

## **Saint James United Church**

**October 6, 2019 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Ushers: David and Sandra MacNally, Jolene Caverhill**



*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 Rev. Shirley Demerchant, sign our guest book at the back of the sanctuary and join us for Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in the C.E. Centre..*

### **WE GATHER**

**Prelude**

**Introit MV 13 o Let the Power Fall on Me**

**Call to Worship**

We gather to celebrate God's world.

**We gather to rejoice in this abundant love.**

We gather to eat and remember.

**Come let us worship.**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Minute for Mission (Printed in Bulletin)**

**United Church Women:**

**Love and Strength**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**October 6 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.**  
**World Wide Communion Sunday School**  
**Children come to the Gathering Room first, then Classrooms and later join their parents in the Sanctuary for Communion.**  
**Handbells and Sunshine Singers**  
**Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in the C.E. Centre**

**October 7 Travel Club CANCELLED 7:00 p.m.**

**October 8 Games 1:00 p.m.**

**October 9 Quilting 1:00 p.m.**  
**Choir 7:15 p.m.**

**October 13 Morning Worship/ 10:30 a.m.**

**Thanksgiving – Sunday School Are we truly thankful for everything? Sunshine Sunday-- Children will come to church as usual, sit with parents in Sanctuary for first 15 minutes, then to C. E. Centre for activities, as one group - No regular classes.**

**Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in the C.E. Centre**

***In the next few months we will be having a fire drill during our morning worship service.***

***There are notices by the exits throughout the church which you should familiarize yourself with.***

**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.*

## 15<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Our music director, Amy Anderson, has recently marked 15 years of serving the Saint James congregation through music. She has organized a special collection of musicians to celebrate and everyone is invited to join us for an evening of great music and reflection!

Thanks to our wonderful performers, including:

Nolan Golding, organ

Leah Jones, voice

Combo a la Carte - Marjorie Hewson, Ypie Shaver, Martin Shaver,  
John Thompson

Rylea + Laura Hubbert, voice and piano

Wood 'n Nichols

Marg Beattie

Chelsey Phillips

Saint James United Church Choir

more to come . . .

A freewill offering will be taken, with proceeds going to sound system upgrades. Light refreshments to follow the music. Everyone welcome

### DONATIONS

*A memorial donation has been made to the Children's Health Fund in loving memory of Dr. David Wagener, father of Dr. Sharon Wagner, by Lana McKay.*

*A memorial donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Carl Robinson by Wayne McCallum, Mary Cox Price.*

*A memorial donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery Fund in loving memory of uncle Carl Robinson by Rhonda Lyons, Mary, Blaine and families.*

*A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Stuart Drake by Phyllis Robinson,*

*A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Garry Beattie by Phyllis Robinson*

*A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Richard Sharpe by Phyllis Robinson.*

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

God,

We give you thanks for the beauty that surrounds us,

For food and drink that sustain us,

For hugs and greetings that nurture us.

Remind us to listen to your world, to both the moans and the joys.

Teach us to care for and treasure one another and your creation.

We pray in Jesus' name, the bread of life. Amen.

Hymn VU # 570 Jesus Hands Were Kind Hands

Children's Time

### **Prayer of Confession**

One: Out of a desire to be free from regret and to make a new start with you and one another, we join our voices in confession:

**Many: God of mercy,**

**we confess that we have often failed to speak and act with kindness;**

**to care for others as we have been cared for;**

**to welcome others as we have been welcomed;**

**and to live as forgiven, beloved people.**

**We remember the good not done, the encouraging words not spoken, and grace not given or received.**

**Hear us now as we make our silent confession to you.**

(Silent confession)

We ask this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Words of Assurance**

Hymn MV # 12 Come Touch Our Hearts

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Anthem

**There Is Grace**

## Scriptures

Lamentations 1:1–6, 3:19-26;  
Psalm 37:1–9 (responsively using VU 763)  
Luke 17:5–10

## Message

## Music for Meditation

Hymn VU # 581 When We Are Living

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

### Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory MV #191

*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

**Generous God,**

**We present these offerings with gratitude for your love and kindness. We thank you for your wonderful grace and your many blessings. Use these gifts for your glory by meeting physical and spiritual needs in our community and around the world. Amen.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Lord's Prayer

## SERVICE OF COMMUNION

### *Invitation*

All are welcome to this table of the Lord. All who seek to be nourished and sustained in the journey of faith and long to live justly and in peace with God and their neighbour, will find what they are looking for here.

## C.E. CENTRE AND KITCHEN

The Board of Stewards have decided to wait on the floor project in the C.E. Centre and Kitchen as we have not reached the goal of \$ 7,500.00. All donations would be greatly appreciated. We invite the congregation to contribute donations through their church envelopes in which receipts will be issued next year. This project will be taking place at a later date. We currently have \$ 3,069.00

THE SEARCH COMMITTEE is pleased to announce that at the congregational meeting held Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup>, the "Record of Call" for a new minister was approved. The candidate presented by the committee is Rev. Adekunle Benjamin Adeniyi (Rev. Ben). Originally ordained in The African Church in Nigeria, he came to Canada in 2015, fulfilled the admission requirements of the United Church of Canada and was admitted to the Order of Ministry in 2018.

We still require approval of the call from Regional Council. Once that has been received, the committee will be able to share more details regarding Rev. Ben and begin the preparations for his arrival which is scheduled for January 1, 2020.

GRIEF SHARE The Grief Recovery Support Group will be hosting a Grief Workshop with Leonard Cousins and Wanda Porter. Meetings are on Tuesdays, starting Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. at the Woodstock Baptist Church. **See notice on Bulletin. Board.**

## DIVORCE CARE at Woodstock Baptist Church

**Starting Wednesdays, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
Hosted by Keith and Jane Bull**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED AND WORKED DURING OUR PIE FUND RAISING AND FALL YARD SALE.

PIE MAKING      \$ 2,824.60    300 PIES

The cost of supplies was covered by an  
anonymous donation.

YARD SALE            \$ 3,248.15

M & S TABLE (Sept) \$    21.00

M & S SALE TABLE      Starting September 15, 2019

A table will be set up outside the Boardroom for baked goods,  
Jams, Jellies,. Pickles and Treasures. Help yourself!

A donation jar will be provided.

Proceeds to Mission and Service.

Items will change weekly depending on what is brought in.

FALL FASHION SHOW AND TEA

Saturday, October 19, 2:00 p.m. Tickets \$ 10.00

Available from Fashion Today or Members of the U.C.W.

UPPER ROOMS FOR

September and October are at back of church. Cost \$ 3.00

WELLNESS WEEK Oct. 1–7 Andrea Perry will be holding and  
Age-Related Hearing Loss Information Session at Saint James  
On Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. 10:00 -12:30 See Notice on Bulletin Board.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY DINNER

The Salvation Army October 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Come and Celebrate with us!

Open To Everyone

No Charge

Let us eat and drink together for the strengthening of our faith,  
for the sake of the world that needs us and to the glory of God  
who has called us. God is with us!

**We are not alone!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Prayer of Communion (unison)*

Loving God

You breathed life into our world at the beginning of creation.

Continue to breath life in us.

Transform us and your creation by the power of your life-giving Spirit. Amen

Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love,

you are beyond complete knowledge,

above perfect description.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

you are creative and self-giving.

In all the near and distant corners of the universe.

nothing exists that does not find its source in you.

Even when we turn away from you, you are with us;

your presence never fails us,

your gifts of hope and new life transform us.

You are worthy of our worship.

We rejoice with all your people of every time and place,

and with angels and archangels,

to proclaim the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy are you.

Holy, holy, blessed are you.

It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ,  
who unites us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers:  
loving what he loved  
living what he taught, and  
striving to be his faithful servants  
in our time and place.

In this meal we remember Jesus, his promises,  
and the price he paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did.

On the night before Jesus died,  
he took a loaf of bread,  
gave thanks, broke it, and said,  
“Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me.”  
After supper, Jesus took the cup, and poured, saying,  
“This is the new covenant, remember me.”

We do remember.  
We remember his life of love, his teaching, his dying, and his rising to life  
again.

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died  
Christ has risen  
Christ will come again

### **Prayer for the Bread and the Cup**

### **Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup**

The body of Christ,  
**the bread of life.**  
The lifeblood of Christ,  
**the cup of blessing.**  
The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **Distribution of Communion Elements**

*Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life*  
*Jesus Christ, the Cup of Blessing*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.  
We are fed by your love;  
We are strengthened by your life.  
We are sent forth into this world to share the hope  
and joy found in you.  
We are now commissioned to:  
forgive as we have been forgiven  
and love as we have been loved.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.

### **Hymn VU # 468 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

### **Blessing and Sending Forth**

May the grace of God's abundance surround you,  
the gift of Jesus' service inspire you,  
and the movement of the Spirit stir within you. Amen.

### **Choral Benediction**

Go now in peace...never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen, amen, amen.

### **Postlude**

**JUST A REMINDER** *Due to many people suffering from allergies, 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.*

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**