

Saint James United Church

March 13, 2016 Lent 5

120 Chapel St. Woodstock, N.B. E7M1H1

Phone: 328-6114 Fax: 324-9349 Evenings: 328-3198

Email: stjames@nb.aibn.com Minister's Office 328-3191

Minister's Cell Phone No: 323-1304

Ministers: Rev. Debra Baker

Music Director and Organist: Amy Anderson

Presider: David Daye

Admin. Assistant: Mary Wheelan C.D. Coordinator: Joan Hall

Ushers: Randy Leonard, Ruby MacNabb, Heather Voutour

Reader: Jo Perrin

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar.13 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship 11:30 a.m.
Sunshine Singers and Handbells after church
Youth Group 7:00 p.m.

Mar.15 W.I. Service 10:00 a.m.
Games 1:00 p.m.
Pathfinders Sunday School Room 6:30 p.m.
Sparks C.E. Centre 6:30 p.m.
Pictures in Board Room Mar. 15-19th
All Committees 7:00 p.m.

Board of Stewards in Sanctuary
Session in Youth Centre
Official Board in Sanctuary

Mar.16 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Mar.16, 2015 6th week of Lent

Presider Rev. Wendy MacWilliams, St. Paul's Presbyterian
Jeremiah 25:30-38; Psalm 128

Reflection Rev. Dana Dean, Parish of Richmond - Mark 10:1-16
Quilting Group 1:00 p.m.
Scouts 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Choir 7:15 p.m.

Mar. 20 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Heather Donnelly
Sunday School
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship 11:30 a.m.
Handbells after church

JUST A REMINDER Due to many people suffering from allergies, 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.



Welcome!

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 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 Surely The Presence of the Lord is in This Place

Surely The Presence of the Lord is in This Place
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face
Surely The Presence of the Lord is in This Place

Welcome

Offertory Prayer

*You have restored our fortunes and given us joy
Bless this portion of our good fortune,
which we return to you now.
With these gifts, and with our very lives
bring forth new hope, new beginnings,
and new life for your people everywhere.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.*

Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern & the Lord's Prayer (VUp.921)

Closing Hymn VU# 584 Make me a Chanel of Your Peace

Blessing and Sending Forth

*Go with God
And God will go with you.*

Choral Benediction Now Unto Him

*Now unto Him
Who is able to keep
Able to keep you from falling.*

*And present you faultless
Before the presence of his glory
With exceeding joy.*

*To the only wise God our Saviour
Be glory and majesty
Dominion and power both now and ever.
Amen.*

Postlude

Call to Worship

*God is always doing a new thing – creating a new day,
calling us to new life, showing us a new path. Even as
we journey toward the cross with Jesus, God calls us to
reach forward into the journey that lies ahead.*

Opening Prayer

*Lead us, Lord, in this time of worship
Make our paths straight and your presence clear.
Guide us with renewed hope,
that we may perceive the signs of life
that spring forth from your creative love.
With joy-filled trust, we pray. Amen.*

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Today is the fifth Sunday of Lent. Lent is a time to think about the things that block us from following God's way of loving and caring for this world and one another. Today we will extinguish our fifth Lenten candle. This candle represents envy. As the candle is blown out, let us pray in silence for God to remove envy within us and in our world that stops us from appreciating the things we have by wishing we had more.

(blow our fifth Lenten candle and then pause with head bowed for slilence.)

Knowing that God accepts us for who we are, but loves us into who we can be, let us join together in this song.

MV#85 – Take, O Take Me as I Am (2X)

Opening Hymn: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

*Ye soldiers of the Cross;
Lift high his royal banner,
It must not suffer loss:
From victory unto victory
His army he shall lead:
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this his glorious day:
Ye that are men now serve him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own:
Put on the gospel armour,
And watching unto prayer,
Where duty calls, or danger,
Be never wanting there.*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song:
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of glory
Shall reign eternally.*

Children's Time Robert McLeod

Prayer of Confession

*Gracious God,
anoint us with your mercy and compassion,
as you hear the sins and sorrows of our hearts.*

(silence for private confession)

*Guide us to be people who face anger and selfishness
with anointing and healing power*

*Guide us to be people who face doubt and despair
with hope and determination
Guide us to receive the new life that you offer,
As we accept your forgiveness, and trust your grace.*

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Forget what lies behind.
Trust in the path of grace that lies before us,
for in the mercy of Christ's love,
we are forgiven and invited into new life.*

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Scriptures Isaiah 43:16-21
 Psalm 126 VU 850
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 John 12:1-8

Message

Music for Reflection

Hymn: *VU#359 He Came Singing Love*

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.*

CALENDAR DATES TO MARK
CHECK BULLETIN BOARD

CHURCH DIRECTORY----*Universal Studios will be here for family photos March 15-19 to take pictures. HOPE YOU HAVE YOUR APPOINTMENTS BOOKED.*

MARITIME MEN'S SPRING RALLY *April 23rd. Amherst, N.S.*
See Bulletin Board for Brochure and Information.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY ANNUAL WALK *May 29th*

E-MAIL ADDRESSES AND HOME ADDRESSES

We are working on updating all our mailing and email addresses in the church office. If you could give Mary a call and let her know your updates, it would be very much appreciated.

MISSION STATEMENT

The congregation of Saint James United Church strives to be a welcoming, caring, committed family of people from all ages and walks of life who come together in fellowship with each other and our Creator God.

We endeavour to respect each other's differences and abilities, to follow the way of Jesus, and to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in us and through us, for the ultimate enrichment of our faith, our community and our world.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 43:16-21 English Standard Version (ESV)

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ "Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.
¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise.

Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing towards the Goal ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 12:1-8 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

¹²Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³Then Mary took about a pint^[a] of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵“Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.^[b]” ⁶He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

⁷“Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸You will always have the poor among you,^[c] but you will not always have me.”

Scripture readings for March 20, 2016

Luke 19: 28-40; Psalm 118: 1,2 19-29 VU Page 837

DONATION

*A donation has been made to the General Fund
in loving memory of Betty Bunting
by Robert and Marion MacFarlane.*

*A donation has been made to the Choir Fund
in loving memory of Vanda Rideout by Phyllis Robinson.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 25th *Good Friday Service hosted by Woodstock
United Baptist Church 10:30 a.m.*

BOOK CLUB *Our book club will be reading
“Blue” by Danielle Steele. Our next gathering will be
March 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.*

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL *available at the church office. Cost \$ 1.50*

UPPER ROOMS FOR March and April *have arrived and located at
the back of the church. Cost is \$ 3.00.*

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDES *are available at the back of the
church along with the Upper Rooms.*

SIXTH ACTS *April 1, 2016 7:00 p.m.*

*Please let Amy know if you would like to be part of this event.
There will be a pie social coordinated by Joan Hall. Anyone
who would be able to make a pie please contact Joan.
Proceeds will go to the Youth who will be attending
Youth Forum at Maritime Conference.*