

## **Saint James United Church**

**January 8, 2017**

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

#### **Welcome**

#### **Call to Worship**

God's voice calls from the waters.

**God's voice is strong and majestic. Our glorious God thunders!**

God's voice shakes the wilderness and shatters the cedars.

**God's voice is strong and majestic. Our glorious God thunders!**

God's voice calls out to Jesus, as he rises from the waters, "This is my Son whom I dearly love!"

**God's voice is strong and majestic. Our glorious God thunders!**

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Jan. 8	Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship	10:30 a.m.  11:30 a.m.
Jan. 9	Arthritis Support Group	7:00 p.m.,.
Jan. 10	Games Sparks / Pathfinders	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	Quilting Choir	1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 15	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.*

### **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.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANNUAL REPORT TIME** *January is here! The meetings for 2016 have ended. Don't forget to get your reports into Mary by January 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to tell everyone what has been happening over the past year. 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*

### **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.*

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

### **Breakfast Fundraiser for the Youth Trip to Haiti - January 15th, 10:30-12:30, in St. Gertrude's Church Hall.**

*The Knights of Columbus are partnering with Saint Gertrude's youth group to hold a benefit breakfast, to raise funds for the youth mission trip to Haiti, in March Break. Entry is by donation. Please join us for a great cooked breakfast.*

### **ARTHRITIS SUPPORT GROUP** January 9, 2017 7:00 p.m.

The arthritis support group provides the opportunity to connect with others who suffer from similar symptoms that you experience. It provides a supportive environment to exchange information and learn more about arthritis. For more information call JoAnn - 328-7527 anytime or Heidi -325-9367 after 5 pm

### ***Opening Prayer***

**Powerful God, your mighty voice thunders over the waters. Your power and strength can shake the wilderness and strip the forests bare. Yet you give strength to us, your people, and bless us with peace. In this time of worship, open us to the many ways we encounter you each day – the great and the small; the times that seem important and the one that hardly seem to matter. And lead us to praise you always. Amen.**

*(From The Whole People of God © Wood Lake Publishing, 2016)*

**Hymn** MV#161 – I Have Called You by Your Name

### ***Children's Time***

#### ***Prayer of Confession***

**God of strength and majesty, bless us with your peace today. When our worship is insincere and we fail to do what is right, forgive us. Call us with your life-shaking voice, and lead us from darkness into the waters of your light and grace. Work new miracles in our lives, that we may be your sons and daughters, in whom you delight – even as Jesus was your delight at his baptism. Amen.**

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#### ***Words of Assurance***

Long ago, Peter preached that everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Peter's voice continues to echo today. Rejoice in this message of forgiveness and peace!

**Response** VU#958 – Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION**

This morning we welcome into the family of Saint James United Church, **Beverley Dawn Boone**, through the sacrament of holy baptism and confirmation.

**Hymn** VU#442 Wash Us, God, Your Sons & Daughters

## ***Statement of Purpose***

***Reading from scripture:*** John 4:7-15, Eph 4:4-6

***Presentation of Candidate*** (Clerk of Session, or representative)

On behalf of the congregation of Saint James United Church,  
I present the following person for initiation into the body of Christ  
through profession of faith and baptism: ***Beverley Dawn Boone***

## ***Profession of Faith and Promises***

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come  
in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who  
works in us and others by the Spirit?

*I do, by the grace of God.*

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you seek to resist evil,  
and to live in love and justice?

*I do, by the grace of God.*

Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words and  
actions?

*I will, God being my helper.*

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in the community of faith  
to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation,  
and love and serve others?

*I will, God being my helper.*

## ***Congregational Commitment***

Let us pledge to Beverley our support and care.

**As a baptized and baptizing people, we commit ourselves to  
support and uphold you within the community of faith.**

May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.

**Amen.**

<sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses,  
and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He  
commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one  
ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets  
testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives  
forgiveness of sins through his name."

## ***Matthew 3:13-17***

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized  
by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be  
baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him,  
"Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all  
righteousness." <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came  
up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he  
saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.  
<sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with  
whom I am well pleased."

## ***Scriptures for Sunday, January 15, 2017***

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

## **DONATIONS**

***A memorial donation has been made to the Children's Health Fund  
in loving memory of Ellen Watters  
by Lana McKay, John and Mary Wheelan.***

***A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving  
memory of Christina Albright by Dalton Albright, Debbie, Nancy,  
Gary, Michael and families.***

***A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving  
memory of Bill Scott by the The Unity Group of the U.C.W.***

***A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund  
in loving memory of Marjorie Urban by Alma Gartley.***

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### *Isaiah 42:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grown faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the Lord, who created heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

### *Acts 10:34-43*

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,

### *Affirmation of Faith – A New Creed* (VU 918)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

    who has created and is creating,  
    who has come in Jesus,  
        the Word made flesh,  
        to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

    to celebrate God's presence,  
    to live with respect in Creation,  
    to love and serve others,  
    to seek justice and resist evil,  
    to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
        our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
    God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

### *Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water*

#### *The Act of Baptism*

#### *Laying On of Hands*

#### *Presentation of Confirmation Candle and Certificate*

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light that the deepest night has never overcome. *Beverley*, you have chosen to hold the light of faith. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God.

***Blessing***

The grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you,  
the Holy Spirit keep you. Amen.  
Please warmly welcome our newest member, Beverley.

***Baptismal Benediction***      VU#454 – May God Who Creates You

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

***Anthem***

***Scriptures***      Isaiah 42:1-9  
                         Psalm 29, VU p.756  
                         Acts 10:34-43  
                         Matthew 3:13-17

***Message***

***Music for Meditation***

***Hymn***      VU#100 – When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized

**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***

**Jesus Christ, baptized by John, anointed by the Holy Spirit,  
endowed with power for the healing of all, use us and our gifts to  
bring new life to our world. Amen.**

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***Minute for Mission***

***Announcements***

***Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Lord's Prayer***

***Hymn***      MV#145 – Draw the Circle Wide

***Blessing and Sending Forth***

God's voice thunders over the waters and beckons from the waters of  
our baptism. Sons and daughters of God, listen for this voice – a voice  
that interrupts and disrupts our lives, a voice that leads us into newness  
of life. God's Spirit is upon *us*! Live in the blessing and calling of this  
power!

**Thanks be to God! 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 donated in loving memory  
of Roberta White, Sharon Clark, and Louise Corey  
by Peter and Janet Clark.***