

## ***Saint James United Church***

***December 15, 2019 Third Sunday of Advent***

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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 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 VU 87 I Am the Light of the World***

***I am the light of the world. You people come and follow me!***

***If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.***

***Welcome***

***Announcements***

***Lighting of the Advent Candles Lin Ward and Vanessa Belyea***

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| <b>December 15</b> | <b>Third Sunday of Advent Cantata</b>  | <b>10:30 a.m.</b> |
|                    | <b>Sunday School Concert Practice Children go directly to Sunday School.</b> |                   |
|                    | <b>Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in the Board Room</b>                          |                   |
|                    | <b>Community Cantata</b>   | <b>7:30 p.m.</b>  |
|                    | <b>followed by desserts.</b>   |                   |
| <b>December 17</b> | <b>Games</b>   | <b>1:00 p.m.</b>  |
|                    | <b>Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers</b>  | <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>December 18</b> | <b>Choir</b>   | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>December 19</b> | <b>Blue Christmas Service</b>  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  |
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| <b>Dec. 24</b> | <b>Christmas Eve Service</b>          | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>Jan. 5</b>  | <b>Rev. Adekunle Benjamin Adeniyi</b> | <b>10:30 a.m.</b> |

## Minutes for Mission

### *Call to Worship*

**Let your Spirit sing in our hearts;  
let your Song of joy fill our world;  
and as we wait through the Advent season for the baby Jesus'  
birth, let the glorious Angels lead us to the place where the Christ  
would be born today. Amen.**

### *Hymn VU # 7 verses 1,2,3*

### *Opening Prayer*

**Liberating God, help us to know the insurrection you birthed in  
the form of a baby. As we are inspired by a young woman's  
humble, joyful obedience, remind us how you steer our lives, no  
matter how our ego struggles for control. May we hear your  
Advent call for revolution in our lives. Amen**

### *Cantata*

### *Go, Sing It On the Mountain By Pepper Choplin*

- 1. Rise, O People, and Bring Good News*
- 2. A Child Is Gonna Come (Solo: Angela Young)*
- 3. Call His Name Jesus*
- 4. Angel Band*
- 5. Hush Little Baby*
- 6. Go Sing it on The Mountain*
- 7. Star Eternal (Solo: Rev. Julie Savoy)*
- 8. Scottish Worship Carol*
- 9. Joyous Nowell to the World*

**Bass**

**Sam Arnold  
David Daye  
John Clark**

**Alto**

**Lin Ward  
Carole Montgomery  
Lauren Graham  
Barb Kierstead  
Opalee Budd**

**Handbell Choir**

**Jolene Caverhill  
Evelyn Clark  
Kinley LaFrance  
Gail Lipsett**

**Narrator**

**Tenor**

**Ken Nichols  
Scott Palmer**

**Soprano**

**Vanessa Belyea  
Esther Rogers  
Angela Young  
Sharon Anderson  
Lori Thebeau  
Karen Arnold  
Rev. Julie Savoy**

**Bonnie Stokes  
Angela Young  
Lin Ward**

**Evelyn Clark**

*Presentation of the Offering*

*Offertory* VU # 55 verse 4  
What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part,  
yet what I can, I give him - give my heart.

*Offertory prayer*  
With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts which rejoice in your goodness and love. Let these gifts point to your presence in the world, and further your hope for the world through Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us. *Amen.*

*Prayers of the People*

*Closing Hymn: VU # 38 Angels We Have Heard on High*

*Choral Benediction MV # 220 Joy Shines as the Solitary Star*

*Joy shines as the solitary star  
Faith is the inner light  
You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,  
and illumine the pathway home.*

*Postlude*

*You are invited to an encore presentation tonight  
at 7:30 p.m., with desserts to follow.*

*A free will offering will be taken in support of the  
Children's Health Fund.*

*The bulletin has been dedicated in loving memory  
of our mothers Roberta White, Sharon Clark,  
and grandmother, Louise Corey by Peter and Janet Clark.*

**The Night And By Candlelight**  
Submitted By [Janyce Cotterill](#)

The snow is falling gently,  
As the choir begins to sing,  
They tell of the Wise Men on camels,  
The gifts to the Christ child they bring,  
From far and near the people are gathering,  
To celebrate the Christ child's birth,  
Then in the hush of the night and by candlelight,  
Peace and Joy spreads around the Earth.

**May Joy Be With You Always**  
Submitted By [Janyce Cotterill](#)

Christmas - a time of celebration,  
Of the Christ child being born on Earth,  
Of the Wise Men as they seek him,  
As the Shepherds hear of his birth,  
For the Holy Child still brings a message,  
Of love and forgiveness today,  
May the season hold many blessings,  
And Joy be with you always.

**DONATIONS**

A donation has been made to the Kirk Church in loving memory of Lorna Cluff, Glen and Esther Young by Blair and Angela Young.

A donation has been made to the Kirk Church in loving memory of Lorna Cluff and Baby Girl Cluff by Donald Cluff.

**Lectionary Scriptures for December 22, 2019**

**Isaiah 7: 10 - 16**

**Psalm 80: 1 - 7, 17 - 19**

**Romans 1: 1 - 7**

**Matthew 1: 18 - 25**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

**UNIT 3 Come Journey With Us**

**Dec.22 Sunday School Concert** – Meet in classrooms. Concert is during regular church time with a Pot Luck to follow.

**Dec. 29 Sunshine Sunday** Children go into church with parents, then gather together for a combined Sunday School Activity.

**Jan. 5 Epiphany Sunday** Rev. Ben's first Sunday—Children come into church with parents. Go to Sunday School at regular time to experience the journey of the Magi to Bethlehem for a Pot Luck Lunch and Crown Cake with the entire congregation. You are reminded to bring your Advent Coin Holders..

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GET YOUR WALKING SHOES ON UPDATE:

We have walked 446.5 kms this week. We have completed the travel for Rev. Ben and Family. Keep walking!

We will now help the King Family from Vancouver, B.C. to Woodstock. We have 3,621.4 Kilometers to go.

ADVENT CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONS have arrived. They are in the church office. Cost \$ 4.00

### THE SNOWMAN TREE

**GIFTS ARE TO BACK BY DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>.**

A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
CANDLE LIGHT PARADE,. See bulletin board for announcement.

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE 2020 has arrived. They are located at the back of the church.

GIFTS OF VISION 2020 Those who received a copy of the Broadview Magazine would have a copy of the Gifts of Vision. I also have copies in the office,

M & S SALE TABLE The M & S table will be inside 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.

UPPER ROOMS FOR November and December at the back of church. Cost \$ 3.00

CALENDARS The 2020 Church Calendars have arrived. Cost \$ 8.00.

BROADVIEW This is the magazine that replaced the Observer.

Those who have subscriptions, would you please let the office know if you would like to renew for 2020. Also anyone who would like to purchase a subscription. Cost \$ 25.00.

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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 \$ 5,019.00.**

COMMITTEES FOR 2020 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.

ANNUAL REPORTS Reports are due by January 12<sup>th</sup> 2020. Thank You! Date for annual congregational meeting will be announced in the new year.

CHRISTMAS IN THE DOORYARD Bring the family to enjoy this special holiday concert featuring all local talent! Thursday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm at the McCain Community Theatre Admission by donation with proceeds supporting our summer Dooryard Arts Festival 2020.