

# **Saint James United Church**

**December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Second Sunday in Advent**

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**Candle Lighters: Vanessa Belyea & Angela Young**



*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** VU#1 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs.2)

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Watch and wait, Christ is coming soon.

**Christ is with us now.**

Look and see, God's creative power is close at hand.

**God's power is with us here.**

Stop and notice, God has a plan to form our lives anew.

**God is re-creating us each and every day, re-forming us in the image of love.**

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Dec. 10

- Second Sunday of Advent 10:30 a.m.  
Cantata  
White Gift Sunday Sunday School
- Coffee, Tea and Fellowship
- Sunshine Singers
- Christmas Service at the Kirk 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: Dec. 11 COMMUNITY CANTATA  
WITH A DESSERT PARTY 7:30 P.M.

Dec. 12

- Games 1:00 p.m.
- Sparks and Pathfinders 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 13

- Advent Study Group 10:00 a.m.
- Quilting 1:00 p.m.
- Choir Practice 7:15 p.m.

Dec. 14

- Advent Study Group 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 17

- Third Sunday of Advent 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School Concert
- Family Christmas Pot Luck and Fellowship

**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.**

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

## 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*

**Bless these gifts with your loving presence, O God. Make your face shine through our offering this day. Shine the light of your love through our ministries and our lives, that all may know and notice that you are here, on this very earth and in our very lives. Amen.**

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### *Minute for Mission (printed)*

#### *Announcements*

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

**Hymn**           MV#134 – There Was a Child in Galilee

### *Blessing and Sending Forth*

Watch out.

**God is all around!**

Pay attention.

**Christ is coming soon.**

Wake up and notice.

**Christ is with us even now!**

**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*

### *Advent Candle Lighting*

*(as the first blue candle is lit)*

On the first Sunday of Advent we lit a candle for Hope.

*(as the second blue candle is lit)*

Today we light a candle for Peace.

This is the Peace we search for:

Peace of mind that enables us to think clearly and act with confidence,

**Peace in our hearts that enables us to feel calm and share compassion,**

Peace in our spirits that puts us in touch with God's love and Christ's way.

**Peace in our homes, peace at work and school,**

**Peace when we are among our friends,**

**Peace within the family circle.**

Peace within us,

**Peace around us,**

A Peace to hold us strong,

**A Peace that encourages us to work as Jesus did, for justice and sharing. Amen.**

*(Written by David Sparks. Gathering, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2014-2015, page 61. Used by permission.)*

**Sing:**           VU#6 – A Candle is Burning, vs.2

**Children's Time**     White Gifts

### *Blessing of the White Gifts*

**Holy God, you are the giver of all gifts; you know each need and hear each prayer. We come today with these white gifts that we give in Christ's spirit of love and justice. Bless these gifts and use them and our lives for the building of your kingdom in your world. These things we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

*Cantata*

**GOD WITH US**

*Christmas Fantasy for Brass and Organ*

*Featuring:*

Peter McLaughlin – trumpet

Steven Brewer – trumpet

Stephen Lloyd – baritone

John Clark – trombone

Geoff Clark – tuba

Amy Anderson – organ

*Come Emmanuel!*

*O Come to Set Us Free*

*This Child*

*We Wait for Thee*

Featuring Stephen Lloyd – baritone

*Joy to the World!*

*What Child Is This?*

Featuring Alyson Delong – flute

*Away In a Manger*

Featuring Saint James United Church handbells

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

Featuring Alyson Delong - flute

**Bass**

**David Daye  
Ken Nichols  
Nick Lawson  
John Clark**

**Alto**

**Lin Ward  
Carole Montgomery  
Opalee Budd  
Barb Kierstead  
Lauren Graham**

**Handbell Choir**

**Lynda Swan  
Evelyn Clark  
Kinley LaFrance  
Lin Ward  
Gail Lipsett**

**Narrator**

**Tenor**

**John Wetmore  
Scott Palmer**

**Soprano**

**Esther Rogers  
Anne Murray  
Angela Young  
Vanessa Belyea  
Sharon Anderson  
Emily Clark  
Valerie Wetmore**

**Jolene Caverhill  
Angela Palmer  
John Clark  
Bonnie Stokes  
Angela Young**

**Rev. Debra Baker**

***The bulletin has been dedicated in loving memory  
of our mothers Roberta White, Sharon Clark,  
and grandmother, Louise Corey by Peter and Janet Clark.***

## **“Christmas in the Dooryard”**

*Celebrate the wonderful spirit of Christmas on December 19, 2017.*

*Location: McCain Community Theatre at the Woodstock High School*

*Time: 7:00 pm*

*Admission: by your generous donation with all proceeds supporting the Dooryard Arts Festival*

*“Christmas in the Dooryard” will feature classical and contemporary seasonal music, dance and stories. Prepare to have your spirits lifted just as high as that bright shining star so many years ago.*

## **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

### **DONATIONS**

*A donation had been made to the Kirk Church Fund  
in loving memory of wife Lorna Cluff  
by husband, Donald Cluff.*

### **DATES TO MARK FOR DECEMBER**

*Dec. 11 Community Cantata 7:30 p.m.*

*Dec. 17 Third Sunday of Advent 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School Concert  
Family Christmas Pot Luck*

*Dec. 21 Blue Christmas service 7:00 p.m.*

*Dec. 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:30 a.m.*

*Dec. 24 Family Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.*

### **COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!!**

*We've made it to Jerusalem and have toured around the city.  
Now it's time to head for home. If we start walking now, we can plan  
to be in Woodstock for Christmas. That is 8401 km.*

*A sheet is back on the Bulletin Board to record your kms. This week  
we travelled 279.5 kms. The total to date is 5900.57 kms. We are  
getting closer. KEEP WALKING!*

## 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

### ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Our small group study this Advent is entitled "O Wisdom." In this 4 week study, we trace the path of Wisdom knowledge through four books of the Bible: Proverbs, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs. We started on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and will finish on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Sessions will be held in the boardroom at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Feel free to attend either one.

### ADVENT REVERSE BAGS

This year we invite you to fill a Reverse Advent bag (or bags) for Sanctuary House and/or Harvest House. Some suggestions are personal items such as socks, gloves, tissues, deodorant, shampoo, etc. Gum, candy, chocolate would also be a nice treat. Please return the bags no later than Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support to the project to help members of our community.

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.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR 2018 have arrived and are located outside the church office.

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

ADVENT CALENDAR OF DEVOTIONS 2017 have arrived and are at the church office. 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 December 18<sup>th</sup> .. 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.

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 your are a new subscriber, we can add your name for a subscription for the upcoming year. **Cost is \$ 25.00. Sorry I had the wrong amount last week.** you in advance for your time.

### 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.**