

Saint James United Church

October 15, 2017 9th after Pentecost

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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 join us for Coffee, tea, and fellowship in the Board Room.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Introit MV#2 – Come All You People (3X)

Welcome

Question to Ponder: How hard is it for you to rejoice?

Call to Worship

You invite us to worship, O God, and we rejoice.

We set the anxieties of our daily lives aside

You invite us to worship, O God, and we rejoice.

We realize the full extent of your wonderful gifts.

You invite us to worship, O God, and we rejoice.

We experience your love so graciously shown in Jesus.

You invite us to worship, O God, and we rejoice.

Let us praise God with our lips and our lives!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 15.

- Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday School
- Coffee, tea and fellowship
Sunshine Singers and Handbells

Oct. 17

- Games 1:00 p.m.
- Pathfinders and Sparks 6:30 p.m.
- Committee Meetings 7:00 p.m.
Session, Trustees, M& P, Board of Stewards

Oct. 18

- Quilting 1:00 p.m.
- Choir 7:15 p.m.
- Carleton County Refugee 6:30 p.m.
Committee Meeting at St. Gertrude's Everyone Welcome!

Oct. 19

- Fall Supper Drive Through 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Sit Down Dinner 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 21.

- Fashion Show and Tea 10:30 a.m.

Oct. 22.

- Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday School
- Coffee, tea and fellowship
Sunshine Singers and Handbells

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.*

CARLETON COUNTY REFUGEE COMMITTEE

The Carleton County Refugee Committee will hold a meeting Wednesday, October 18th at 6:30 pm at St. Gertrude's Church Hall, Woodstock, N.B. Everyone is welcome!!

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Saturday, Oct. 21st Richmond Corner Rec. Centre for Audrey McCormick who has to undergo surgery for a double lung transplant in Toronto. Cost by Donation.

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the Youth Camp Fund in loving memory of Rev. H. G. MacKenzie by Scott and Angela Palmer.

Prayer of Opening

Gracious God, like a parent you nurture and encourage us. Through your word and spirit you show us new possibilities. Strengthen us through our worship and reflection, to grow in understanding and in love, that we may be agents of your love, in all the world. Amen.

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Hymn MV#48 – I Can Feel You Near Me God

Children's Time VU#249 – Rejoice in the Lord Always

Prayer of Confession

There are so many obstacles to our faithfulness O God: We like our comfortable and routine existence, and it is hard to change. The invitation comes to try out new skills, to risk faithfully, but we turn it down. Family and friends and social commitments take up so much of our time that we are not open to new possibilities. Forgive us God, when we miss your call, your invitation, to new adventures in faith to partake in new experiences and dreams for your world.

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(time for silent confession)

Words of Forgiveness

Daily, God offers us new beginnings. All we have to do is accept the invitation. So rejoice! Step out and move on, filled with courage and God's love.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem *Hallowed Be Thy Name*

Scripture Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106, VU p.830

Chorus VU#249 – Rejoice in the Lord Always

Scripture Philippians 4:1-9

Chorus VU#249 – Rejoice in the Lord Always

Message

Music for Meditation

Hymn VU#661 – Come to My Heart

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

For food in a world where many walk in hunger; for faith in a world where many walk in fear; for friends in a world where many walk alone, we give you humble thanks, O God. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer VU#960

Closing Hymn VU#577 – I've Got Peace Like a River

Blessing and Sending Forth

Rejoice in the Lord always; I will say it again – Rejoice!

We will rejoice with kind thoughts and gentle acts.

We will rejoice as we pray hopefully and reflect carefully.

We will rejoice when life is wonderful and when it is a trial.

And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will be there with us all, now, and throughout time.

Amen.

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Choral Benediction MV#215 – Peace Be with You

Postlude

If you have noticed someone missing from our congregation, please contact them by phone or visit them in person.

You may be their “angel.”

Annual Fall Turkey Supper

Saint James United Church

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Sit Down Dinner 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Drive through 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

To Pre-order call 328-6114 for Home Delivery
ALSO we have drive through -- Maple Street only

4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

COST Adult \$ 12.00 Children \$ 5.00 Family \$ 35.00

FUND RAISERS

This fall has been very successful with our
Annual Pie Making Project.

Profit was \$ 2280.61. We made 389 pies.

Our Annual Fall Yard Sale. **We made \$ 2941.20.**

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR WORKERS, AND
THOSE WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY.

FALL FASHION SHOW AND TEA

Saint James United Church

Saturday, October 21, 2017 2:00 P.M.

Tickets are \$ 10.00

Fashions from Fashion Today.

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 21:1-14

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ²Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.'" ⁹The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'” ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Philippians 4:1-9

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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Scripture readings for October 22, 2017

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99:1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

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. Thank you.

UPPER ROOMS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER *The SMALL AND LARGE PRINT have arrived. We also have small print for September and October. Cost \$ 3.00 .*

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 October 16th. 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.

SIGN-UP SHEETS: *We have placed sign-up sheets on our bulletin board in the lobby for volunteers for:
Readers, Sunday School Teachers and Helpers,*

ANNIVERSARY CONCERT--- *Sunday, October 15, beginning at 3 pm at St. Gertrude's. Featuring the 3rd Field Artillery Band. No cost but a Free Will Offering will be taken. All Welcome*

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 333.5 kms. The total to date is 3,712.7 kms. We are in the Mediterranean Sea.
Let's Go!! Keep Walking.*