

## **Saint James United Church**

**October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 184<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 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 Rev. Debra, sign our guest book at the back of the sanctuary and join us for coffee, tea and fellowship in the board room for Anniversary Cake.*

### **WE GATHER**

**Prelude**

**Hymn** VU#412 – This is the Day

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

One hundred and eighty-four years ago, a little Methodist church was built here in Woodstock for the faithful people living here. Saint James has changed its affiliation but it has always been a sanctuary dedicated to God and solid in its knowledge and relationship with Jesus Christ. We thank you God for all of this.

**Thank you, O God of past, present and future.**

*Farmer: I present this tool which I use on my farm. With such tools and a lot of hard work, we are able to produce crops and milk and earn money, some of which we returned to God through God's church here at Saint James. This tool is a symbol of the faith, hard work, strength, generosity, and courage of all our ancestors. We thank God for all of this.*

**Thank you, O God of past, present, and future.**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>Oct. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Anniversary Sunday Sunday School Sunshine Singers and Handbells Coffee, Tea and Fellowship Memorial Hymn Sing</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.   11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Games Pathfinders Sparks Committee Meetings Official Board</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Quilting Choir</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FALL SUPPER</b>	
<b>Oct. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Coffee and Conversation</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.  11:30 a.m.</b>

### **PAR REMITTANCE PROGRAM**

*This is a great time of year to sign up for our **PAR REMITTANCE PROGRAM!** If you have automatic debits from your bank account to pay your bills, then you understand the PAR principle. It means regular contributions throughout the year. Even when we are away, our church has commitments every week. This is a convenient way to support both the local church and M&S. **CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE DETAILS.***

### ***Blessing and Sending Forth***

Go: to celebrate God's word, and let it guide you each day.

Go: to be just and fair as God is, and treat others well.

Go: and know that God, our teacher, will be with you always.

**Amen.**

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**Choral Benediction** VU#424 – May the God of Hope

**Postlude**

### **MEMORABILIA DISPLAY CABINET**

*While cleaning some cupboards in the church many items of interest, that had been used in the congregation, were found.*

*A decision was made to purge duplicates and display the rest of the items. A cabinet was altered to use as a display area. This cabinet is located in the hallway to the C. E. Centre. If you have not already done so, please stop by and make yourself acquainted with the antiques that form a part of the heritage of Saint James United.*

### **FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY**

*The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of departed friends and family members by Lana McKay.*

### **DONATIONS**

*A donation has been made to the Choir Fund in loving memory of Joan Hood by Charles and Gloria Calhoun.*

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*Woman: I present this Bible and roasting pan. Behind all activities – on the farm, in industry, at church – were the strong faith, determination, and long hours of hard work of the women of the congregation. All of these helped make it possible for the area to grow and for the church to flourish. These are symbols that help us remember the work of women in the home and in the church. We thank God for all of this.*

**Thank you, O God of past, present, and future.**

*Senior: This rubbing of the memorial stone in the church's outer wall reminds us of the dedication and the courage of many ministers who came here to teach, to preach, and to celebrate the sacraments of communion and baptism, which helped unite people with God through Jesus Christ. This symbol speaks to us of their faith, dedication, courage, and love. We thank God for all of this.*

**Thank you, O God of past, present, and future.**

*Child: This basket of vegetables is the same today as it was in the past. It is a symbol of the needs of the people, of their success in seeing to their needs, and of God's gifts. We thank God for all of this.*

**Thank you, O God of past, present, and future.**

*Adult: This is The Manual of the United Church of Canada, our church created in 1925. Soon after, Saint James became part of this great church, part of a Christian family that spread across Canada and provided worship and learning for adults, children, and youth in this area and across the country. We thank God for all of this.*

**Thank you, O God of past, present, and future.**

*Teacher: This is some of our new learning material we use in Sunday School. The United Church of Canada helps us learn about Jesus, new ways of being close to God, and new ways of helping our neighbour. We thank God for all of this.*

**Thank you, O God of past, present, and future.**

*Musician: Over the years, Bibles, worship books and hymn books have changed and given us new information about our faith, new songs to sing, new prayers, and new services. Our faith has been broadened and deepened, and we feel closer to a loving and personal God. We thank God for all of this.*

**Thank you, O God of past, present, and future.**

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*Special Music* featuring Wyatt Morrell, Opalee Budd, Scott Palmer, John Clark, Angela Young.

### *Children's Time*

#### *Prayer of Confession*

**O God, your prophets proclaimed the call to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. Your beloved child came proclaiming your reign of justice and peace. Our ancestors formed this congregation to worship you and follow the way of Jesus. Yet, we look at our country still struggling with racism and prejudice; we look at the widening gap between rich and poor. Why don't, or can't, we love your world and its people as you do? ...**

**O God, use us as those who perform signs of hope amidst people under siege. Help us to love one another, in Christ's name. Amen.**

*(silence for private confession)*

#### *Words of Assurance*

Our God is a merciful God, who holds out before us the promise of forgiveness. We need only to take it with a humble heart, for God's love abounds.

**We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!**

### *A New Creed*

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

*Anthem* Hymn of Promise

*Scriptures* Jeremiah 31:27-34  
Psalm 119:97-104, VU #840  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

### *Message*

*Music for Meditation* Marg Beattie

*Hymn* VU#580 – Faith of Our Fathers

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

*Presentation of the Offering* A Tapestry of Love

*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*

**Holy God, may our gifts become instruments of your truth, and examples of your love. Plant new hope with these gifts, and build a world of justice with the ministries we dedicate to you now. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

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### *Minute for Mission*

#### *Announcements*

*Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Lord's Prayer*  
(response to prayer petitions: **Help us not to give up.** (knock on pew))

*Hymn* VU#556 – Would You Bless Our Homes & Families

**LENDING LIBRARY** - *On the bookshelf outside Mary's office are lots of Good Reading Material for Adults. Please help yourself and return so others can enjoy. Honour system only.*

**WANTED:** *Pumpkins for our Sunday School Children for Oct. 23, 2016 (Rainbow Sunday) Please let Joan know.*

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** *Friday at 10:00 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.*

**FALL SUPPER**

*Special thanks to all who have agreed to help with our Fall Supper preparation in the upcoming week. If you have not been called we would appreciate monetary donations that may be put in your church envelope or just contact John McLellan at 328-9808 or the church office, if you wish to help in anyway.*

*Monday 7:00 Squash Peelers*

*Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Potato Peelers*

*Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Coleslaw and Dressing to be made*

*Thursday 10:00 a.m. Turkey Carvers*

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURES**

***Jeremiah 31:27-34***

<sup>27</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. <sup>28</sup>And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. <sup>29</sup>In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." <sup>30</sup>But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their god, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive them their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

***2 Timothy 3:14-4:5***

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4</sup><sup>1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your mission fully.

### ***Luke 18:1-8***

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

### ***Scripture readings for October 23, 2016***

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

### **MEMORIAL HYMN SING SERVICE TONIGHT**

**Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.**

**ANNUAL FALL YARD SALE** *Special thanks to Lana McKay for organizing our fall yard sale and to all who worked each day or made donations.*

*The profit of the Yard Sale was \$ 2,635.95.*

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

### **READERS - SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

**BOOK CLUB** *The book club will be reading "Brooklyn" by Colm Toibin. Meeting will be announced later in Nov.*

**CHURCH DIRECTORY.** *The church directories have arrived. Please check with Mary to pick up your copy and if you did not have your pictures taken but ordered a copy the cost is \$ 20.00. Thanks!*

### **UPPER ROOMS FOR November and December**

*They are located at the back of the church.*

*Cost is \$ 3.00.*

**FALL AUCTION—CANTERBURY RICHMOND PASTORAL CHARGE FALL AUCTION WILL BE ON OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>** . *Viewing begins at 10am. Coffee and muffins will be provided. This year, the auction is in Canterbury at the Community Center (The old Lions Club).*

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.