



St. James United Church



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

Celebration of Worship for November 9, 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 Loving Memory of Brother:
Derek T. Butt (March 16, 1953 – November 14, 2021)
From Sisters Glenda Winsor, Gloria Le Feuvre
and Families.

November 9, 2025 – Remembrance Sunday

Leading worship and Music: Rev. James Ravenscroft,
Owen Sinyard, Theresa Roberts-Morrissey, Amy Daziel,
Bob Rose, John Austin and the Senior Choir
Ushering: Shirley McNeil, Barbara Butt, Jean Thompson,
Marilyn Adams and Susan Pike

We Come to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME, CANDLE LIGHTING, LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We extend words of greeting in Inuktitut, French and Lingala.

NATIONAL ANTHEM: “O Canada” (*see insert*)

OUR LIFE AND WORK

OFFERTORY: “In Gratitude & Humble Trust” (*Voices United 544*)

We Remember

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we come together today, we take a moment to remember:
to remember servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives;
those who returned, lives forever changed by what they faced;
all who have served in conflicts both long past and recent.

As we come together today, we take a moment to lament:
to grieve for civilians lost, caught in the crossfire of violence;
for loved ones broken by news too unbearable to hear;
for lives maimed even now by the weapons of past conflicts.

As we come together today, we take a moment to pray:

to pray with gratitude for all who lost so much; to pray with honesty for the part we play in the reality of violence and war; to pray for peace, a peace that ultimately only God can give.

INTROIT: “Kyrie” (*traditional Guarani song - MV 69*)

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*):

Holy One, each year at this time we hold in our hearts the memory of men and women who lost their lives in war, especially in the global wars that so marred the last century. Even as we do, we are aware of the devastation of current wars, and all the lives forever impacted by the pain they face. We pray for the grace to share our lives in such a way that love overcomes hatred, mercy wins over judgement, and peace is finally given the opportunity to grow. Amen.

LAST POST, TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE, ROUSE

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.

ANTHEM: “In Remembrance” (*Eleanor Daley*)

We Listen

MEDITATION

* **HYMN:** “God, As with Silent Hearts!” (*Voices United 527*)

READINGS TO CENTRE US:

Excerpt from Thich Nhat Hanh, *Living Buddha, Living Christ*

SUNG RESPONSE: “Peace for the children” (*MV 149, v.1, 4*)

Isaiah 2:1-4 and excerpt from Eli Weisel’s 1986 Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech

SUNG RESPONSE: “Peace for the nations” (*MV 149, v.5*)

“The Peace of Wild Things” by Wendell Berry

SUNG RESPONSE: “Peace for the creatures” (*MV 149, v.6, 7*)

John 14:25-27

SUNG RESPONSE: “Peace in the soul” (*MV 149, v.10*)

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND SHARING OF PEACE

We Leave to Serve

* **HYMN:** “For the Healing of the Nations” (*Voices United 678*)

* **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.

PROVINCIAL ANTHEM: “Ode to Newfoundland” (*see insert*)

POSTLUDE: *Please remain seated during the postlude.*

St. James United Church

Chair of Church Board

Minister:

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Office Administrator:

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Church Custodian:

Pamela Norman

Rev. James Ravenscroft

Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown

Amy Dalziel and Bob Rose

Stephanie Harnum

Jake Thompson

Bruce Winsor

Life and Work – November 9, 2025

We accept the following donation to the General Fund:

* In memory of Harold Forcey from his wife Alice

Office Closure: A reminder that the church office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th to observe the Remembrance Day holiday. The office will reopen Wednesday morning as normal.

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.

Worship Service Readers: If there is anyone that is interested in helping out during Sunday worship services by doing readings, please contact Barry Cutler at (709) 685-9030 or by email at newfie_1_ca@yahoo.ca. Thank you

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

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

Sunday luncheon, November 16th will consist of sandwiches, sweets, fruit/veggie tray, crackers & Cheese. Donations are greatly appreciated. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule, or you can reach out to any team member, Sheilah, Catherine, Linda or Barbara.

Vote on new name for "Visitor": You have received an email survey asking you to vote on a number of options for the new name of the "Visitor". We ask everyone to please vote if you haven't done so already. The option with the highest number of votes will be the new name for the "Visitor". Thank you for your help!

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 by November 16

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

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 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.

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.



St. James United **67th** *Anniversary Celebrations*

TREAT WALK / DINNER / SILENT AUCTION

Friday, November 21, 2025

Starts at 6pm

Tickets \$25





MEMORY CHRISTMAS TREE FORM

At this time of the year, thoughts of our loved ones are never far from our minds. One of the ways we acknowledge this is through the Memory Tree. For a donation, a coloured bulb will be changed to a white one in memory or in celebration of loved ones. We often think of this in terms remembering those who have died but we also may have happy memories that we want to acknowledge, like the birth of a child, a graduation or perhaps an important anniversary. The money raised through your gift helps to fund the many projects and activities that make St. James the vibrant faith community we love. Please have your request into the office by noon on Friday, December 12 for inclusion in the Christmas Eve bulletin insert. Best wishes for a Christmas of peace, love and joy!

Donor's Name(s):

In Memory or Celebration of:

Address:

Donation of \$5 a bulb: \$ _____