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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 May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:30 a.m.**  
**The Day of Pentecost/Hymn Singing**

#### **Prelude**

**Introit:** VU 400 Lord Listen To Your Children Praying

#### **Welcome and Announcement**

#### **Call to Worship:**

Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,

**and inspire our thoughts and actions.**

Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,

**and fill us with energy to spread joy in the world.**

Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,

**and refresh our commitment to serve.**

Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,

**as we worship and witness to God's coming reign.**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Dear Jesus, we offer our praise with thanksgiving as we come before you this morning. Our God, Creator and Christ, our Redeemer, Holy Spirit, open our eyes to the wonder of your

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 29<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>.** Set up for Yard Sale  
Volunteers welcome to help.

**June 1-2** Yard Sale

**June 4<sup>th</sup>.** **Service at 10:30 a.m.** Communion  
Baptism and Transfer  
Special Music Ken Nichols, Peter Wood,  
Amy Anderson  
**CELEBRATION!** Everyone is invited after the morning service to come “celebrate” Mary Wheelan and wish her a happy retirement! Mary has dedicated many years to our St. James family and we all wish her a very happy retirement. Snacks and refreshments provided for everyone's enjoyment. Hope to see everyone there!

**Wedding Shower** for Robbie Hall and Lacey Watson in the C.E. Centre at 2:00 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome!

**KIRK SERVICE** Note Time Change **3:00 p.m.**

**June 11<sup>th</sup>** **“Alumni” Reconnection Sunday**  
See enclosed outline of Service  
Sunday School Closing  
Graduation Recognition  
Social Time to follow

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TUESDAY Games** 1:00 p.m.  
**Last day for Games will be May 30<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Girl Guide Cookies have arrived.**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Guides** 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Girls Age 9-11  
**Guides finish June 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Choir Practice** 7:15 p.m.

**SPRING YARD SALE** June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Please bring items Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**CONFIRMATION AND BAPTISM**  
**Please contact the church office, if you would like to have**  
**Baptism, join the church through Confirmation or Transfer.**  
**We will welcome each person on June 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**UPDATE ON CHURCH DIRECTORY;** The third  
proof reading of the directory is completed and returned to  
Universal Studios. All people who had photos taken will  
receive a free directory.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

<b>Jan. - April 2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Income</b> 59,711.97	<b>67,991.50</b>
<b>Expenses</b> 71,788.22	<b>78,208.32</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss) (12,076.25)</b>	<b>(10,216.82)</b>

**PAR GIVINGS:** Join our Par Program, a great way to monthly  
support your church throughout the year. Please get in touch with  
the church office for further information.

mystery and our hearts to the warmth of Christ's mercy. Visit us  
anew in this worship, and may this be an everlasting encounter, for  
we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Opening Hymn:** VU 376 Spirit Of The Living God

**Prayer of Approach and Confession:**  
**God of wind and flame, at Pentecost, your Spirit inspired**  
**Jesus' followers to dare great things in his name. But we**  
**confess that we lack daring and ignore the flame of your Spirit**  
**among us. Forgive us for the sins we have committed by our**  
**actions and those we have committed by failing to act. Send the**  
**Spirit to blow on the embers of our faith and reignite us for**  
**mission and ministry. Amen.**

**Prayer of Pardon**  
The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus  
Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live in the renewing power  
of the Spirit. Thanks be to God for this most generous gift. **Amen.**

**Celebrations**  
Please share your celebrations with us as we give thanks together.  
**Congratulation to you. May Jesus be praised,**  
**May God's richest blessing abide unto you.**

**Children's Time:**

**Hymn:** VU 374 Come And Find The Quiet Centre

**Scripture Reading:** Acts 2:1-21

**Choir Anthem:** Spirit Of Gentleness

**Offertory Prayer**  
**Dear God, bless these gifts today so that they accomplish**  
**surprising things in Jesus' name. We offer ourselves, too, so**  
**that our lives may proclaim the Good News with your grace**  
**and power. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn:** VU 382 Breathe On Me Breath Of God

**Prayers of the People and Intercession**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us on this day of Pentecost and renew our faith. Re-awaken our love for God. Let your flames warm our hearts with trust in Jesus Christ and dare us to do great things in his name. Spirit of Power and Promise,

**Blow through us and renew our faith.**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and give us the energy to serve you in Christ's Church. Open our eyes to recognize the needs for ministry and mission and equip us to meet new challenges in ways we haven't dared before. Open our hearts to lives caught up in stressful situations. Open our hands to share the tasks that need doing, and open our lips in prayer and praise. Spirit of Power and Promise,

**Blow through us and renew our faith.**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and give us understanding for those whose lives seem so different from ours; for those with whom we've disagreed, and for the challenges facing our community and your creation in these complex times. Spirit of Power and Promise,

**Blow through us and renew our faith.**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and bring healing for all who face pain or illness, discouragement or disappointment, for all who know sorrow, sadness or grief, and for those who face pressures coping with the cost of living. Bring healing to the earth, to places of upheaval and to ecosystems at risk. Spirit of Power and Promise,

**Blow through us and renew our faith.**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and bring us the compassion we see in Christ Jesus. Blow through us and refresh us as your faithful followers, equipped to serve the world you love in Jesus's name. Together we say the words he taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven....**

**Closing Hymn:** Walk Softly In Springtime (See Insert)

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Go in the strength of the Spirit, to greet those you meet with gifts of understanding and friendship.**

And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Choral Benediction:** Let There Be Peace On Earth (See Insert)

**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 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.

**DONATIONS**

**A memorial donation has been made to the  
General Fund in loving memory of Carol Little  
by Jane Girdwood and Fran Grzesik.**