



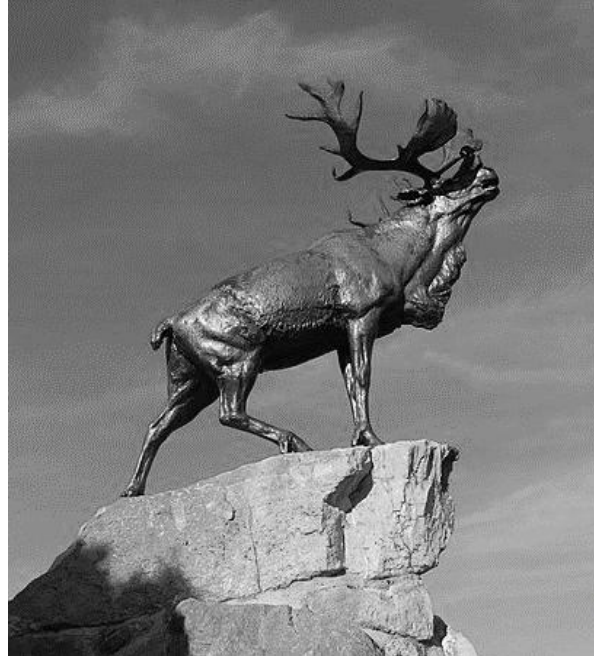
St. James United Church



Belong • Grow • Serve

330 Elizabeth Ave,
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Celebration of Worship: June 28, 2026



The people of St. James United Church are eternal seekers who value diversity within our congregation, our 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.

June 28, 2026, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
(Recognizing Memorial Day)

Leading: Rev. James Ravenscroft, Betty Pilgrim,
Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose, Jean Rose and John Austin
Ushers: Paula and Tim Reynolds, 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; ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP

*We offer greetings in Mi'kmawi'simk, French and Tagalog as we give thanks
for the land and affirm our promise to be an inclusive community.*

We Remember

INTROIT: “Peace, Salaam, Shalom”

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we come together today, we pause in remembrance,
bringing to mind all of those lost to us in the Great War.
As we remember today, we pause with concern,
grieving for a world that seems poised to repeat the past.
As we grieve together today, we pause in hope,
praying for a future that reflects God’s Reign of Peace.

* **HYMN:** “God as with Silent Hearts” (*Voices United* 527)

OPENING PRAYER

Restoring God, **as we gather today to worship,**
we seek your consolation, still grieving those
who gave up their lives so long ago in the tragedy of war.
Be with us as we worship, that we not only honour the past,
but open our hearts in this moment to the peace you dream,
to a future rooted in the reconciling mission of your Word,

and so, a time when people will no longer go to war.
We pray in the name of Jesus, your Prince of Peace. Amen.

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Share with Love

LIFE AND WORK: *We highlight activities in the congregation & beyond.*

OFFERING: *There are many ways to financially support St. James: place a gift in the plate, use the square in the foyer, scan the QR code on the left, donate via PAR, mail the office, go to the website (www.stjamesuc.org), or e-transfer (email treasurer@stjamesuc.org) However you support St. James, the community is grateful. Tax receipts available.*



*** HYMN:** “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow” (VU 514)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

We Listen and Respond

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND GRACE

LEARNING TOGETHER

*** HYMN:** “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” (Voices United 356)

READINGS: *At the end of each reading please say, “Thanks be to God.”*
Genesis 22:1-14 and Matthew 10:40-42

*** HYMN:** “Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands” (More Voices 173, v. 1-2, 4-5,
sung to tune of “The King of Love” – St. Columba)

READING: *At the end of the reading please say, “Thanks be to God”*
Mahmoud Darwish, “Think of Others” (trans. Mohammed Shaheen)

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

ANTHEM: “Could It Be that God is Singing” (*Then Let Us Sing* 117)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*** PROVINCIAL ANTHEM:** “Ode to Newfoundland”

When sunrays crown thy pine-clad hills
and summer spreads her hand.

When silvern voices tune thy rills
we love thee smiling land.

We love thee, we love thee,
we love thee smiling land.

As loved our fathers, so we love
where once they stood, we stand.
Their prayer we raise to heav'n above,
God guard thee Newfoundland.
God guard thee, God guard thee,
God guard thee Newfoundland.

*** BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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Life and Work – June 28, 2026

We acknowledge the following donations to the General Fund:

- * In loving memory of Reginald Kingsley from Boyd Smith
- * In loving memory of Reginald Kingsley from Aubrey and Ruby Hill
- * In loving memory of Reginald Kingsley from Spartan Delta Group
- * In loving memory of Marjorie "Midge" Kerr from Linda & Charlie Babstock
- * In loving memory of Reginald Kingsley from Eric Jerrett
- * In loving memory of Maude Lake from Linda & Charlie Babstock
- * In loving memory of Maude Lake from Aubrey & Ruby Hill
- * In loving memory of Maude Lake from Jean & Paul Thompson

We acknowledge the following donations to the Memorial Fund:

- * In loving memory of Joan Barbour from Shirley Bursey
- * In loving memory of Joan Barbour and Derrick Barbour from Marie-Beth & Carl Wright
- * In loving memory of Melinda Ryan from Diane Ryan
- * In loving memory of Maude Lake from Harold & Betty Grandy
- * In loving memory of Reginald Kingsley from Marie-Beth Wright
- * In loving memory of Maude Lake from Stephen, Susan, Rebecca, Kyle and Micah
- * In loving memory of Maude Lake from Sid & Menetha Dyke
- * In loving memory of Maude Lake from Brenda & Clyde Flight

We acknowledge the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:

- * In loving memory of Reginald Kingsley from Mary Ryan

Office Closure: The church office will be closed on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 to observe the Canada Day Holiday.

A thought of the week: *"It always seems impossible, until it's done"*

General Protestant Cemetery Services (Flower Services):

Mount Pleasant Cemetery - Monday, July 6, 2026 at 7PM

General Protestant Cemetery - Monday, July 20, 2026 at 7PM

Memorial Gardens Cemetery - Monday, July 27, 2026 at 7PM

Please note in the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7PM the next evening.

Our Church is in a Movie: Did you know that the outside of St. James is in an indie supernatural horror movie? Local filmmaker, Andrew Musgrave, is premiering "Anna, Postmortem" on July 2 at LSPU Hall, 3:30 pm and 8:30 pm. Glen Warren is starting in it and Rev. James was filmed in a scene (he's not sure if his scene is still in it). Support a St. John's film company and local talent. You can buy tickets via [showpass.com](https://www.showpass.com)

Join the Pride Parade, July 19 at Noon: Once again St. James United Church will be in the Pride Parade. So, let's get a large contingent of us to take part, showing our love and support of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. Contact Rev. James (james @ [stjamesuc.org](mailto:james@stjamesuc.org)) for more details.

Adopt a Flower Bed: Do you love tending flowers? Then why not adopt one of our flower beds? We are looking for people to take on a flower bed, keeping it weeded and looking its best. Contact the office to let us know.

Connecting with our Neighbourhood: This summer and fall we are doing Prayer Walks in our neighbourhood. This is a simple weekly walk along the streets surrounding the church, praying, observing and connecting with neighbours as you go. We will form small teams of 2-3 people to walk each week (or every 2 weeks if that is easier). Contact Rev. James (james@stjamesuc.org) if this interests you or for more information.

Monthly Labyrinth Walk: Did you know we have a labyrinth? We do and it is beckoning for us to walk it. A labyrinth is a circular winding path into a centre point. Unlike a maze there is only one path, and you cannot get lost. Walking the labyrinth is an ancient prayer practice to quiet the mind and seek spiritual clarity. Throughout the summer we will have a group labyrinth walk on fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm: July 22. Meet on the lawn between the church and Paton Street.

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.

Rejoice and Rise" Out in Faith Pride Gathering, July 9 at 6:30 pm, The Lantern: Each year "Out in Faith" hosts a prayerful celebration to mark Pride and make space for members of the LGBTQIA and 2S community to explore the intersection between sexuality/gender identity and spirituality/faith. The event includes speakers, singing and reflection. It is a

wonderful time for LGBTQIA and 2S people to come together with allies to reflect together in a spirit of love and mutual support.