

Saint James United Church

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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 V#115 – Behold, Behold, I Make all Things New

Welcome

Call to Worship

God says, “Look! I’m creating new heavens and a new earth!”

Thanks be to God!

All the earlier troubles, chaos, and pain are things of the past, to be forgotten.

Thanks be to God!

I will take delight in my people, says our God.

Thanks be to God!

Come, let us worship God.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 13th	Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship Celebration for Peggy Cameron’s Birthday 2:00-4:00 p.m. at her home.	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
Nov. 14th	Arthritis Group Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 15th	WI Service Games Pathfinders Sparks Committee Meetings Official Board	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Nov. 16th	Quilting Choir	1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Nov. 19	Debec Tea and Craft Sale	
Nov. 20th	Morning Worship Sunday School Sunshine Singers and Handbells	10:30 a.m.

REMINDER: Advent Bible Study beginning Nov. 23rd 10:00 a.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.

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the Sunday School Fund in loving memory of Val Stewart by Charles and Gloria Calhoun.

A donation has been made to the Youth Camp Fund in loving memory of Val Stewart by Roy and Thelma MacNally.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Val Stewart by Don and Cathy Parker, Jolene Caverhill, Mary Cliff, Wayne and Shirley McCallum,

CHURCH COMMITTEES 2017

Special thanks to the members who have served on the committees during 2016. Our regular committee meetings and Official Board are scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th. Please let the chair of the committee know if you are interested to have your name remain on the committee for the up coming year. Also, if you are interested in serving on a committee, please leave your name with Mary at the church office.

Peter Clark
Chair of Official Board.

Opening Prayer

God, you have made amazing promises: you are creating a new world all around us each and every day. Sometimes we can perceive it, and at other times it seems less noticeable. Yet in all these times we know that you are creating something new, just for us. Thank you! Amen.

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Hymn MV#157 – I Am a Child of God

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we come to you this day as your children: trusting, hopeful, wanting to love and be loved. We want to join with others in sharing your love, and living in your way. Yet we so easily forget how precious we are to you and how we are connected to you. How easily we put ourselves down. We forget how you call us to trust, to hope, and to love.

(silence for private confession)

Words of Assurance

But through everything, you love us, and when we are truly sorry you forgive us. Life is new again! How happy we are to be reconnected with you and each other and all of creation!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

Scriptures Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12, VU p.880
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Message

Music for Meditation

Hymn VU#713 – I See a New Heaven

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

Take our gifts, Creative God, and use them to help bring in your new world: a world filled with hope and promise. Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU#215 – Hope of the World (Tune #491).

Blessing and Sending Forth

Go into the world in peace. Never get discouraged in doing what is right. And know that God is bringing in a new world in each and every moment.

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 is dedicated in loving memory
of Grace Fleming by Joan Hall.***

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.

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.*

CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

As a church committed to living out the Apology and reconciliation process with Indigenous people, hosting a KAIROS' Blanket Exercise is a good place to begin. The Fredericton-based, intercultural group, Moving Forward Together, is offering to lead groups through this moving, two-hour interactive activity. Please see poster.

Contact: Charlotte Campbell (charcamp2@gmail.com) or Merrill Slipp (Merrill.slipp@gmail.com)

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

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.

ST.GERTRUDE'S ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE Sunday, November 20th, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

The St Gertrude's Bereavement Ministry invites you to attend the upcoming Memorial Service to be held at St Gertrude's Church, Woodstock. If you have a loved one that you would like to have remembered in this service, please contact Linda Markey at 328-3506 or e-mail at njmarkey@aernet.ca

The Memorial Service consists of Music, Prayer, Scripture, Reflection, deceased people's names being read aloud and lighting a candle to remember the loved one(s). We invite you to bring a photo or memento of your loved one and place next to the candle on the Memorial Table. Immediately after the Service, light refreshments will be served.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating: for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord – and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent – its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work.

¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21:5-19

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair on your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

Scripture readings for November 20, 2016 (Reign of Christ)

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

ANOUNCEMENTS

ANGEL PROJECT *This year we will be decorating the hall outside the Church office with Angels in memory of loved ones. Please bring your Angel in and we will place them in memory with a place card naming hyour loved one. Any questions ?? ask Joan.*

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.*

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.

READERS - SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sign-up sheet in lobby.

"Ten Thousand Villages Festival Sale"

The festival sale will be held Friday, November 18, from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM and Saturday, November 19th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Woodstock Baptist Gym, 694 Main Street, Woodstock, NB.

Admission is Free! The gifts you buy at Ten Thousand Villages Sales will give the blessing of steady work, fair wages, and a better life for struggling families around the world. For more information contact the Church at 324-8020.

The Debec Tuesday Quilters invite you to our 8th Annual Snowflake Craft Bazaar, on Saturday, Nov 19th from 9 am until 12 noon.

Location is the Trinity United Church Hall (attached to the back of the church) in Debec.

Lots of quilted items (table runners, aprons, tote bags, etc.) along with knitting, wreaths, yummy homemade foods that you can freeze for Christmas, or perhaps take home Saturday night's supper. And don't forget jams, jellies and pickles.

Light refreshments of biscuits, jams/jellies and muffins, tea/coffee.

Proceeds help out with materials for comfort quilts. To date for 2016 we have delivered 90 comfort quilts to area residents. Your support is greatly appreciated. All are welcome and we sincerely appreciate any and all patrons.

Furball Dinner and Auction Nov. 17th

Make sure you get your ticket this week for the Nov. 17th Furball dinner and auction. Tickets are \$ 20.00---available at Vanity Flair, Shur Gain, Saint John Valley Vet Services, Cummings Bros. Garage, at the Carleton County Animal Shelter in Debec and from all board members. We have to let our caterer know on Monday how many are coming so don't miss out. ☐☐