

Saint James United Church

October 30th, 2016 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

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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

Prelude

Introit

VU#376 – Spirit of the Living God

Welcome

Call to Worship

We call out to God for help:

God always hears and always answers.

We call out to God for new life:

God always hears and always answers.

We call out for God's love and mercy.

God always hears and always answers.

Come, let us worship God.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 30 th	Morning Worship Sunday School Soup, Rolls and Fellowship	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
Nov. 1 st	Staff Meeting Games Pathfinders Sparks	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 2 nd	Quilting Choir	1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Nov. 3 rd	Unity Group	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 28 th	Coffee and Conversation	10:00 a.m.
Nov. 6	Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

**NOTE: SPECIAL MEETING
CDC AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
NOVEMBER 2, 2016 7:00 P.M.
VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND**

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.

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Dorothy Kennett by Phyllis Robinson.

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.

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Opening Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for friends who – by loving us – remind us of what it is to be loved by you. We thank you for the church, and the many ways we experience your love in this place, that we might go from here ready to share your love with others. Amen.
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Hymn MV#127 – I Saw the Rich Ones

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession

Often people note that, the more things change, the more they stay the same. This short reading from the prophet Habakkuk reminds us that it can be difficult to live in God's world at any time. Hear these words and, as you do so, reflect on the world in which we live today. How do these words apply? How can God help you break out of the cycles that this passage speaks of?

(from Habakkuk 1:2-4, *The Message*)

God, how long do I have to cry out for help before you listen? How many times do I have to yell, "Help! Murder! Police!" before you come to the rescue? Why do you force me to look at evil, stare trouble in the face day after day? Anarchy and violence break out, quarrels and fights all over the place. Law and order fall to pieces. Justice is a joke. The wicked have the righteous hamstrung and stand justice on its head.

(silence for reflection and private confession)

Words of Assurance

God hears us when we cry. God sees us when we throw up our hands in despair. And God responds with forgiveness, with justice, with hope, and with new life.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Scriptures Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 119, VU p.841 (Part 6)
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

Message

Music for Meditation

Hymn VU#664 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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

We may not give half of our possessions to the poor, as did Zacchaeus, but we are willing to share what we can, O God, to help your Reign come to reality in our world. Take these gifts we offer, and use them to make a difference. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

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Polling on Remits

Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU#232 – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Blessing and Sending Forth

Go out to live in God's world, secure in the knowledge that wherever you go, God will be there to comfort you, to guide you, and to strengthen you.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Choral Benediction VU#424 – May the God of Hope

Postlude

*Today's bulletin is sponsored by
Margie Daye Patterson in loving memory
of all those saints of Saint James United
who mentored and modelled faith formation.*

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.*

READERS - SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sign-up sheet in lobby.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

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

FALL SUPPER

Special thanks to John and Carol McLellan and their teams for the most successful Fall Supper held last week. The profit was \$ 5,731.40.. Thanks to everyone who contributed either by volunteering, cooking, preparation, monetary donations or just attending.

2017 CALENDARS *have arrived. Check with the church office. Cost \$ 7.00*

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.*

APPLE PIE SALES. *Apple pies for sale at \$10 each. They will be available for pick up on November 12 from 5-6 pm and November 13 from 11 am- 12 noon at St. Gertrude's church hall. To order, e-mail Allison: mchandra@nb.sympatico.ca or phone Enriqu  on 323-9317*

ORDER OF ST. LUKE HEALING SERVICE *OCT. 30, 3:30 p.m.*

There will be a service of Holy Eucharist with a message on Healing, and time of Prayer, Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil for Healing at St. Luke's Church, 684 Main Street, Woodstock, at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 30. Special music by Rev. Bob LeBlanc, rector of the Parish of Wicklow, Wilmot, Peel and Aberdeen. The purpose of the Order of Saint Luke is to promote the healing ministry of the church and to provide opportunities for prayer with the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. This healing ministry of the Order of Saint Luke is open to the public and all are welcome.

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you, "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous – therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

²I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luke 19:1-10 (Common English Bible)

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through town. ²A man there named Zacchaeus, a ruler among tax collectors, was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but, being a short man, he couldn't because of the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to that spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today." ⁶So Zacchaeus came down at once, happy to welcome Jesus. ⁷Everyone who saw this grumbled, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I repay them four times as much." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this household because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰The Human One came to seek and save the lost."

Scripture readings for November 6, 2016 (Remembrance Sunday)

Isaiah, 2:1-4; Amos 5:14-15; Matthew 5:1-11

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY begins Wednesday, Nov. 23rd at 10:00 a.m. We will be using the book "God Is With Us" by Robin Wilson. Please contact Rev. Deb as soon as possible so we can order the books. Cost is \$ 20.00.

TEA, FASHION SHOW AND BAZAAR

Saturday, November 12th

Bazaar opens at 1:00 p.m. You are welcome to donate cooking, knitting, crafts, and items for our white elephant sale. There is no charge to attend the Bazaar. Great time to purchase those special gifts.

The Fashion Show and Tea is at 2:00 p.m. Come and enjoy tea, small cakes and Fashions from Fashion Today. Tickets at \$10.00 and are available at the church office and fashion today.

ADVENT CALENDAR OF DEVOTIONS 2016

Cost \$ 3.00 Check at Church Office.

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. Meeting will be announced later in Nov.

CHURCH DIRECTORY. The church directories have arrived. If you did not have your pictures taken, 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. We will not have large print for November and December. Will start again in January.