family. Or contact Susan by phone at 709-685-5613 or by email at susanpike@warp.nfld.net. Thank you in advance.

CIBC Run for the Cure: This is our 19th year participating as Team JoJo, raising money to support the CIBC Run for the Cure. This is an important cause for us remembering my sister Joanne and supporting our many friends who have fought and continue to fight against breast cancer. We'd appreciate your support. Together, we can change the future of breast cancer forever! We hoping you are able to consider making a donation today. You can donate by clicking on the link in the weekly email or contact Susan directly. Thank you for your support. Susan Pike: 709-685-5613.

Financial Update to August 31, 2025:

I made an error when I sent this to Stephanie to put in the bulletin. I am so sorry about this. The total salaries should be \$98,212 not \$81,920. So that will give us a Net Loss of \$20,810 not \$5,418. the good thing is we are well below where we were in 2024.

Revenue	2025	2024
Collection	112,349	95,649
Rentals	30,885	25,769
Other	<u>25,322</u>	<u>17,759</u>
Total Revenue	168,556	139,177
Expenses		
Church	81,725	87,481
Assessments	8,680	9,852
Committees	749	882
Salaries	<u>98,212</u>	<u>99,696</u>
Total Expenses	189,366	197,911
New Loss	-20,810	-58,834

Trunk or Treat: We are hosting our Trunk or Treat again this year and are asking for your help. It would be greatly appreciated if you could donate some treats towards this event. If you cannot get out to shop, monetary donations are also welcome and we will buy what we need. Volunteers are also needed to give the treats out on the day of the event. If you don't have a car but would still like to participate, we can buddy you up with another volunteer. Please let the office know if you would need to be partnered with a buddy so we can have it prearranged. Thank you!



Trunk Or Treat

**We're back and ready
for another day of fun!**

Sunday, October 26, 2025

**2:30 — 4:00 pm
(or until shelled out,
whichever comes first)**

**St. James United Church
330 Elizabeth Avenue**

No costume required

**Hope to see you all
there!!!**