

Saint James United Church
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Welcome all visitors and their families who may be worshipping with us this morning through live stream. We pray that you will feel the presence of God's Holy Spirit as we worship.

St. James United Church, Woodstock, N.B.
Order of service for December 4, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Advent 2/White Gift Sunday

Prelude

Welcome and Announcement

Introit: VU 2 Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus (vs. 1&4)

Lightning of the Advent Candles

Arise, take courage, and catch a glimpse of peace.

The warm glow of the Divine lightens our hearts.

We are together, not alone. In spirit and community, we gather on this second Sunday in Advent, believing in God for peace in the world, where all creation will flourish. O Lord, our witness, is to and for peace.

Peace is real and possible. In solidarity, we pray, work and wait for its blossoming.

Dear Jesus, kindle all hearts with compassion and love so that goodness, just deeds, the common good, and trust may flourish. Bless and gift all with hope for a future of peace built on justice for all. In the name of the Child, the peaceful one. **Amen.**

HYMN: VU 1 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL ANGELS will be on display this Advent Season in the lobby outside the Board Room. If you wish to bring an "Angel" in memory of a loved one, let Mary know of the memorial information and we will add it to the display.

SNOWMAN TREE Our snowmen are on the tree waiting to be picked up. They are from the Townsview and Meduxnekeag Schools. Please sign your name on the sheet for each school. They will be due back December 16th.

TUESDAY Games 1:00 p.m.
Sparkes and Brownies 6:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Advent Bible Study until December 21
1:00p.m. 2:00 p.m.
Quilting 1:00 p.m.
Youth Group with a Purpose 6:00-7 p.m.
Guides 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Girls 9-11
Choir Practice 7:15 p.m. **Christmas Cantata:**

Handbells practice every Sunday after church until Christmas.

Sunshine singers' dates and times are to be announced.

Books available! Check Bookcase outside the church office.
Upper Rooms for Nov. – Dec.
Gifts of Vision 2023
Our Daily Bread Jan. Feb. Mar.
Daily Reading Guider 2023 Can. Bible Society
United Church Calendars available at the church office \$.10.00

NOTE: UNIVERSAL STUDIOS Pictures will be one week delayed due to the late arrival of the frames. Hopefully they will be here for next Sunday or earlier.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS KETTLE CAMPAIGNE

Saint James have agreed to help with the Salvation Army Kettles. If you can work during this time, please let Mary know at the church office. Please sign up and choose a time.

Times are 10 a.m. -8:00 p.m. (2 hr. intervals)

Dates: 8. Sobeyes

15 Sobeyes

Sign-up Sheet outside the Office.

If there is another time you could help out, please contact The Salvation Army at 328-8276 or 324-4565

CALENDER OF EVENTS

December 4, Second Sunday of Advent

White Gift Sunday

Kirk Christmas Service 7:00 p.m.

December 7 Senior's Christmas Social AYR Centre

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Register by Dec. 2nd.

Featuring Jack McAfee

Traditional Turkey Dinner \$ 15.00

December 11, Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas Cantata 10:30 a.m.

December 12 Christmas Cantata 7:00 p.m.

Followed by Desserts

December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday School Concert and

Family Christmas Pot Luck

December 24, Christmas Eve Service with Communion

December 25, Christmas Day Service 10:30 a.m.

December 31 New Year's Eve Service 11 p.m.–12 a.m.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1: 18-24

Choir: One Small Child

Video: Why The Nativity

Special Music: John Clark

Offertory Prayer

Dear Jesus, bless these seeds with growth so that peace will take root in people who face conflict and danger and places seeking to establish peace in the face of violence. Be their peace and promise, for we pray Jesus Christ our Lord in your name. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dear Jesus, we thank you for every step taken towards reconciliation among rivals and every program provided to give children a reliable future. Thank you for giving us hope for an enduring future in the world you love. God of peace with justice, **Make us better stewards of the gifts you give us.**

Dear Jesus, we thank you for signs of renewal and change in the church. As we await the coming of Christ, awaken the church to new ways to undertake ministry and mission, and give us the energy and resources to reach out in ways we have yet to imagine. God of peace with justice,

Make us better stewards of the gifts you give us.

Dear Jesus, we pray for people who dread this Christmas season because life has changed for them, leaving them feeling lonely and discouraged. Draw us close to those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, and guide us to reach out to someone who needs comfort or encouragement. God of peace with justice,

Make us better stewards of the gifts you give us.

Dear Jesus, we pray for places torn apart by war and communities devastated by storm, flood, fire or drought. Challenge any who would hoard scarce resources or profit from the needs of others. Open our hearts to share what we can, even during difficult times. God of peace with justice,
Make us better stewards of the gifts you give us.

Hear our prayers, O God, and strengthen us to serve you in faith and obedience. We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together: **Our Father Who Art...**

HYMN: VU 7 Hope Is A Star

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Let us go forth with the song of Peace in our mouths. Let us go forth with Peace in our hearts. Let us go forth with Peace overflowing. Let us go, as people of Peace, into a world that longs for Peace to come. Amen.

May the Lord cause your love to increase and overflow. May the Lord cause your hearts to be strengthened with his hope. And may the Lord keep you blameless in holiness until he comes again,
Amen.

Choral Benediction: VU 45 Joy Is Now In Every Place (vs. 1&4)

Postlude

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 endeavor 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.

SCENT FREE CHURCH

We want to remind the congregation that Saint James is a Scent Free Church, and we ask that those attending the church refrain from wearing perfumes, etc. Due to allergies and medical conditions, some are unable to attend. We will post this in the bulletin each week. Thank you for your co-operation

The bulletin is dedicated to Alma Gartley on the occasion of her birthday today. May you have many more, with love, The Dimock Family.

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the Building Fund in loving memory of Phyllis Robinson by Andrea Dimock

An Angel Memorial donation has been made in loving memory of our parents, Gordon and Jean Yeomans and Leighton and Sharon Clark from John and Evelyn Clark.

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to Alma Gartley who is celebrating her () birthday today.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

David Daye, Ruby MacNabb, and Mary Ann Walker, as recipients of The Queen's Platinum Award.