

Saint James United Church

January 22nd, 2017 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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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 for Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in the board room.

WE GATHER

Centering Words (Isaiah 9, Matthew 4)

Light shines. Light calls. Light guides our way. Focus on the light of Christ; answer the call and follow where Christ leads.

Prelude

Introit VU#87 – I Am the Light of the World (chorus only 2x)

Welcome

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 22	Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	10:30 a.m.
Jan. 24	Games Sparks / Pathfinders	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	Staff Meeting Quilting Choir	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 29	Morning Worship Sunday School Soup, Rolls and Fellowship in C.E. Centre	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.

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.

DONATIONS

*A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund
in loving memory of Bill Scott
by Joey and Heather Voutour.*

*A memorial donation has been made to the Building Fund
in loving memory of Bill Scott
by Charles and Gloria Calhoun.*

*A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund
in loving memory of Allison Swan
by Betty Wilson, John and Mary Wheelan.*

*A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund
in loving memory of Don Field by Ruby MacNabb.*

SINCERE SYMPATHY

*The congregation of Saint James expresses deepest
sympathy to Doug and Linda Swan and family
in the passing of Doug's father, Allison Swan.
There will be a private service in the Spring.*

Call to Worship

Christ is our light, our way in the dark.

Come to the light of Christ.

Christ calls us here, to worship and to pray.

Come and answer Christ's call.

Christ leads us forth, to teach and to heal.

Come and worship our God!

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Opening Prayer

**Light of the world, shine upon us this day. Break through the
clouds that separate us from one another, that we may worship
you as one body. Guide our steps that we may walk in your light
and live as your people of love. Amen.**

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Hymn

VU#218 – We Praise You, O God

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession

**You are our light and our salvation, the stronghold that lifts us up.
When our light dims from division and anger, shine upon us with
your grace. When our light fades from confusion and doubt,
encourage us with your hope. When our light recedes behind sin
and regret, heal us with your mercy and truth.**

**O, that we would no longer walk in darkness, that we would cease
to be divided from you and from one another. In your face, we see
a great light in our darkness. In your love, we are unified and
made one with you, one with each other, and one in ministry to the
world. In your grace, we become people of light.**

May it be so. May it be so. Amen.

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(silence for private confession)

Words of Assurance

God is our light and our salvation. In Christ, we no longer walk in darkness or division, but are called forth to unity and love, to light and life.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response VU#958 – Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem *Walk In The Light*

Scriptures Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27, VU p.754
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

Message

Music for Reflection *Marg Beattie*

Hymn VU#567 – Will You Come and Follow Me

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

With these gifts, bring justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry. With our ministry of love, proclaim unity in a divided world. Bless us and bless these gifts that your light may shine in

places shadowed by despair. Amen.(From *The Abingdon Worship Annual* 2017 © 2016 Abingdon Press.)

Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU#602 – Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Blessing and Sending Forth

We have heard Jesus calling us: “Come, and we will fish for people” and we have answered with a loud “yes!”

So go now out into the world – to the streets and alleys and all the places where God's people may feel rejected – and tell them all that the light of the world, even Jesus the Christ, is with us all – now and forever. Amen.

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Choral Benediction Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude

The bulletin today has been dedicated in loving memory of Sharon Clark by Leighton Clark.

COMMITTEES 2017

Nominating Committee *Eleanor Leonard*
Andrea Dimock
Mary Dimock

The above committee will be looking for volunteers to serve on committees for 2017.

Sign-up sheets have been put on the bulletin board for the following committees---Board of Stewards, Session, M & P and the CDC Committee. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact one of the above members. They have a list of the responsibilities, if you would like a copy.

DIVORCE CARE – *At the home of Keith and Jane Bull—For further information please contact 323-9876.*

GRIEF SHARE – *Woodstock Baptist Church 694 Main St. For further information please contact Pastor Leonard 324-8020 or Wanda Porter 272-2070.*

WORKSHOP Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
See Bulletin Board

BULLETIN BOARD Check bulletin board

MODERATOR MESSAGE: I Love Donald Trump

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanus; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those

who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4:12-23

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali; ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James, son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Scriptures for Sunday, January 29, 2017

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING *Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Feb. 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*

COFFEE HOUR *This year we will be serving 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. Thank you*

UPPER ROOMS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY *have arrived and located at the back of the church. Cost is \$ 3.00.*

CHURCH ENVELOPES *The offering envelopes for 2017 are located in the lobby. If you wish envelopes for the up coming year, please contact Mary at the church office.*