

## **Saint James United Church**

**January 7, 2018 Baptism of Jesus**

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**Reader: Joan Hall**



*Welcome all visitors and their families who may be worshipping with us this morning. We pray that you will feel at home here at Saint James and that you will feel the presence of God's Holy Spirit, as we worship. After the service please introduce*

*yourself to Rev. Debra, sign our guest book at the back of the sanctuary and join us for Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in the board room.*

### **WE GATHER**

**Prelude**

**Introit** MV#1 – Let Us Build a House (vs.1)

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

In the beginning ... God's Spirit hovered over the waters;

**Thanks be to God for water.**

The voice of the Lord is heard on the seas;

**Thanks be to God for water.**

John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River;

**Thanks be to God for water.**

We are baptized by water and the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God for water and the Spirit.**

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Jan. 7	Baptism of Jesus Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship	10:30 a.m.  11:30 a.m.
Jan. 9	Games Pathfinders Sparks	1:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	Quilting Group CDC Meeting Please come, planning for next 2 months plus Easter. Choir	1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.  7:15 p.m.
Jan. 14	Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	10:30 a.m.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*The congregation of Saint James United Church strives to be a welcoming, caring, committed family of people from all ages and walks of life who come together in fellowship with each other and our Creator God.*

*We endeavour to respect each other's differences and abilities, to follow the way of Jesus, and to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in us and through us, for the ultimate enrichment of our faith, our community and our world.*

**SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT:** *A few of our congregation members have been experiencing problems due to perfumes in the church. We have tried to maintain a Scent Free Environment within Saint James United Church. We would like to remind everyone to please consider this request and refrain from wearing perfumes.*

**UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER** *Time to look at renewal of you United Church Observer. If you do not wish to renew, please let Mary know at the church office or if you are a new subscriber, we can add your name for a subscription for the up coming year. Cost is \$ 25.00.*

**PAR REMITTANCE PROGRAM**

*This is a great time of year to sign up for our PAR REMITTANCE PROGRAM! If you have automatic debits from your bank account to pay your bills, then you understand the PAR principle. It means regular contributions throughout the year. Even when we are away, our church has commitments every week. This is a convenient way to support both the local church and M&S. CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE DETAILS.*

**E-MAIL ADDRESSES AND UPDATED ADDRESSES**

*Keeping updated through email. I will try to keep you updated. Please contact the church office at 328-6114 so our addresses may be kept up to date. Tell your friends also so they can be added to our list.*

**If you have noticed someone missing from our congregation, please contact them by phone or visit them in person.  
*You may be their "angel"***

**DONATIONS**

**A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Carrie Hayden by Peter and Janet Clark.**

***Opening Prayer***

In this time of worship, we are called to draw God's circle wide, to speak of love, and peace, and sanctuary. In this time, we are offered the freedom to come and worship the One who created us. In this time, we gather in hope and lift our prayers.

**Holy and life-giving God, may your creating Spirit hover over us this day as it did over the waters millions of years ago. May you bind us, one to the other, that we might view our humanity as the sacred gift it is. May all your children be free to worship you in safety and call upon many names in peace. We pray this in hope and anticipation. Amen.**

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**Hymn** MV#161 – I Have Called You by Your Name  
*(children will come forward to observe baptism before going to Sunday school)*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

We welcome into the family of God and Saint James United Church, Riley Luke Jacobs MacFarlane, son of Terri and Brad MacFarlane, and brother to Jase. (Participating in the baptism this morning are Terri's parents: Archdeacon Mark Kingsbury and the Reverend Valerie Peyton Kingsbury)

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**Ministry of Music** *Wings of the Dawn*

**Scripture** Genesis 1:1-5  
Psalm 29, VU p.756 (remain seated; omit refrain)  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

**Message**

**Music for Meditation** *Angela Young*

**Hymn** VU#380 – She Comes Sailing on the Wind

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

### *Presentation of the Offering*

**Offertory**      *What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.*

### **Offertory prayer**

**God who gives us every good thing, we bring ourselves before you, as Jesus brought himself to the River Jordan, trusting in your will. We pray that these gifts may be used to bless others and make your presence known. Amen.**

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### *Minute for Mission*

### *Announcements*

### *Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer*

**Hymn**            VU#382 – Breathe on Me, Breath of God

### *Blessing and Sending Forth*

### **Choral Benediction**    Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace...never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen, amen, amen.

### *Postlude*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHURCH COMMITTEES 2018

*Special thanks to the members who have served on the committees during 2017. Please let the chair of the committee know, if you are interested to have your name remain on the committee, for the upcoming year. Also, if you are interested in serving on a committee, please leave your name with Mary at the church office.*

*Peter Clark, Chair of Official Board*

### ANNUAL REPORT - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*The annual congregational meeting will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> after church. Please have your **annual reports in by January 16, 2018** . Thank you*

COFFEE HOUR    *We serve coffee and tea after church and if you wish to bring a snack to share, please feel free to do so. **We still need volunteers for setup and cleanup.***

See sign up sheet.

UPPER ROOMS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY    *The **SMALL AND LARGE PRINT** have arrived. Cost \$ 3.00 .*

2018 CANADIAN CHURCH CALENDARS    *have arrived. Please check at the church office. Cost is \$ 5.00.*

GIFTS WITH VISION BOOKS    *have arrived. Located on table outside the church office..*

### ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP

*This support group meets at Saint James the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. The next meeting will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on January 15, 2018 All those who are care givers may like to mark this on your calendars. Please call the church office to confirm meetings over the summer, as sometimes there are changes.*