

## **Saint James United Church**

**November 25, 2018 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost**

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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 Heather Donnelly, 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 # 245 "Praise the Lord With the Sound of Trumpet (Vs 1)**

#### **Call to Worship**

**One:** Children of God, let us gather together!

**All: It is good to be together!**

Children of all ages, the very young and the young at heart;

**It is good to be together!**

Family and neighbours, forever friends and friends in the making;

**It is good to be together!**

In this time and in this place, from all times and from all places;

**It is good to be together!**

God is here! God is good!

**We are here! We are good!**

Children of God, let us worship together!

**Come, let us worship our God!**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Nov.25 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Presider: Heather Donnelly

Sunday School

Coffee and Fellowship after the service.

Sunshine Singers and Handbells

Short Session Meeting after morning worship

Nov,26 Fellowship Christmas Party at 6:00 p.m.

Angela Youngs

Nov27 Games 1:00 p.m.

Pathfinders, Rangers & Sparks 6:30 p.m.

Nov.28 Quilting 1:00 p.m.

Choir 7:15 p.m.

Cantata Practice 7:45 p.m.

Dec. 2 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 10:30 a.m.

Presider: Bev Sharpe

Hanging of the Greens and White Gift Sunday

Coffee, Tea and Fellowship

Sunshine Singers and Handbells

**ANGEL PROJECT** *Last year we decorated the hall outside the Church office with Angels in memory of loved ones. **Need Volunteers to help with decorating.** Please bring your Angel in if you did not leave it here last year and we will place them in memory with a place card naming your loved one. Anyone who would like to take part this year please bring the information and angel into the office.*

#### **Lectionary Scriptures for December 2, 2018**

*Jeremiah 33: 14-16*

*Psalms 25: 1 - 10*

*1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13*

*Luke 21: 25 - 26*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL REPORTS. Reports are due by **January 15, 2019**.

Thank you! ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on February 10, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.

### COMMITTEES FOR 2019

*It may seem early but we need to think about our committees for the up coming year. If you are not presently on a committee and would like to be, just leave you name at the church office and you will be contacted.*

BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2019 The Board of Stewards will be working on the budget for 2019 and committees are asked to submit proposals by **December 1, 2018**.

### SAINT JAMES UNITED CHURCH      GENERAL FUND

PERIOD ENDED October 31, 2018

#### Contributions-Local Envelopes and Open

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| 2018 Budget  | \$ 150,000.00 |
| 2018 Jan-Oct | 118,370.26    |
| 2017 Jan-Oct | 122,555.07    |

#### Building Fund

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| 2018 Budget   | \$ 23,840.00 |
| 2018 Jan-Oct. | 8,746.00     |
| 2017 Jan-Oct. | 10,272.76    |

#### M & S Givings

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| 2018 Budget   | \$ 15,000.00 |
| 2018 Jan-Oct. | 12,330.75    |
| 2017 Jan-Oct. | 12,380.30    |

M&S budget number is recommendation per Annual Meeting.

### **TOTAL RECEIPTS**

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| 2018 Budget   | \$ 188,840.00 |
| 2018 Jan-Oct. | 139,447.01    |
| 2017 Jan-Oct. | 145,208.13    |

### *Welcoming and Announcements*

#### *Gathering Prayer*

Almighty God, from the beginning of time to the end of eternity, you have chosen to use your power and majesty to love us, to redeem us, to shape us as your people.

Spirit of God, resting upon us: may your power enflame us with your peace; may your peace touch us with your grace; may your grace fill us with your hope; may your hope lead us always in your path. Amen

*Hymn #577 VU "I've Got Peace Like a River"*

#### *Children's Time*

#### *Time of Soul Searching*

Eternal One,

You who call to practice justice and care, we your people confess that we do not always follow your guidance, that we do not always practice equity and integrity in our daily lives, that we have not always followed the example set for us by Jesus. Instead, we often place our trust in leaders who let us down and in our own flawed leadership of others. Lead us, Holy Shepherd, and set us on the path to righteousness in all that we do. May it be so.

#### *Words of Assurance*

*Hymn # 484 VU "The Church is Wherever"*

### **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

*Anthem "Let The Earth Resound With Praise"*

#### *Prayer of Illumination*

For the word of God in scripture. For the word of God among us.

For the word of God within us. Thanks be to God. Amen

*Scripture* 1 Samuel 8:10-22  
Psalm 132 (Voices United page 854)  
John 18:33-37

*Meditation*

*Music for Reflection*

*Hymn # 400 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (twice)*

## 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*

Thank you, O God, for the gifts of your people.  
Help us to not rely on our own understanding  
in the use of these gifts, but to seek your wisdom,  
knowing that as we do, your will can be revealed  
and your people near and far will be blessed.  
Amen.

*Prayers of the People followed by the Prayer of Jesus,*

*Hymn # 126 MV “Are You A Shepherd”*

*Commissioning and Benediction*

Restored in spirit,  
**may we take new risks in service.**  
Renewed in body and mind,  
**may we join God in creating justice for all.**  
Secure in new hope,  
**may we live with joy into the future.**  
Go in love to give birth to love,  
carrying hope into all the world.

*Choral Benediction # 646 VU “We Are Marching”*

*Postlude*

**If you have noticed someone missing from our congregation,  
please contact them by phone or visit them in person.**

*You may be their “angel.”*

**COMMUNICATION** *We are working on letting everyone know the  
up and coming events of the church. I would appreciate having  
your email address as each week I send out a message called  
“Keeping In Touch.”*

**SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT:** *A few of our congregation  
members have been experiencing problems due to perfumes in the  
church. 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 and refrain from wearing perfumes.*

### **SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS KETTLE CAMPAIGN**

*Special thanks to Heather Voutour for looking after the Salvation Army Kettle scheduling. Saint James will be manning the kettles at the Atlantic Superstore on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to drop by and support your volunteers. The Salvation Army look after emergency help for our area residents – Power Bills, Rent, Medicine, etc. and their Annual Kettle Campaign Fund this outreach. 100% of the money collected stays in our area.*

### **TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP.**

*Anyone desiring to transfer their membership to St. James United Church from:*

- 1) another United Church congregation needs to acquire a certificate of transfer of membership from their previous United Church*
- 2) another denomination (ie: Roman Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian, Lutheran) needs to clearly assure they have been baptized and confirmed;*
- 3) as in the case of churches like Baptist, or Pentecostal with adult baptism only (based on profession of faith) requires a certificate of baptism.*

***Adherent:*** *a person who contributes regularly to the life and work of a congregation but is not a full member. (Many people establish long-standing, committed relationships with congregations without formally becoming “full members”. These people are often valued participants in the life of congregations as “adherents”).*

*Please contact a member of Session for more information.*