

Saint James United Church

October 22, 2017 20th 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#61 – I Praise You, O God (2x)

Welcome

Question to ponder: Whose image do you bear? How do you see yourself in God's image?

Call to Worship

God's holiness is revealed to us in God's power throughout all the world.

We praise you, holy God!

God's holiness is revealed in God's justice for all the world.

We praise you, holy God!

God's holiness is revealed in God's presence with each of us.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 22.

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

Oct .24

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

Oct. 25

- Quilting 1:00 p.m.
- Choir 7:15 p.m.

Oct. 29.

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

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.

MINUTES FOR MISSION

We praise you, holy God!

God's holiness is revealed in God's forgiveness to each one of us.

We praise you, holy God!

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Prayer of Opening

Holy one, as we gather here this day we invite your Spirit to be present with us in new and extraordinary ways. Enliven us!

Enthuse us! Fill us with your Spirit. We pray in Christ's name.

Amen.

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Hymn

VU#583 – Jesus Came, a Child like Me

Children's Time

Sing-along with Dave

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful God, temper our certitude with humility and grace. Forgive us when we test others from a sense of our own self-righteousness. Forgive us when we do not take the trouble to discover our own errors. Give us the heart of Moses, who wanted simply to know your ways more clearly, and to perceive your presence more nearly. Open us to your gentle correction, that we may truly bring your good news to a world in need. Amen.

(time for silent prayer)

Words of Forgiveness

When we call, God answers. When we seek, we are sure to find. Call to God and seek the Lord with your whole heart. For you will find God's healing, forgiving presence.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Passing the Peace of Christ

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem *I Feel The Spirit*

Scripture Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99, VU p.819
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Message

Music for reflection

Hymn *MV # 161 I Have Called You by Your Name*

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 and increase the bounty of your love through the gifts we now give, O God. Through these gifts and our faithful labours of love, many others come to know the steadfast hope and centering truth of your abundant grace. Amen.

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Minute for Mission *(printed)*

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn VU#506 – Take My Life, and Let It Be

Blessing and Sending Forth

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.”*

DEBEC TUESDAY QUILTERS

The Debec Tuesday Quilters invite you to our 9th Annual Snowflake Craft Bazaar, Saturday, Nov. 18th from 9 am until noon at Trinity United Church Hall, Debec, NB.

Delicious Home Cooking, Quilted Crafts, Knitting, Wreaths and more. Free admission. Proceeds to the upkeep of the Church Hall and for purchasing batting and flannel for Comfort Quilts.

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 261 kms. The total to date is 3,973.7 kms. We are in the Mediterranean Sea. Let's Go!! Keep Walking.

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 33:12-23

¹² Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' ¹³ Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴ He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

¹⁷ The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸ Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." ¹⁹ And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." ²¹ And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you,

⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is on this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God, the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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Scriptures for Sunday, October 29, 2017

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8;
Matthew 22:34-46

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 November 20th.. 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,*

SURVEY *Copies of the Congregational Survey are located on the table outside the church office. Please feel free to pick one up.*