

Saint James United Church

December 22, 2019 Fourth 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 Bev Sharpe, sign our guest book at the back of the sanctuary and join us for pot luck in the C. E. Centre.

WE GATHER

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Sunshine Singers: Go Tell It On The Mountain

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Candle Lighters Shelley Wheelan, Debbie Daye

On the first Sunday of Advent, we lit a candle for Hope.

On the Second Sunday, we lit a candle of Peace.

Last Sunday, we lit a candle for Joy.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 22 4th Sunday of Advent 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School Concert
Family Christmas Potluck

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Family Service 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 29 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Intergenerational
Sunday School - Sunshine Sunday

NOTE:

Jan. 5, 2020 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School – Magi Journey
Epiphany Party Pot Luck—C. E. Centre
Everyone Welcome!

Lectionary Scripture Readings for December 29, 2019

Isaiah 63: 7 – 9

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2: 10 – 18

Matthew 2: 13 - 23

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.

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 you name at the church office and you will be contacted.

ANNUAL REPORTS Reports are due by January 12th 2020.

Thank You! Date for annual congregational meeting will be announced in the new year.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

Presentation of Offering VU # 55 vs. 4 In the Bleak Mid Winter

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, it is fun to give. The look or sound of delight from the recipient is a great gift. May our offerings be pleasing and delightful to you. Let them bring hope to those in need, ministry within this community, and love to those hurting. With these gifts we commit ourselves to the way of love. Amen.

Hymn VU # 35 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Commissioning and Benediction and Grace

Choral Benediction MV # 220 Love Shines as the Solitary Star

*Love 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

*The bulletin today has been dedicated in loving memory of
Ralph and Greta Drake and Arnold Drake by the Drake Family.*

Today, we light a candle for Love.

Call to Worship

*As the flame begins to burn,
let the love of God warm our hearts
as Mary's love
welcomed the Christ Child into the world
so long ago in Bethlehem.*

Prayer of Approach

**For our prayer, let's put our hands together
and close our eyes
and listen for God's Spirit
in the silence.**

**Let your Spirit burn in our hearts;
let your light shine in our world;
and as our Advent time of waiting
for the baby Jesus' birth
comes to an end,
let the flame of Your Love
warm the Place where the Christ
would be born today
Amen**

Prayer of the Day (all)

**Compassionate God, sometimes life is messy. Sometimes we feel
Frightened, angry, confused, excited or frustrated, happy or sad,
delighted or nervous, and sometimes just discombobulated.**

**Sometimes we don't know what to feel. Give us a sign that it
won't last forever. Remind us that a feeling is just a temporary
thing, but you are always there for us, no matter what we are
feeling, no matter how messy life gets. You are our God and we
are not alone. Thanks be to you, forever and ever. Amen**

Sunshine Singers "Jesus, our brother, kind and good"

Scripture Luke 1: 26 – 38

Mary – Alexa

A Nativity Song - all the classes

Scripture Matthew 1: 18-25

Joseph – Spencer

Scripture : Luke 2: 8-16

Shepherd – Molly

Hymn: VU # 75 While Shepherd Watch Their Flocks by Night

Scripture Matthew 2: 1-12

Wise one: Jorja

Hymn Do you hear what I hear

Said the night wind to the little lamb
Do you see what I see
Way up in the sky little lamb
Do you see what I see
A star, a star
Dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear
Ringing through the sky shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear
A song, a song
High above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king
Do you know what I know
In your palace wall mighty king
Do you know what I know
A child, a child
Shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold
Let us bring him silver and gold

Said the king to the people everywhere
Listen to what I say
Pray for peace people everywhere
Listen to what I say
The child, the child
Sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light

Scripture : Luke 2: 1-7

Innkeeper – Addison

Away in a Manger –hand bells- Sunday School Children

A New Creed (please read together)

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the Children's Health Fund in loving memory of Thelma MacNally by Victoria Chapter #10ES.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Christina Albright by husband, Dalton, children Debra, Nancy, Gary and Michael.

A donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery Fund in loving memory of husband, Bobby MacFarlane, and sister, Starr Morin by Marion MacFarlane.

A donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery Fund in loving memory of mother, Pauline Forrest and husband, Laird McLennon by Carole McLennon.

A donation has been made to the Floor Fund in loving memory of brother, Donald Wormell, by Lynda and Doug Swan.

A donation has been made to the Youth Development Fund in loving memory of Eleanor Rideout, sister of Phyllis Robinson by Jolene Caverhill.

A donation has been made to the Floor Fund in loving memory of husband, Roy E. Wilson, by Estelle Wilson.

A donation has been made to the Children's Health Fund by David and Dianne Lenehan.

A donation has been made to the floor project in memory of loved ones by Merlin and Joyce Gibson.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.**

GAMES Games will resume on January 7th.

GET YOUR WALKING SHOES ON UPDATE:

We have walked 544.4 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 3,076.8 Kilometers to go.

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

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 January and February issues are at the back of the 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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