

Saint James United Church

Feb. 11, 2018 -- Transfiguration Sunday

120 Chapel St. Woodstock, N.B. E7M1H1

Phone: 328-6114 Fax: 324-9349 Evenings: 328-3198

Email: stjames@nb.aibn.com Minister's Office 328-3191

Minister's Cell Phone No: 323-1304

Ministers: Rev. Debra Baker

Music Director and Organist: Amy Anderson

Admin. Assistant: Mary Wheelan C.D. Coordinator: Joan Hall

Ushers: Jolene Caverhill, Heather Voutour, Ruby MacNabb

Reader: Anne Murray



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 Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in this Place

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel his mighty power and his grace
I can hear the brush of angels' wings
I feel glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Welcome

Question to Ponder What do you see as your mission in life?

DATES TO REMEMBER

- | | | |
|---------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Feb.11 | Morning Worship
Sunday School
Sunshine Singers
Men's Rehearsal
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room | 10:30 a.m. |
| Feb.13 | Games
Pathfinders
Sparks
St. Luke's Pancake Supper 4:00 -6:00 p.m. | 1:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. |
| Feb.14 | Ash Wednesday Lenten Service
Quilting Group
Choir | 12:05 p.m.
1:00 p.m.
7:15 p.m. |
| Feb..18 | Morning Worship
Sunday School
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship before | 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.*

It's that time again....

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Carleton-York's
Annual Bowl for Kids Sake**

**"BFKS offers everyone in the community a choice to positively
impact the life of a child".**

Saturday, March 17, 2018

Woodstock Bowlacade

We are writing to ask if your church (**Sunday school, vestry, youth groups, bible study/ prayer groups**) will consider putting together a team, raising a few pledges and then coming out to the **Woodstock Bowlacade** for an hour of free bowling, fun, and a chance to win prizes.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

4:00pm-6:30pm

St. Luke's Hall, Church Street, Woodstock

\$7pp; \$4pchild(under 6)

\$20 per family

All proceeds for the Youth

Please make our tradition – your tradition!

Call to Worship

God calls us to the mountaintop.

God, we come!

Christ invites us to the place where the Spirit's presence is revealed in power and glory.

God, we are here!

The Spirit offers us a revelation of the Living Lord.

**As we worship this day, open our eyes to your presence, O God,
and transfigure our lives to mirror your own!**

(From The Abingdon Worship Annual 2015 Edition. Copyright © 2014 by Abingdon Press. Used by permission.)

Prayer of Opening

God, open our eyes to experience your glory. Make us like Peter, James and John, who left daily life behind as they climbed your mountain to touch the divine. Make us like Elisha, who refused to leave his mentor and teacher Elijah in pursuit of a special blessing. May we, who are gathered here today, be doubly blessed by your presence with us, in all your power and glory, on this Transfiguration Sunday. Amen.

(From The Abingdon Worship Annual 2015 Edition. Copyright © 2014 by Abingdon Press. Used by permission.)

Hymn

VU#299 – Teach Me, God, to Wonder

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we would rather envision you in our own image, than catch a glimpse of you in your splendour and glory; we would rather imagine ourselves as the centre of the universe than allow your vision to show us things as they truly are.

Forgive us, O God, when we shut our eyes to your self-revelation and insist that you look and behave just like us. Forgive, Holy One, when our egos prevent us from seeing who you really are.

(silent confession)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Words of Assurance

The God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," brings light to the hidden areas of our souls and forgiveness to those who ask for it. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

(From *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2015 Edition*. Copyright © 2014 by Abingdon Press. Used by permission.)

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem *The Welcome Table*

Scriptures 2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50, VU p. 775
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Meditation

Music for Reflection

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, we humbly offer these gifts into your service as we proclaim your good news to those whose eyes are not yet veiled. In our living and our giving, help us proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen.

(From *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2015 Edition*. Copyright © 2014 by Abingdon Press. Used by permission.)

LENTEN STUDY GROUP

*Our Lenten Study for 2018 is titled "Being in Community." We will meet 3 times during the 6 weeks of Lent beginning February 21st at 10:00 a.m. and continuing on March 7th and 21st. This study is from *The Prayer Bench* and follows a similar format as our previous studies. Please sign up, if you are interested.*

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 MARCH AND APRIL *Cost \$ 3.00*

Large Print only. Small to be hear this week.

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 3rd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on February 19, 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.

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 up coming year.*

Cost is \$ 25.00.

SOCK SUNDAY, February 18th. *Please bring a pair of socks for the area schools.*

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Earle Blackie by Lester and Pat Grant.

A donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Richard Montgomery by Carole Montgomery and family.

Lenten Services Schedule 2018 Woodstock Ministerial

The Lenten Services will be held this year (2018) at St. James United Church at 12:05pm and conclude at 12:30pm. Services will be followed by a soup luncheon for all who may wish to stay.

Feb.14, 2018	Ash Wednesday	Readings
Presider	Rev. Debra Baker, St. James	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17a Ps 51:1-18
Reflection	Fr. John Beaumaster, St. Gertrude's	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Feb.21, 2018	1st Week of Lent	Readings
Presider	Rev. Shirley Noseworthy, St. Luke's	Jonah 3:1-10 Ps 51:1-2, 11-13
Reflection	Rev. Anne Boudreau, St. Paul's Luke	11:29-32
Feb.28, 2018	2nd Week of Lent	Readings
Presider	Rev. Rod Black, Parish of Richmond	Jeremiah 18:18-20 Ps 31:1-5, 13-16
Reflection	Majors A&M Sandoval, Salvation Army	Matthew 20:7-18
March 7, 2018	3rd Week of Lent	Readings
Presider	Rev. Anne Boudreau, St. Paul's	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-10 Ps 147:13-21
Reflection	Rev. Debra Baker, St. James	Matthew 5:17-20
March 14, 2018	4th Week of Lent	Readings
Presider	Fr. John Beaumaster, St. Gertrude's	Isaiah 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-15
Reflection	Rev. Shirley Noseworthy, St. Luke's	John 5:17-30
March 21, 2018	5th Week of Lent	Readings
Presider	Majors A&M Sandoval, Salvation Army	Daniel 3:13-28 Ps 24:1-6
Reflection	Rev. Rod Black, Parish of Richmond	John 8:31-47

Minute for Mission (see insert)

Announcements

Communion Hymn VU#104 – We Have Come ...

Sacrament of Holy Communion

This is not the table of Saint James United Church, nor is it the table of the United Church of Canada. It is the table of Jesus Christ and all are welcome at this table.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, O God, for your light in creation. We thank you for the spectacular sunsets which hint at your glory and the gentle rays of dawn which chase away the darkness. We thank you for the mysterious moonlight and the soft light of the stars and heavens above us.

We thank you, O God, for your gift of light within us. We thank you for the light of human life, and for the illumination of hearts and lives through your Spirit. We thank you for the witness of the women and men, your saints of every age, who have brightened our world through their faith.

And above all God, we thank you and praise you for the light of Jesus. For through Jesus you have shown us your glory and love; through him we have a luminous example and a shining way to follow.

Through Jesus, we who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.

This morning we come before you in praise and thanksgiving. We have seen the wonders of your light with our own eyes. We have experienced your light reaching out to cut through our darkness. We have felt the warmth of your light touching our souls.

In the brightness of your love, we come to this table. We take the bread and the cup as signs of your light and life.

For with his disciples, Jesus took bread, broke it, and said, “This is my body which is given for you. Each time you do this, remember me.”

He also took the cup saying, “This cup is the new covenant God has made with you in my blood. Each time you do this and drink from this cup, remember me.”

We pray, O God, that your Holy Spirit might shine forth on us this day. Through this table let us know the truth of your glory, let us see the wonders of your love, and let us be strengthened to serve as your people.

For we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, the one who revealed your glory on the mountain and followed your will upon the cross, in the name of Jesus, whose death and resurrection have brought life and light eternal to the world.

Amen.

We come before God with open hearts, as we pray as Jesus taught us, saying, **Our Father, who art in heaven**

The bread of life.
The cup of blessing.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal and loving God, for the bread which we have eaten and the cup we have tasted, we praise and thank you. For you have touched us by your Holy Spirit, and challenged us to live as your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn VU#481 – Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

Blessing and Sending Forth

It is not enough to visit the mountain, or even to see Christ transfigured with dazzling clothes.

Such moments remain a secret and a mystery if they are not shared.

Go, now, in the love of God, to bring light to a world that dwells yet in the shadows.

We go now, with the peace of God, to bring a vision of joy and hope to those who have lost their way. Amen.

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

Scriptures for February 18, 2018 – 1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Pete

The bulletin has been dedicated in appreciation of all those who have let their names stand on the committees to serve our church by Phyllis Robinson.