



**St. James United Church**



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### **Celebration of Worship for November 2, 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.

## November 2, 2025, All Saints Sunday

Leading Worship and Music: Rev. James Ravenscroft,  
Paul Walsh, Bob Rose, and Glen Warren  
Ushers: Damien Betts & Sasha Betts, Grace Marcoux,  
Jean Thompson and Marilyn Adams

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*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 Mi'kmawi'simk, French & Korean.*

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SHARING OF PEACE

#### REFLECTIVE MUSIC

#### CALL TO WORSHIP *(inspired by Ps. 119:137-144)*

We come together in memory of all the righteous,

**With all who sought to echo God's holiness in their lives.** We come together with zeal for God's goodness and grace,

**Seeking to be as faithful as those who have gone before us.** We come together, praying that one day we will be called saints,

**Striving to be God's servants, to follow God's holy way.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, source of life and all blessing,

**you touch us with grace through the lives of others,  
a great cloud of witnesses both known and unknown,  
who even now raise a great song of praise to you.**

**Inspire us in our lives through their wisdom and love,  
that we too may follow Jesus as his faithful disciples.**

**Blessed are you, Creator, Redeemer, Giver of Life. Amen.**

**HYMN:** “Holy, Holy, Holy” (*Voices United 315*)

## **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](http://www.stjamesuc.org)), e-transfer (email [treasurer@stjamesuc.org](mailto: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:** “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 GRATITUDE**

**TIME TO REMEMBER:** *Those who wish may bring forward a photo of a loved one who has died. We pause in their memory.*

## **We Listen and Respond**

**PRAYER FOR HEALING AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**READINGS:** *At the end of each reading please say, “Thanks be to God.”*  
Ephesians 1:11-23 and Luke 19:1-10

**SOLO:** “Open My Eyes that I May See”

**READING:** *At the end of the reading please say, “Thanks be to God.”*  
*Our last reading is an excerpt from Christina Baldwin’s Storycatcher: Making Sense of Our Lives through the Power and Practice of Story.*

**REFLECTION ON THE READINGS**

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

\* **HYMN:** “As We Gather at Your Table” (*Voices United 457*)

## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

One: The celebration of communion is a festival of friends.  
At this and every banquet table, we are most fully ourselves.

**All: Here we see others for who they are – children of God,  
our siblings in Christ. We share this meal as one family.**

## **THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Open your hearts. **We gladly open them to God.**

Let us give thanks. **We give to God our thanks and praise.**

It is good to praise you, holy and wondrous God, source of all life, made known in your creation, present in the hearts of your countless children. Today we give thanks with siblings of every age, who meeting you in faith, shared your love through their lives. With them, we praise your eternal glory.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your light. Glory to you our God. Blessed is he, blessed are we, blessed are all who come. Hosannas ring, archangels sing. Blessed are all who come. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your light. Glory to you our God.**

We give you thanks for the witness of those who walked before us, people like Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, who obeyed your call, and left their home to go to a land promised but not seen.

**And Moses, Miriam and Aaron, who led your people out of slavery, called as a new people through your holy covenant.**

We thank you for your many prophets like Elijah and Isaiah who called the people back into right relationship with you.

**And for Mary and Joseph who rejoiced in the birth of your Holy Child and John who proclaimed your Messiah had come.**

We give thanks most especially for Jesus. In him our salvation is revealed, your love made known in all that he did. In a special way, we pause to recall how on the night he was betrayed, he gathered for a meal with his friends. Taking some bread, he gave you thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body, given for you." After supper, he took the cup and after giving you thanks, gave it to them, saying: "Take, drink. This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you eat or drink, remember me."

We remember, gracious God, and so we hold fast to Jesus' examples of faith and love, as the saints have done before us, proclaiming in word and action the mystery of our faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is ris'n, Christ will come again.**

In union with them we pray you make known to us the gifting of your Spirit within these gifts, within us also, that we be joined as one with all the saints, with Peter, James John, Mary Magdalene and Paul,  
**With Francis and Clare, John Calvin and John Knox, John Wesley and Ann Cutler, with all the blessed whose lives of faith and love continue to inspire and guide us.**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit all glory is yours, most holy and wondrous God.  
**All: Amen, amen, alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen.**

**PRAYER OF JESUS** (*Voices United p. 921 in unison*)

### **SHARING IN COMMUNION**

The bread we share, **is our sharing in the life of Christ.**  
The cup we bless, **is our blessing in the love of Christ.**

*Everyone is welcome to share communion – all ages, identities, beliefs, and life experiences. Come to the front to receive the bread and grape juice (in a small glass). Consume both before returning to your pew. A gluten free option is available. If you'd like a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to say as much. If you're unable to come forward, someone will bring communion to you. "Oh Let Us Breathe" (words and music by Lori Erhardt) will be sung during communion*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*in unison*):

**We give thanks, holy God, for this sacred meal, shared not only with the saints we see, but the countless faithful who hold us in your love. As we have shared in this banquet, may we make its meaning present in our lives. Amen.**

\* **HYMN:** “Bless Now, O God the Journey” (*Voices United* 633)

\* **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:** *Please remain seated during the postlude.*

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**Creative Corner: A place to draw, Scribble, write a note, or anything you wish!**

## Life and Work – November 2, 2025

**InsideOUT LGBTQIA+ Spirituality Gathering – Today, Sunday, November 2, 2025:** InsideOUT is an LGBTQIA+ an opportunity to explore the intersection between queerness and spirituality. Held in the Quadrangle Outreach Room at 7:30PM

**Rev. James' Study Time:** Over the next month, Rev. James will be taking an extra day or two each week to work on a major paper. This is a comprehensive paper he is writing as part of his doctoral program. He will be around to prepare and lead the service, as well as for pastoral emergencies. He will also keep his Thursday office hours from 1PM to 3:30PM.

**After Worship Bible Study:** Rev. James will lead a Bible study each Sunday after the coffee time. This will be a chance to explore the lectionary readings in more detail. Gather in the library 30 minutes after worship for an hour-long study.

**Taizé Prayer Service:** Wednesday (November 5) at 6:30pm. A time of readings, singing and silent reflection.

**Tapestry:** Saturday, November 8 @ 5:30PM. Beginning with a potluck at 5:30 pm, this service celebrates the strands that make us who we are in terms of faith, experience, and identity.

**Silent Vigil for Peace and Justice:** November 12 at 5:30PM

**Upcoming Newsletter:** We are seeking submissions for the upcoming Advent-Christmas edition of the soon to be renamed "Visitor." If you have a news item, committee update, interest story that you would like to share, please email it to [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org) by November 16

**Looking for Food Vendors:** For the last 2 years we have held a food market in December called Baking Spirits Bright. We would like to expand beyond selling baked goods and hosting a soup lunch to include various types of prepared foods. If you know a vendor who may want to set up shop on Dec. 14, or are one yourself, email Rev. James at [james@stjamesuc.org](mailto:james@stjamesuc.org)

**Harvest Afternoon Tea & Bake Sale:** Saturday, November 8th 2-4 pm. Tickets \$10 and available at the church office 709-722-1881 and at the door.

\*Sponsored by the St. James Fundraising Committee\*

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## Harvest Tea & Bake Stall



St. James Auditorium

Saturday, Nov 8, 2025



Time: 2 – 4 pm Cost: \$10.00

**Audio-visual Technician - Volunteer position:** Interested in Technology and need your volunteer hours topped up? This could be the volunteer position for you!! The Audio-Visual Technician is responsible for the operation of the audio systems for worship services at St. James United Church. Candidate would be responsible for preparing the audio systems 1 hour prior to all services, sound checks, preparing the projector, loading and operation of the power point, and assistance to the livestream technician if needed. Training on our systems will be provided. If you or someone you know is interested please send along a resume to Susan Pike, Chair, Worship & Sacraments Committee by November 5th to [susanpike@warp.nfld.net](mailto:susanpike@warp.nfld.net)

**St. James United 67th Anniversary Celebrations:** Friday, November 21, 2025. Tickets can be purchased at the church office during office hours, by E-transfer at [treasurer@stjamesuc.org](mailto:treasurer@stjamesuc.org) or by Paypal. Also, tickets can be purchased from Jean Thompson (709) 728-5048 and Aubrey Hill (709) 726-8306.

The deadline to get your tickets is November 17th. For additional information please contact the church office at [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org).

Donations for the treat walk and silent auction would be greatly appreciated! They can be dropped off to the church office up to November 20th.



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# **67th**

# *Anniversary*

# *Celebrations*

TREAT WALK / DINNER / SILENT AUCTION

**Friday, November 21, 2025**  
Starts at 6pm  
Tickets \$25





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**FIRST UNITED CHURCH - UCW FALL AFTERNOON TEA *with Entertainment*, Saturday, November 1st, 2 to 4 pm.** We are located on the corner of Churchill Avenue and Park Avenue in Mount Pearl: Tickets are \$15 per person and are available after 11 am Worship Service on Sunday from UCW members and during regular church office hours – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 1 pm. We will have lots of entertainment with ladies from Memory Lane Choir including our own Gloria Gosse, as well as soloists Allison Randell and Patricia Warford. There will be a door prize, as well as a 50/50 draw. The Quilting Group will have chances available on a quilt. Gather your family and friends, fill a table and come out for an enjoyable afternoon. Please note that tickets will not be sold at the door and need to be purchased by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**The Masterless Men** will be performing a hand-clapping, toe-tapping concert at *First United Church in Mount Pearl on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.* Come join us for night of traditional Newfoundland and Irish favourites, heart-warming ballads and mesmerizing instrumentals. Tickets are just \$30 and are available beginning September 17<sup>th</sup> at the church office Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 10 am and 2 pm. For more information, please call the church office at 709-368-2194 or email [firstunited@nf.aibn.com](mailto:firstunited@nf.aibn.com)