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Welcome all visitors and their families who may be worshipping with us this morning through live stream. We pray that you will feel the presence of God's Holy Spirit, as we worship.

**St. James United Church, Woodstock, N.B.**  
**Order of service for January 17, 2021 10:30 a.m.**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcement**

**Call to Worship**

Before we were born, God knew us.

**God knit us together in the womb.**

God searches out our paths, and tracks us along our way.

**So we praise God, because we are fearfully and wonderfully made.**

There is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

**How wonderful are all God's works! Let us worship God together.**

## **RECEIPTS FOR 2020**

The receipts are ready to be mailed.  
If you wish to pick up your receipt at the office,  
I will hold them for a few days.  
Please call ahead at 328-6114 on Monday or Tuesday.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Our Nominating Committee are looking for congregational members to serve on our 2021 Committees.  
Please call the church office 328-6114 or email—stjames@nb.aibn.com, if you are interested in being part of the work of the church.  
**We need volunteers for Session Committee.**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

Reminder to committees that the Reports for 2020 were due on January 15<sup>th</sup>. I have only received a few.

## **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

**Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> is the beginning of the Week of Prayer.**

**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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TELEPHONE CONTACT:** Please note all calls to the church will be received at 328-6114.

### **YOUTH HANG OUT**

**WEDNESDAY JAN.20, 2021**

**This week our Youth Group (Ages 12 – 18) will be held through “Zoom” on the Computer. Ages 12 - 18**

**Call your friends to join, as well, prepare a snack and enjoy an hour of “Youth With A Purpose.”**

**The information will be sent out on Tues. or Wed.**

### **CHURCH CALENDARS 2021**

**Can be picked up at the church office. Cost \$ 8.00**

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Opening Hymn**

### **Prayer of Confession and Approach**

**Dear Jesus, you call us to the fullness of life but we have settled for much less. We have wandered from your ways and wasted your gifts. At times we have hidden from the truth, especially when it calls us to do what we are afraid to do. We have given up in despair when problems around us seem overwhelming. Forgive us our small faith. Give us courage to listen and respond when you call.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, God has offered us forgiveness for all our sins and shortcomings. Trust that this forgiveness is for you, **and know that God's steadfast love and grace endure forever.**

### **Celebrations**

Please share your celebrations with us as we give thanks together.

### **Minutes for Mission**

### **Offertory prayers**

**Dear God, we thank you for these gifts, use them and us to create new possibilities in the world for those who are uncertain about what the future holds. Our gifts are a token of our trust that you hold the future for us all, for we pray in Jesus Christ name. Amen.**

**Scriptures Reading: 1 Samuel 17: 40 - 54**

**REFLECTION: YOUR WORD IS YOUR LIFE**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Dear Jesus, each week our prayers combine with those of people in many different places. We face many different challenges and also a common challenge, responding to the pandemic, though in so many different contexts. We thank you for honouring all our prayers with the gift of your Spirit, so that we can find strength and wisdom we need in you.

Dear Jesus, we remember before you today people living face to face with war and violence, in those places where hatred has been stirred up and fear stalks people on their own streets; And we pray for all those displaced by violence, seeking refuge among us or in camps and communities around the world: God, speak to us a word of peace:

**Embrace us with your love.**

Dear Jesus, we remember before you today people living face to face with so much economic uncertainty, for those who have lost their jobs or worry what may happen as this year unfolds, for the frontline workers, the teachers at TS, WHS and all other institutions affected by COVID-19: God, speak to us a word of reassurance:

**Embrace us with your love.**

Dear Jesus, we remember before you today people living face to face with discrimination and social prejudice, for those who are bullied at school, at work or at home, for those who are made ashamed of who they are: God, speak to us a word of dignity:

**Embrace us with your love.**

Dear Jesus, we remember before you today people living face to face with illness and suffering, we pray for...for those struggling with disability, made more complex these days, and for those who know grief or anxiety, especially those cut off from comfort or support by months of pandemic isolation: God, speak to us a word of healing:

**Embrace us with your love.**

Dear Jesus, we remember before you today people divided by differences of race or creed, of culture, gender or generation: and we pray for all those who seek to build bridges of understanding and co-operation across differences: God, speak to us a word of reconciliation:

**Embrace us with your love.**

Dear Jesus, we remember before you today your whole creation and its many vulnerable facets and faces. Teach us how to care for the rips and tears in the fabric of the world you love so we may live together wisely...: God, speak to us a word of wisdom:

**Embrace us with your love.**

And so, joining our voices to Jesus' followers around the world, we pray the words he taught us:

**Our Father who art in heaven...**

## **Closing Hymn:**

### **Benediction and Send forth**

**Take us and use us to love and serve you, and all people, in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**(Jude 24–25)** Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

## **Postlude**

**The bulletin today has been dedicated in loving memory of daughter, Heather Leonard (April 18, 1979 – Jan. 19, 2002), by your parents, Randy and Eleanor Leonard and brother Michael.**