



St. James United Church



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

Celebration of Worship for November 23, 2025



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 23, 2025, Reign of Christ Sunday

Leading worship and music: Rev. James Ravenscroft, Barbara Butt,
Isabell Woefell, Bob Rose, and the St. James Guitar Group
Ushering: Jalna, Robyn and Heather McMaster,
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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

We gather in love, greeting each other in Mi'kmawi'simk, French and Igbo.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SHARING OF PEACE

INTROIT: "God of the Mountain"

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 46)*

Come and worship, draw near to God our refuge and strength.

We come to the river which makes glad the city of God.

Come raise your voice, sing praises like birds greeting the dawn.

We lift our voices in joy to Christ who dwells among us.

Come and be still, our hearts open to the grace of the Spirit.

We pray with gratitude to God and all of their saving works.

OPENING PRAYER

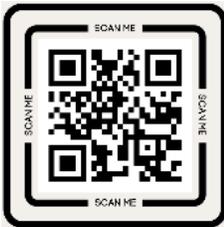
With open hearts we pray to you, Sovereign God,
grateful for your love made known in Christ,
who proclaimed your coming reign by saving the lost,
empowering the powerless and extending your grace to all.
Be with us through your Spirit as we too seek your reign,
your rule of love the focus of all that we say and do.
We pray in Jesus, your servant and our saving Lord. Amen.

* **HYMN:** “Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore” (VU 563)

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:** “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**

We Listen and Respond

LEARNING TOGETHER

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

* **HYMN:** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

PRAYER FOR HEALING AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

READINGS: *At the end of each reading please say, "Thanks be to God."*
Jeremiah 23:1-6 (read in German); and Luke 4:14-22

* **HYMN:** "Here I Am Lord" (*Voices United 509*)

READING: *At the end of the reading please say, "Thanks be to God."*
From C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity* (NY: Touchstone, 1996), 190-91

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

ANTHEM: "I Have a Dream"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (*Voices United*, p. 921)

We Leave to Serve

* **HYMN:** "I'll Fly Away"

* **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.*

St. James United Church

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Life and Work – November 23, 2025

Tune into VOWR: Today's service will be rebroadcast on VOWR this evening, November 23 at 7:00 PM. We welcome all those worshipping in person, watching via livestream, and those listening.

Our AED Machines:

We now have TWO AED machines in the building. One in the side porch by the offices and one at the back of the auditorium. The one by the office is now an AUTOMATIC machine and the one in the auditorium is a SEMIAUTOMATIC machine.

We hope we never have to use them but we're glad we have them.

If you have any questions regarding these machines please contact Susan.

Susan Pike: susanpike@warp.nfld.net // 709-685-5613

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.

Readers Required: If anyone is interested in helping out during Sunday worship services by doing readings, please see the sign up sheet in the vestibule or please contact Barry Cutler at (709) 685-9030 or by email at newfie_1_ca@yahoo.ca. Thank you

Christmas Decorating:

Come one, come all!

Young or old!

Tall or small!

Many hands make for light work.

We will be meeting on Monday, November 24th @10:00 am. Please join us to help prepare for the Advent Season. Light refreshments will be provided. If you can be available that morning, please let Marilyn or Susan know.

White Gift Sunday: It's the time of year for generosity and giving to those in need. As usual, St. James is collecting donations for Stella's Circle's clients! Donations can be made to St. James United Church Office. Please bring them in on Sunday, December 7th as they will be presented during the service.



Christmas Wish List

Household Items

(New items only, please!)

- * Dishes
- * Non sticks pots & frying pans
- * Cutlery & utensils
- * Cutting board
- * Kettle
- * Toaster
- * Reusable food storage containers
- * Aluminium foil, plastic wrap
- * Dish cloths & pot cloths
- * Cups, mugs & glasses
- * Baking sheets
- * Dish racks
- * Casserole dishes
- * Can openers
- * Colander
- * New bed sheets (twin & double)
- * New blankets & pillows
- * New bath towels, hand towels & face cloths
- * Mops, buckets, brooms
- * Garbage bags
- * Household cleaners, rubber gloves
- * Laundry detergent & dryer sheets
- * Paper towels & toilet paper
- * Dish liquid
- * Light bulbs, batteries, candles
- * Reusable water bottles
- * New throw blankets
- * Alarm clocks

Gifts should be new & remain unwrapped.

Please package in reusable bags for delivery no heavier than 20 pounds for the safety of staff.

Personal Care Items

(New items only, please & for all adults)

- * Shampoo
- * Conditioner
- * Dry shampoo
- * Hairspray, mousses & gels
- * Hair brushes, combs & accessories
- * Deodorant
- * Razors, shaving creams & gels
- * Toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss
- * Soap
- * Body wash
- * Moisturizer & hand lotion
- * Q-tips & tweezers
- * Lip balm
- * Nail care items (clippers, nail file)
- * Face cleanser
- * Make-up remover wipes
- * *Some unscented toiletries would be helpful*

Other Helpful Items

(New items only, please & for all adults)

- * Socks
- * Slippers
- * Underwear (sizes XS – 5X)
- * Pyjama/ pyjama bottoms (sizes XS – 5X)
- * Hats, gloves, mittens, scarves
- * New winter coats & jackets
- * Leggings of all sizes
- * New outdoor footwear
- * Backpacks & reuseable bags
- * Playing cards, games, colouring supplies
- * Movie passes
- * \$5 & \$10 Gift Cards (Dollarama, Sobeys etc)

Donations can be delivered to:

Employment Services
114 Cabot St, St. John's
Mon-Fri, 8:30am – 4:30pm

Housing Services
84 Prescott St, St. John's
Mon – Fri, 8:30am – 4:30pm

Emmanuel House
83 Cochrane St, St. John's
Mon – Sun, 8:30am – 4:30pm

Monetary Donations:
Stella's Circle Foundation
142 Military Road
St. John's, NL A1C 2E6

Questions? Please contact:
Craig Drover
709-738-7730
c.drover@StellasCircle.ca

Thank you!

Blue Christmas Service: Tuesday, December 16 at 7 pm.

A reflective service for those who need extra support or feel blue during the holidays, especially because of a recent death, illness, break up or any other loss.

**St. James United
Church Presents**

Blue Christmas Service

December 16, 2025

7:00pm

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





THE GREAT CHRISTMAS VISIT



The Advent-Christmas season is a great time to connect with loved ones as we share with each other the hope made real in the birth of Jesus. While we visit family and friends, our hearts go out to people who may feel isolated or lonely at this time, especially members of St. James United Church who have trouble getting around or just having a harder time this year.

So...we invite you to take part in our "**Great Christmas Visit**"!

Simply sign up and you will be linked with one of our more senior members. Visit with them at some point between December 1, 2025 and January 6, 2026, extending to them the care of this faith community. Full instructions will be given to help you share this important ministry.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

In addition, if you know someone who would appreciate a visit, please list their name and contact information below.

Name of Person(s) to be visited: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

**Thank you for sharing your gift of time
this Advent-Christmas!**