

## **Saint James United Church**

**December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**First Sunday after Christmas Day**

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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 Bev Sharpe, 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 (# 48 VS 1) Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship (together)**

*Holy God, as we prepare to enter the new year, we thank you for your presence with us in all the years of our lives. We have known joy, and also sorrow, success and failure, and through it all you have been with us- the companion of of all our journeys. Much of life is fleeting and so we thank you for things that endure: the love of faithful friends, wisdom gained from experience, the reliability of nature and your steadfast love. We thank you for the new year which awaits us; take us by the hand and lead us on. Amen.*

**Opening Hymn:**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (VU 35)

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Dec. 30

- Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
First Sunday after Christmas  
Intergenerational Sunday
- Coffee, Tea and Fellowship

Jan. 2

- Quilting 1:00 p.m.
- Choir Practice 7:15 p.m.

Jan. 3

- Unity Group 2:00 p.m.

Jan. 6

- Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
- Epiphany Sunday
- Sunday School
- Coffee, Tea and Fellowship

**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.*

### **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.

**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.”

**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.

### ***Opening Prayer (together)***

***In joy and in trouble, help us gracious God, to trust your love, to serve your purpose and to praise your name. Show us the path you intend for us and guide us on the way. Amen***

### ***Scripture reading:***

*Colossians 3:12–17*

### ***Hymn:***

*Joy to the World (VU 59)*

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (VU 58)

Christmas Reflection

Christmas Music

O Come, All Ye Faithful (VU 60 VS 1 2, 5)

### ***Scripture reading:***

*Luke 2:41–52*

## **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 (together)***

***Through these gifts, O God, may all heed the voice of justice, hear the call to compassion, embrace the way of sharing and know solidarity with the living Christ. Amen***

**Hymn (VU # 75) “While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks”**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer*

*Closing Hymn # 91 "The First Nowell"*

*Choral Benediction (VU 7 VS 4)*

### *Hope Is a Star*

*Love is a flame that burns in our heart  
Jesus has come and will never depart.  
When God is a child there's joy in our song,  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong  
and none shall be afraid.*

*Postlude*

### **DONATIONS**

*A donation has been made to the General Fund  
in loving memory of Allan and Sally Cluff  
by Terri, Stephen, Nick and Alisa Calhoun.*

*A donation has been made to the General Fund  
in loving memory of Lona Thomas by Phyllis Robinson.*

*A donation has been made to the Roof Fund  
in loving memory of Ivan Hayden by Brent Dimock  
and Sharon Sharpe..*

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in loving memory of Ivan Hayden by  
Richard and Rayma Taylor.*

### ANNUAL REPORTS

*It is annual report time. Reports are due by January 15, 2019.  
Thank you! The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held  
February 10, 2019.*

### 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 your name at the church office and you will  
be contacted.*

### ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP

*This support group meets at Saint James the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of  
each month. The next meeting will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on  
January 21, 2019. All those who are care givers may like to mark  
this on your calendars. Please call the church office to confirm  
meetings over the summer, as sometimes there are changes.*

UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER *Time to look at renewal of you  
United Church Observer. If you do not wish to renew, please let  
Mary know at the church office or if you are a new subscriber, we  
can add your name for a subscription for the up coming year.  
Cost is \$ 25.00.*

CHURCH CALENDARS 2019 *Cost \$ 5.00*

UPPER ROOMS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY  
*are at back of church. Cost \$ 3.00*

GIFTS WITH VISION BOOKS *have arrived. Located at the back  
of the Sanctuary.*

## ***MINUTE FOR MISSION***

### ***THANK YOU***

*We cannot say it enough: Thank you! Thank you for your gifts for Mission & Service—together we are transforming lives!*

*We all know the statistics of how many community ministries, theological schools, congregations, and global partners are supported by Mission & Service, but what about the stories behind the numbers?*

*The young man in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, who told us he would be dead without Emmanuel House, or the middle-aged man in Hamilton, Ontario, who has a home for the first time in his adult life, or the women of Kenya, who are empowered to feed their families through a bull exchange program—these are just a few of the many stories of how Mission & Service mends the world!*

*If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.*