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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 28th, 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 29th – May 31st. Set up for Yard Sale
Volunteers welcome to help.

June 1-2 Yard Sale

June 4th. **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 11th **“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 30th.
Girl Guide Cookies have arrived.

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

SPRING YARD SALE June 1st, 2nd
Please bring items Monday, May 29th.

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 4th.

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

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

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.**