

Saint James United Church
October 9th, 2016 – Thanksgiving Sunday

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Welcome!

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#249 – Rejoice in the Lord Always (2x)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Let us join with all the earth in making a joyful noise to the Lord.

Let us worship God with gladness!

Let us come into God's presence with singing.

Let us remember that God made us and cares for us.

We belong with God.

Give thanks and blessings to God.

For God is good.

God will always love us and will be faithful to all generations to come. Thanks be to God!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Oct. 9 th | Morning Worship Thanksgiving Combined Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship | 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. |
| Oct. 11 th | Games Pathfinders Sparks | 1:00 p.m. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 12 th | Quilting Choir | 1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. |
| Oct. 15 th | W.I. Luncheon for 100 Women Make a Difference | |
| Oct. 16 th | Anniversary Sunday Sunday School Sunshine Singers Coffee, Tea and Fellowship Memorial Hymn Sing | 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. |

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.***

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.

THANKSGIVING

The native peoples of the Americas held ceremonies and festivals to celebrate the completion and bounty of the harvest long before European explorers and settlers arrived in what is now Canada. Early European thanksgivings were held to give thanks for some special fortune. An early example is the ceremony the explorer Martin Frobisher held in 1578 after he had survived the long journey in his quest to find a northern passage from Europe to Asia.

Many thanksgivings were held following noteworthy events during the 18th century. Refugees fleeing the civil war in the United States brought the custom of an annual thanksgiving festival to Canada. From 1879, Thanksgiving Day was held every year but the date varied and there was a special theme each year. The theme was the "Blessings of an abundant harvest" for many years. However, Queen Victoria's golden and diamond jubilees and King Edward VII's coronation formed the theme in later years.

From the end of the First World War until 1930, both Armistice Day and Thanksgiving Day were celebrated on the Monday closest to November 11, the anniversary of the official end of hostilities in World War I. In 1931, Armistice Day was renamed Remembrance Day and Thanksgiving Day was moved to a Monday in October. Since 1957, Thanksgiving Day has always been held on the second Monday in October.

Symbols

Thanksgiving Day in Canada is linked to the European tradition of harvest festivals. A common image seen at this time of year is a cornucopia, or horn, filled with seasonal fruit and vegetables. The cornucopia, which means "Horn of Plenty" in Latin, was a symbol of bounty and plenty in ancient Greece. Turkeys, pumpkins, ears of corn and large displays of food are also used to symbolize Thanksgiving Day.

Hymn

VU#226 – For the Beauty of the Earth

Children's Time

Prayer of Approach and Confession

**We come to you, dear God, with hearts full of thanksgiving:
for the beauty of creation,
for the love of family and friends,
for the harvest and enough to share,
for the gift of Jesus,
for the gift of your Spirit,
for the gift of giving in return.**

**Forgive us when we forget to give thanks,
or when we use your gifts carelessly,
or when we hoard your gifts just for ourselves.
Inspire us to be so joyful in thanksgiving that our hearts overflow
in joyful thanks-living. Amen.**

(silence for private confession)

Words of Assurance

God hears our prayers. God is happy to hear our thanks. God forgives us when we are truly sorry and seek a new way. Let us celebrate and live as God's loving and generous people!

Thanks be to God!

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

"I Thank You, Lord"

Scriptures

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 100, VU #820
Philippians 4:4-9
Luke 17:11-19

Message

Music for Meditation

Hymn VU#227 – For the Fruit of All Creation

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

Lord, we were born with nothing but the breath you breathed into us. All that we have become, all that we have created, and all that we have worked for; all this was made possible through you. We return what you have given to us as an offering of our thankfulness, and as a celebration of your love. Gracious Creator, to you we offer our worship and our praise! Amen!

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Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU#245 – Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Blessing and Sending Forth

Let us go out celebrating God's goodness.

Let us go with thanksgiving.

Let us go with thanks-living.

And let us go with the love of God,

the peace of Christ,

and the zeal of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Amen!

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Choral Benediction VU#424 – May the God of Hope

Postlude

*The bulletin is dedicated today in loving memory
of Michael Derrick by his parents,
Ray and Arlene Derrick,
sister, Susan Foster, Josh, Luke and Kayla.*

DONATION

*A donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery in
loving memory of Paul Bull by Brenda Cox.*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

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. We will have a total next week.*

PIE MAKING *Special thanks to Gail Lipsett for coordinating our annual pie sale and to all the workers who helped in our daily working teams. We made 414 pies. The profit for the pies was \$ 2,392.76.*

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.*

FALL AUCTION—CANTERBURY RICHMOND PASTORAL CHARGE FALL AUCTION WILL BE ON OCTOBER 22ND . *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).*

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. Honor system only.*

CHECK YOUR OCTOBER CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and your house.

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Scripture readings for October 16, 2016

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5;
Luke 18:1-8

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL HYMN SING SERVICE

Oct. 16th 7:00 p.m.

*Please have requests in by noon
on Tuesday, Oct. 11th.*

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

Please let Joan know.

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 September and October .

They are located at the back of the church.

Cost is \$ 3.00.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

on MONDAY, Oct. 10th at 1:00 p.m.

*Salvation Army Woodstock Community Church.
100 Eastwood Drive. Everyone Welcome.*

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION *Friday, Oct. 14th
at 10:00 a.m.*