

## **Saint James United Church**

**March 20, 2016 Palm/Passion Sunday**

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Mar. 20	Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship Handbells after church	10:30 a.m.  11:30 a.m.
Mar. 21	Book Club	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 22	Games Pathfinders Sparks	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 23	Bible Study Quilting Group Scouts Choir	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Mar. 25	Good Friday Service Woodstock United Baptist Church	10:30 a.m.
Mar. 27	Sunrise Service Easter Breakfast Easter Morning Worship with Communion – Rev. Brian DeLong No Soup Sunday Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.  11:30 a.m.

**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 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 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VU#123**

*Procession of the Palms*

**Welcome**

## Carleton County Refugee Committee Update

**This committee is comprised of over 120 volunteers from various churches, community service groups and individuals within the community.**

- . Committee has raised approximately \$ 110,800 to date.*
- . One family has arrived in Woodstock sponsored by the Woodstock Baptist Church.*
- . Our committee will be bringing in three families who are related to the family who have arrived.*
- . Our committee will also be sponsoring a husband and wife who are related to Hala Sharkas.*
- . Three other families will be sponsored jointly with the Federal Government. On March 16<sup>th</sup> we accepted our first family under this program and they will be arriving in 4 – 6 weeks. Accommodations are ready for their settlement in Florenceville.*

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*Saint James committed to sponsor a family for \$ 27,600 at the congregation meeting. We have currently donated \$ 10,800 from Saint James. Donations are tax deductible and can be made through the church office.*

- . Two upcoming fundraising projects will be Parable of the Talents Project starting in April. Drive Through Take Out Supper – Date to be announced.*

### *Call to Worship*

Give thanks to God

**for God's love remains steadfast and true.**

Though the future is uncertain and the way is dimmed by threat of violence we give thanks to God

**for God's love remains steadfast and true.**

Even as hatred barricades the road, our love leads us on and we give thanks to God

**for God's love remains steadfast and true.**

We lay down our lives and lift up our praise for the one who comes in God's name and we give thanks to God.

**for God's love remains steadfast and true.**

*from Seasons of the Spirit Collection*

### *Opening Prayer*

**Deep Spirit, present within all things,  
we gather as a people, alive with hopes, fears, longings, joy, and weariness.**

**We come in worship,  
we come in community,  
we come in expectant vulnerability.**

**In peace, may we continue our journey from Lent into Holy Week.  
May our worship be filled with a sense of wonder, a sense of fragile longing about the events to come, a sense of what it means to be part of our sacred humanity. In the spirit of Jesus we pray.  
Amen.**

*Seasons of the Spirit Collection*

### *Lenten Candle Liturgy (One candle is lit before the service.)*

Today is the sixth 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 last Lenten candle. This candle represents helplessness. As the candle is blown out, let us pray in silence for God to remove helplessness with us. Empowering us to believe that when we work with God we can change ourselves and can make the world a better place. (Blow our last Lenten candle and then pause with head bowed for silence.)

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 (MV 85) (2X)

*Opening Hymn:* MV#128 When They Heard That Jesus Was  
Coming

*Children’s Time/Sunshine Singers*  
“King Jesus Rides Upon a Colt”  
“Do Lord”

*Prayer of Confession*

**O Holy One,  
in these perplexing days we ask that you would increase our faith;  
that you would enlarge our capacity to forgive;  
that you would guide our stumbling feet in the way that leads to  
life.**

**Forgive us when we are tempted to give up,  
and sustain us in the journey toward the cross.  
For we have wandered far from Wisdom,  
and we find ourselves cheering for all the wrong things and all the  
wrong people.**

**Now we join in with this holy procession of hope,  
that we might look into the heart of Christ and see our own sacred  
heart reflected back, empowering us to stay with Him.**

**Amen**

*(silence for private confession)*

*Assurance of Forgiveness*

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

*Anthem* “Sing to the Lord, Hosanna!”

*Scriptures* Psalm 31 VU Page 758 Parts Two & Three

*Philippians 2:5-11*

*Luke 19: 28-40*

*Message*

*Music for Reflection*

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

*Presentation of the Offering*  
“In Sorrow’s Garden”

*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*

*Stewardship Committee - Special Guest Hala Sharkas*

*Minute for Mission (printed)*

*Announcements*

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

*Closing Hymn* VU#330 Jesus Shall Reign

*Blessing and Sending Forth*

**Blessed Hosannah,**

**May we draw close to you at this time -  
after the palm branches have withered  
and the songs of praise have died away -  
may our love for you remain steadfast and true. Amen**

*Seasons of the Spirit Collection*

*Choral Benediction* Now Unto Him

*Postlude*

*The bulletin today has been dedicated to Amy Anderson,  
the members of the Choir, Sunshine Singers  
and the Handbell Choir by Phyllis Robinson.*

**CALENDAR DATES TO MARK**  
**CHECK BULLETIN BOARD**

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

**ALZHEIMER SOCIETY ANNUAL WALK May 29<sup>th</sup>**

**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***

**Luke 19:28-40 English Standard Version (ESV)**

**The Triumphal Entry**

<sup>28</sup> And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> And they said, "The Lord has need of it." <sup>35</sup> And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." <sup>40</sup> He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

***Philippians 2:5-11***

**5** In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

**6** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

**7** rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

**8** And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!  
**9** Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,  
**10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
**11** and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Supply Minister for Easter Sunday is Rev. Brian DeLong*

*Isaiah 65: 17-25*

*Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24 (VU p. 837, Parts One, Two, and Three) God is my strength and my song.*

*1 Corinthians 15: 19-26*

*Luke 24: 1-12*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you have noticed someone missing from our congregation, please contact them by phone or visit them in person. You may be their “angel.”*

**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.*

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

*This outreach project collected 1726 boxes in the Woodstock Area, 2,475 boxes in Carleton and part of York County, 730,577 in Canada and 11 million world wide.*

*Special thanks to the organizers for a job well done.*

*There will be a booth at the Women’s Trade show on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the AYR Centre. Further information in the upcoming months will be shared.*