

Saint James United Church

December 31st, 2017

First Sunday after Christmas Day

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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 Joan Hall, 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 # 60 VU O' Come All Ye Faithful 1st Verse

Welcome

Call to Worship

God calls us from wherever we live and work and play.

Here we are, Lord!

God shares with us love, grace, and forgiveness.

Here we are, Lord!

Welcome to the worship of God!

Here we are, Lord! Thanks be to our God!

George Allan, Chatham, Ont.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 31

- Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
First Sunday after Christmas
- Coffee, Tea and Fellowship

Jan. 3

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

Jan. 4

- Unity Group 2:00 p.m.

Jan. 7

- Morning Worship with Baptism 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School
- Coffee, Tea 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"

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 you are a new subscriber, we can add your name for a subscription for the up coming year.

Cost is \$ 25.00.

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.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES AND UPDATED ADDRESSES

Keeping updated through email. I will try to keep you updated. Please contact the church office at 328-6114 so our addresses may be kept up to date. Tell your friends also so they can be added to our list.

Opening Hymn # 509 VU "I the Lord of Sea and Sky"

Opening Prayer # 86 VU Together

We Listen

Scripture Luke 2: 25 – 32

We Respond

Joyful Noise

- 1. # 87 I Am The Light of The World*
- 2. # 48 Hark the Herald Angels Sing*
- 3. # 59 Joy to the World*

We Give

Presentation of our Offering

Offertory (from More Voices; sing twice)

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 (unison)

Here is the work of our hands.

Here is the love of our hearts.

Here is our desire to make a better world.

Bless our offering

and send your Spirit upon it

so that our gifts may join the gifts

of all your church

to help your kingdom come, Amen.

Kate Crawford, First – St. Andrew's U.C., London Ont.

Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: # 43 Go Tell It On The Mountain

Blessing and Sending Forth

Choral Amen

The bulletin today has been dedicated in loving memory of my brother, Arnold Drake, by the Drake Family.

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Carrie Hayden by Phyllis Robinson, Jolene Caverhill, Carol Everley.

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 4th after church. Please have your **annual reports in by January 16, 2018** . Thank you*

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 JANUARY AND FEBRUARY *The **SMALL AND LARGE PRINT** have arrived. 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 3rd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on January 15, 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.