St. James United Church

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

Celebration of Worship: November 8, 2026



November 8, 2026, Remembrance Sunday

Leading: Rev. James Ravenscroft, Clyde Flight, Jalna McMaster, Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose, and the Senior Choir
Ushers: Ruth Baker, Betty Pilgrim, Marilyn Adams, Jean Thompson and Susan Pike

Take whatever posture for singing and prayers that is most comfortable.
*Print in **bold** indicates that the portion is read or sung by everyone.*

We Come to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE
We welcome and greet each other in Innu-aimun, French and Tagalog.

LAND-KINSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
*We give thanks for the land, acknowledge treaty obligations and affirm our commitment to the inclusion of everyone in our community of faith***.**

NATIONAL ANTHEM: "O Canada"

OUR LIFE AND WORK

OFFERING: *There are many ways to financially support St. James: place your gift in the plate, use the Square (tap payment machine) in the foyer, scan the QR code on the left, donate via PAR, go to the website (www.stjamesuc.org), e-transfer (email treasurer@stjamesuc.org), or mail the church office. Tax receipts available upon request.*

OPENING/OFFERTORY PRAYER:
God of Shalom, **each year our hearts break**
as we remember the tragic human cost of going to war,
the lives of too many people lost, families forever impacted.
We gather today with painful awareness that we do not learn,
riven by hate, armed conflicts still plaguing our world.
Be with us in your grace that love may overcome hatred,

**and understanding stands guard against violence of all kinds,
each of us, as symbolized in these gifts,
dedicated to the lasting peace of your reign.
We pray in the name of One we call Prince of Peace. Amen.**

We Remember

INTROIT: "Be Still" (*D. Evans, arr. J. Whitbourn*)

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.

LAST POST, TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE, ROUSE

RESPONSIVE READING (from "The Fallen" by Laurence Binyon)
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

ANTHEM: "Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace"
(*S. S. Wesley, arr. Basil Ramsey*)

We Listen

READING: "Anthem for Doomed Youth" by Wilfred Owens

HYMN: "Weep for the Dead" (*Voices United* 526)

READING: Romans 8:18-25

PSALM: "O God Our Help in Ages Past" (*Voices United* 806)

MEDITATION

READING: Micah 4:1-5

HYMN: "O God of Every Nation" (*Voices United* 677)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMITMENT

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (*VU* p. 921, Ecumenical Version)

SHARING PEACE: *We commit to our prayers with a sign of peace.*

We Leave to Serve

HYMN: "O Day of Peace" (*Voices United* 682)

BLESSING AND SENDING *(Based on 1 Peter 2:9; 2 Cor. 12:9)*
We are called to be people of hope, a community of God's beloved,
a community in Christ sharing in service of God's reign.
We do it in the power of love, blessed in God, Abba, Christ & Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

PROVINCIAL ANTHEM: "Ode to Newfoundland" *(see insert)*

POSTLUDE: *Please remain seated during the postlude.*

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Life and Work - November 8, 2026

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Marjorie Tiller, who passed away peacefully on October 31st, 2026, surrounded by the love that she had spent her lifetime giving to others. A Funeral Service was held at St. James United Church on November 4th, 2026 at 2:00 pm, with an interment followed at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Post-worship Bible Study: After Worship on Sunday, we have our post-worship Bible Study. Come to the library 30 minutes after the start of coffee time to further explore the Bible readings of the day

Office Closure: The church office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11 to observe the Remembrance Day holiday.

Meditation for Busy People: Each Wednesday at 5:45 pm, we host a short time of Christian Meditation followed by additional spiritual practices like Lectio Divina, walking the labyrinth, a wonderful chance to come to inner quiet as we each focus on God's love within us. Come to the Fellowship Room. If you have not practiced Meditation before, arrive at 5:30 pm and Rev. James will teach you how to go about it. Following meditation, each week there is an additional spiritual practice to take part in, such as Lectio Divina, walking the labyrinth or Taizé.
Use this link if you would prefer to join the group virtually:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88638302614?pwd=y4Ad1OqHjb8dtsWSLXJNMKkf2998f3.1

Meditation Plus! Following our weekly meditation gathering, why not stay for another form of prayer or learning at 6:30 pm. The schedule is as follows:
First Wednesday of the month: Taizé Prayer (a time of singing and reflection)
Second Wednesday: Lectio Divina (shared reflection on a short Bible passage)
Third Wednesday: Post meditation teaching (learn more about Christian meditation)
Fourth Wednesday: Labyrinth Walk (a meditation practice focused on movement)

Considering Membership? We are planning to celebrate new members on November 15, our congregational anniversary. So let us know if you're currently a member of another congregation and considering transferring your membership to St. James, or were baptized in the United Church but never confirmed, or were baptized in another denomination and want to join the United Church. Whatever your circumstances, we would be happy to discern with you what is needed for you to become a member of our congregation. You can email Rev. James (james @ stjamesuc.org) or Susan Pike (susanpike @ warp.nfld.net).

Tapestry: Saturday, November 14: Beginning with a potluck at 6:00. This service celebrates the strands that make us who we are in terms of faith, experience, and identity.

Soup Luncheon: Our next Soup Luncheon is on Sunday, November 15th. We are looking for donations of soup/casseroles, dinner rolls and sweets. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer or contact Barbara or Linda.

Have you moved recently or have a new phone number?: If you have moved recently or have a new phone number, we ask you to please provide the office with the updated information so we can update it in our system. info@stjamesuc.org. Thank you.

Baking Spirits Bright Bake Sale: Don't have time to bake your Christmas cookies, cakes or treats? Let us help you out! On Sunday, December 20th directly after the worship service we will be hosting a Christmas Bake sale, including breads, cookies, homemade fudge and more. Lunch we will be serving baked beans, soup, hot dogs and sweets for a *free-will offering*. We are asking for donations of soup, chilli, rolls and sweets. Please contact Jean at: treasurer@stjamesuc.org. We hope to see you all there. We are accepting donations for the bake sale on Saturday evening Dec 19th from 5 – 6 pm. All donations are welcome

St. James United 68th Anniversary Celebrations:
Friday, November 20, 2026. Tickets can be purchased at the church office during office hours by debit or credit, by E-transfer at treasurer@stjamesuc.org or by Paypal. Also, tickets can be purchased from Jean Thompson (709) 728-5048.
The deadline to get your tickets is November 15th. For additional information, please contact the church office at: info@stjamesuc.org

We are accepting donations for the cake walk and new items for the auction would be greatly appreciated! (Gift Cards, Wine, etc). They can be dropped off at the church office up to November 19th.

The menu is scalloped potatoes, ham, marinated carrots and dessert. Please let us know in advance of any dietary restrictions.



Ecumenical Blue Christmas Service: St. James United Church is hosting a service on December 16 at 7pm for anyone who feels sadness at this time of year, especially if they are grieving the death of a loved one, the pain of a life-limiting illness, the breakdown of a relationship, or any other loss that leaves them feeling blue. People of all faiths and beliefs are welcome.



Memory Tree Deadline: Sunday, December 13, 2026



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* Sunday, *December 13* for inclusion in the Christmas Eve bulletin insert. Best wishes for a Christmas of peace, love and joy!

Donor's Name(s):

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In Memory or Celebration of:

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Address:

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Donation of $5 a bulb: $_____