

Saint James United Church

November 5,, 2017 Remembrance Sunday

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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

O Canada!

Introit VU#374 – Come and Find the Quiet Centre (vs.1)

Welcome

Candle-Lighting for Remembrance Day

We light the Christ candle.

The Christ candle reminds us that the light of Christ shines on the road to peace and illuminates our most difficult hours.

We light the Candle of Remembrance.

The Candle of Remembrance reminds us of the supreme sacrifice of those who have defended our freedom and our peace forever and for all.

Let us say together the congregational prayer, “You Embrace All Peoples” (VU#525)

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Nov. 6

Board room Booked 6:00 -8:30 p.m. W.I. Meeting

Nov. 7

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

Nov. 8

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

Nov. 12

- Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
- Special Music - The Kiersteads
- 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.

Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”



Scriptures for Sunday, November 12, 2017

Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25; Psalm 78; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;
Matthew 25:1-13

Laying of the Wreath

Wayne McCallum

Call to Worship

In silent fields, poppies blow.

In empty streets, silence dwells.

In vacant rooms, photos sit.

War does not end with a pen and a parade.

Into the silence, the emptiness, the sorrow,

let us bring the peace, the song, the hope of Holy Love.

Let us worship.

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Prayer of Opening

God of peace, we gather today to remember the loss of so many of your children through the horrors of war. This sacred task of remembrance calls us to ensure that the scourge of war must end. Because, through remembrance, we understand what is truly lost when nations resort to war. Your creation, which should bring joy to the world, seems lost and in chaos because all too often we are unable to live at peace with ourselves and others. So let this day of remembrance be an inspiration to our witness. Let us prepare the way for your vision of peace revealed to us by your Son, through the prayer he shares with us: “Our Father, who art in heaven ...”

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Hymn

MV#149 – Peace for the Children (vs.1,2,3,5,10)

Children’s Time

Vanessa Belyea

Prayer of Confession

The escape from slavery and the purifying in the desert:

we remember, O God, and we rejoice.

The young rabbi with the message of comfort and discomfort:

we remember, O God, and we give thanks.

The bombs, the screams, the camps, and the sacrifice:

we remember, O God, and we mourn.

The colours, the smells, the music, and the fear:

we remember, O God, and we pray.

Join humankind into one society of peace and support.

Forgive those who have done evil, Redeemer God.

Gentle the memories of those who are troubled by the past.

Stir the memories of your goodness in every age, that we might learn your ways of peace.

(time for silent prayer)

Words of Forgiveness

What we have heard and known, what our parents have told us, we will not hide from their grandchildren,

that they should put their trust in you, and not forget that you are a loving, forgiving, and healing God. Amen

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An Act of Remembrance

Remember the people, men and women, who have died in active service.

And we remember their friends and family members who still feel deep grief.

(a time of silence)

Remember the men and women who still suffer the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wounds of war.

And we remember those for whom depression and post-traumatic stress is a reality.

(a time of silence)

Remember the naval, army, and air force personnel who faced mortal danger.

And we remember civilians, bombed, shelled, and driven from their homes, and refugees living in camps without hope of a new life.

(a time of silence)

TODAY'S READINGS

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

1 John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Minute For Mission

Peace-loving God,
while we commit ourselves to remembering, count us in when it comes to compassionate and practical support for those who suffer because of wars past and present.

(a time of silence)

**We remember, and we act, because the Jesus Spirit inspires us.
Amen.**

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Last post – silence – reveille

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

We will remember them.

All: **Eternal rest grant unto them, O God, and may perpetual light shine on them. May the souls of the righteous, through your great mercy, rest in peace. Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ministry of Music We Will Remember Them

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

Message Randy Leonard

Hymn VU#527 – God! As with Silent Hearts

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

Oppression, inequality, scarcity, and intolerance are the kindling for conflict. Through our offerings, Gracious God, address injustice, encourage dialogue, and fill minds and stomachs to put out the embers before they become the fires of war. Amen.

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Minute for Mission (printed)

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn MV#169 – When Hands Reach Out (tune: VU#625)

Blessing and Sending Forth

“God Save the Queen”

Postlude

The bulletin today is dedicated in appreciation of our Veterans and those who are no longer with us by Phyllis Robinson.

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

You may be their “angel.”

DONATIONS

A donation has been made in loving memory of Ann O’Hallaron by Phyllis Robinson.

A donation has been made in loving memory of Capt. James Avery by his mother, Leona Avery.

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.



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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND COFFEE PARTY

St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall, Woodstock
Wednesday, November 15, 2017 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Admission \$ 3.00

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)

ST. GERTRUDE'S MEMORIAL SERVICE The St Gertrude's Bereavement Ministry invites you to attend the upcoming Memorial Service to be held at the Woodstock First Nation's Gym. If you have a loved one that you would like to have remembered in this service, please contact Linda Markey at 328-3506 or e-mail at njmarkey@aernet.ca The Memorial Service consists of Music, Prayer, Scripture, Reflection, deceased people's names being read aloud and lighting a candle to remember the loved one(s). We invite you to bring a photo or memento of your loved one and place next to the candle on the Memorial Table. Immediately after the Service, light refreshments will be served.

The Carleton County Animal Shelter's furball dinner and auction

Thursday, November 16 starting at 6 pm at the K of C Hall in Woodstock. A catered dinner followed by a live and silent auction. Tickets are \$25 and available at the shelter in Debec, at Vanity Flair, Shur Gain, Saint John Valley Vet Services and from all board members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Our small group study this Advent is entitled "O Wisdom." In this 4 week study, we trace the path of Wisdom knowledge through four books of the Bible: Proverbs, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs. We start on Wednesday, November 29th and finish on December 20th. Sessions will be held in the boardroom at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Feel free to attend either one.

U.C.W. Coffee Party and Craft Sale at Saint James is Saturday, November 25th 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Tickets are \$ 2.00 available from U.C.W. members or at the church office.

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, as well as, our Advent Study Group.

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

BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2018

The Board of Stewards will be working on the budget for 2018 and committees are asked to submit proposals by **December 1, 2017.**

CHURCH COMMITTEES 2018

Special thanks to the members who have served on the committees during 2017. Our regular committee meetings and Official Board are scheduled for Tuesday, November 21st. Please let the chair of the committee know if you are interested to have your name remain on the committee for the up coming 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.

ANGEL PROJECT Last year we decorated the hall outside the Church office with Angels in memory of loved ones. Please bring your Angel in if you did not leave it here last year and we will place them in memory with a place card naming your loved one. Anyone who would like to take part this year please bring the information and angel into the office.

ADVENT CALENDAR OF DEVOTIONS 2017 have been ordered. Will let you know when they arrive. 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 OUSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE.

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 460 kms. The total to date is 4750.07 kms. We are getting closer. Let's Go!! Keep Walking.

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. |