

Saint James United Church

October 29, 2017 21st. 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 Soup, Rolls , and fellowship in the C.E. Centre..

WE GATHER

Prelude

Introit MV#61 – I Praise You, O God (2x)

Welcome

Question to ponder: How can you love God?

Call to Worship

God calls.

We respond.

God offers us shelter.

God is our rock and our refuge.

We need not fear the terrors of the night.

Day and night, our God is with us.

Let us worship God, our help in ages past, our hope in days to come.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 29.

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

Oct. 30

- Fellowship Unit Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 31

- Games 1:00 p.m.

Nov. 1

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

Nov. 2

- Unity U.C.W. Group 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 5.

- Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
- Remembrance Day Service - The Royal Canadian Legion will be in attendance.
- 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.*

**SUNDAY, NOV. 5th is our
Remembrance Day Service**

The Royal Canadian Legion will be worshipping with us.

Why do we wear a poppy?

The story of why we wear poppies dates back to the First World War.

In 1915, Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae lost his friend in the battle of Ypres.

As he was grieving the loss of comrade Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, he spotted scores of poppies growing in the battle-torn fields.

This poignant sight inspired him to write In Flanders Fields, one of the most famous war poems of all time.

Following the [First World War](#), the poppy was then adopted as a symbol of remembrance.

In 1921, the first ever Poppy Appeal distributed nine million poppies, raising £106,000.

Contrary to popular belief, the poppy isn't a symbol of death or support for war or a political or religious statement.

The British Legion describes the poppy as a “symbol of remembrance and hope”.

Prayer of Opening

It's not always easy to love, is it, God? It's not always easy to know how to love, especially someone we don't know or don't understand. But you know all about that, don't you God? Could you help us? To listen. To learn. To love. To be Christ's people, now – and always. In his name, we ask it. May it be so.

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Hymn MV#138 – My Love Colours Outside the Lines

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, like a mighty glacier, your love moves all that stands before it. As we struggle to love our neighbours as we love ourselves, be patient with us. For we bear deep wounds from offering love to those who have hurt us. Nurture us in your healing love, that our fears may hold no sway over us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord Amen.

(time for silent prayer)

Words of Forgiveness

We have been entrusted with God's commandment to love as we have been loved. In fulfilling the law of love, we fulfill the law and the prophets. In fulfilling the law of love, we find forgiveness and peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Passing the Peace of Christ

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ministry of Music *What Brings Us together*

Prayer for Illumination

These are the moments of questioning.

These are the moments of insight.

These are the moments that lead to change.

Bless them, O most Wise and Wonderful God. Amen.

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Scripture Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90, VU p.805, Parts One and Three
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Message

Music for reflection

Hymn VU#372 – Though I May Speak

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

We have heard what we must do: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And ... you shall love your neighbour as yourself.” May the offerings we bring this day be a sign of our commitment to be known by our love. Bless these offerings and our loving in your holy name, we pray. Amen.

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Minute for Mission (printed)

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn VU#333 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Blessing and Sending Forth

God's love sends us forth.

God's love sets us free.

God's love makes us whole.

God's love brings us hope.

Go with God's blessings; go and bring healing to our world.

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Choral Benediction MV#215 – Peace Be with You

Postlude

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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 317 kms. The total to date is 4,290.7 kms. We are in the Mediterranean Sea. Let's Go!! Keep Walking.

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain – that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees – as far as Zoar. ⁴The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” ⁵Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. ⁶He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. ⁸The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

⁹Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. ¹⁰Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. ¹¹He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹²and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.

⁵As you know and is God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

³⁷He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet?”’” ⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?”

⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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Scriptures for Sunday, November 5, 2017

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34; 1John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL SUPPER Profit \$ 6,259.82

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.

ST. GERTRUDE'S HARVEST SUPPER

Sunday, November 5th, 2017, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 143 Charles Street, Woodstock, NB from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Full Turkey Dinner with all the fixin's at \$12.00 per Adult, \$5.00 per Child (12 years and under) and Family Rate of \$25.00. Take Outs available (no Family Rate) call 328-9820 (no Delivery).

DATES TO MARK FOR DECEMBER

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

ON WEDNESDAY'S 10:00 A.M. or 7:00 P.M.

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| Dec. 3 | First Sunday of Advent
Communion
Ecumenical Service - St. James | 10:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 10 | Second Sunday of Advent
Cantata

Christmas Kirk Service | 10:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 11 | Community Cantata | 7:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 18 | Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday School Concert
Family Christmas Pot Luck | 10:30 a.m. |
| Dec. 21 | Blue Christmas service | 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 24 | Fourth Sunday of Advent | 10:30 a.m. |
| Dec. 24 | Family Christmas Eve
Service with Communion | 7:00 p.m. |