



Saint James United Church

January 1, 2017

Epiphany 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 Joan, 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 #115 MV Behold I Make All Things New

Welcome

Recital of 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 1	Morning Worship Epiphany Sunday Coffee, Tea and Fellowship	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
Jan. 4	Choir	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 5	Unity Group	2:00 p.m.
Jan. 8	Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	10:30 a.m.

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.

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.*

Matthew 2:1-12 New International Version (NIV)

The Magi Visit the Messiah

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi^[a] from the east came to Jerusalem² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ “‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’^[b]”

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Call to Worship:

We have followed the star of Bethlehem.

We have seen the baby Jesus lying in a manger. Thank you for the journey.

Come open your heart to new paths of faith, hope and love. Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn: #82 VU *A Light is Gleaming*

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Epiphany Prayer: # 86 VU

Scripture: Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

Anthem

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Reflection: *New Paths*

Hymn VU #158 MV *Dream A Dream*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory Hymn: # 541 VU

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow.

Offertory prayer

Loving God, we give this offering as part of our caring for your world. We dedicate it to the spreading of your message of love in our community and in far-off lands. Bless the money and bless us, the givers. We pray as followers of Jesus. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of the People followed by the The Lord's Prayer sung

Closing Hymn: VU #361 Small Things Count

Benediction:

Choral Benediction: # 87 VU I Am the Light of the World.

Postlude

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 60:1-6 New International Version (NIV)

The Glory of Zion

⁶⁰ “Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

² See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,

but the LORD rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.

³ Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ “Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;

your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.

⁵ Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.

⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happiness depends upon your outlook on life. - Find the good in all situations

Attitude is just as important as ability.- Keep your attitude positive

Passion find yours this year! - Do what you love and you will never work

Positive thoughts make everything easier.- Stay focused and stay positive

You are unique, with special gifts, use them. - Never forget you have talent

New beginnings with a new year.

Enthusiasm a true secret of success.

Wishes may they turn into goals.

Years go by to quickly, enjoy them.- Wisdom from your elders, listen

Energy may you have lots of it. - Take care of yourself

Appreciation of life, don't take it for granted. - Live each day

Relax take the time to relax in this coming year.- Keep a balance in your life

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL REPORT TIME *January is here! The meetings for 2016 have ended. Don't forget to get your reports into Mary by January 15th. This is a great way to tell everyone what has been happening over the past year. Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2017.*

OBSERVER SUBSCRIPTION : *Now is the time for renewal of your Observer Subscription for 2017. The cost is \$ 25.00. If you are not receiving a copy and would like to subscribe, please contact Mary at the church office.*

CHURCH CALENDARS 2017 *Have arrived. Check at the office, if you wish to purchase one. Cost \$ 7.00*

UPPER ROOMS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

Small copies have arrived and located at the back of the church. The Large copies are to be here for the first of January. Cost is \$ 3.00.

COFFEE HOUR *Each week we are looking for volunteers to look after coffee and tea after church.*

BOOK CLUB *The book club will be reading "Brooklyn" by Colm Toibin when it arrives. We will be hopefully meeting in January.*

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CHECK BULLETIN BOARD FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

DONATIONS

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Bill Scott by Ruby MacNabb, Robert and Marion MacFarlane, Marilyn Asbell, Gail and Doug Gail Lawrence, Ruby MacNabb, Ray and Arlene Derrick, Fran Grzesik, Emily Clark, Joan Hall Doreen and Rick Canam, Janet MacElwain, John and Mary Wheelan, Phyllis Robinson. Bob and Bonnie Stokes, Jolene Caverhill

A memorial donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetary in loving memory of Paul Bull by Connie Dickinson-Alcorn.

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Georgie Morse by Jolene Caverhill.

A memorial donation has been made to General Fund in loving memory of Valerie Stewart by Janet MacElwain.

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Aileen Milbury by Alma Gartley.

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Roberta and Granville White and his parents, Nellie and Frank White by Richard White.

A memorial donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetary Fund in loving memory of Lillian Bull by Susan Quinn, John Smart, John and Sherry Walsh, Gail Estey, Edward and Janice Bull, Sean and Suzanne Dunbar, Ed Stone, Marlene and Dave Henley, Norma Dore, Leonard and Alice Lincoln, Bert and Dorothy Connell, Barbara Clowes, Robert and Patricia Springer, Neil and Linda Markey, Dale and Cheryl Gormley, Mike and Sheila Burrell, Franklin Simonds, Dept. of Justice and Public Safety.

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