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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 June 12, 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
97<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 2022 Grace Convention and  
Graduates Appreciation Service

### Prelude

**Introit:** Hold Somebody, tell them that you love them  
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.  
Halleluiah is an heavenly language.

### Welcome and Announcement

**Call to Worship:** (Psalm 103: 1-2, 20-22)

“Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his Word.

**Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.”**



## A Prayer for Graduates

At this exciting time of changes and challenges, no matter what life brings, may you always be:

**G**racious, your life a reflection of our good and gracious God.  
*“Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus,” 2 Pet. 3:18*  
*“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit,” Pm.1:25*

**R**eliant, on God in every area of life, work, and relationships.  
*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding,” Proverbs 3:5*

**A**ssured, of God's love, presence and protection always.  
*“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you,” Hebrews 13:5*  
*“I have loved you with an everlasting love;” Jeremiah 31:3*

**D**iligent, remembering always—you serve the Lord Jesus.  
*“Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God,” 1 Corinthians 10:31*

**U**nwavering, in your commitment to what is right.  
*“So be careful to do what the LORD your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left.” Deut. 5:32*

**A**ttentive to your Lord because he promises to guide you.  
*“Your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.” Isaiah 30:21*

**T**ruthful, never lying in any way to yourself or others.  
*“Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.” Proverbs 12:19*

**E**ternally-focused, so all else in life is in proper perspective because:  
*“Only one life, will soon be past.  
Only what's done for Christ, will last.”*



**Closing Hymn:** VU #639 “One More Step Along The World I Go”

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**In darkness and light, in trouble and joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**(1 Thessalonians 5:23)** "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole Spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

**Amen.**

**Postlude:** Hold Somebody, tell them that you love them

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

Halleluyah is a heavenly language.

**WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!!**

As we begin our busy Summer Schedules, please keep contact with your church through our Website, Keeping in touch, our Facebook page, and our church family.

The bulletin is attached to the Keeping in Touch.

Please reach out to your neighbours and church family, either by phone call, email, or a card of love.

**We need to stay connected.**

**DONATIONS**

Memorial donation was made to the Kirk Cemetery in the loving memory of Raymond Smart by Jean Simonds,

Robert and Ellen Kee.

A donation has been made to the Child Health Fund in loving memory of Joe McGuire by Marg Beattie.

A memorial donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery in loving memory of father,  
Allan Donaldson by son Norman Donaldson.

**Opening Prayer**

**Dear God, you are our Father and our Mother; we thank you for showing us how to grow in faith. Thank you for your mercy, grace and favour. May we experience your Spirit anew amidst us today and forever as we gather for the conclusion of Grace Convention 2022, appreciation of our graduates and the 97<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service of the UCC. In Jesus Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** VU #288 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**Prayer of Approach and Confession:**

**Dear God, we know you love us, but we confess that we have sinned against you. We turn to you again. Have mercy on us and bring us back to yourself as those who once was dead but now have life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayer of Pardon** (Ephesians 1:7-8)

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace, which he made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence.”

**May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Youth Group:** Scriptures Readings

**Celebrations**

Please share your celebrations with us as we give thanks together. Congratulations to you; may Jesus be praised, May God’s richest blessing, abide unto you.

**Scripture Reading: Hebrew 4: 14 - 16**

**Sermon: God’s Grace:**

**Meditation Hymn** VU #642 “Be Thou My Vision”

**Offertory Hymn: MV# 191 “What can I do?”**

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**

**Dear God, we thank you for all your gifts which bring us hope and joy. Bless the gifts we bring and work with them to establish your reign in the world you love. In the name of Jesus Christ's name, we pray, Amen.**

**Presentation to the Graduates**

**Hewson, Marenn  
Daughter of Marjorie Burt Hewson**

**Lappage, Austin  
Son of Anne Marie Voutour and Rodney Lappage**

**MacFarlane, Hannah  
Daughter of Robert and Lori MacFarlane**

**McLaughlin, Isaac  
Son of Ivan and Tracy McLaughlin**

**Parks, Emily  
Daughter of Angela Parks**

**Richardson, Zachary  
Son of Mark and Melissa Richardson**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

Dear Jesus, thank you for bringing us into communion with you, for the 97<sup>th</sup> year of the UCC and the completion of Grace Convention 2022. Help your Church discover the unity you prayed for and be the beacon of hope in this world.

We pray for Holy Spirit and power to be released anew on all our leaders and fresh breath on your Church. By your Spirit, equip us to fulfill your mission to the world. God, the Three in One,

**Hear our prayer.**

Dear Jesus, we thank you for all our children, students and graduates, be with them in their new endeavour. Grant them every grace to be focused and be dedicated so that your purpose for their lives will come to pass. Open their eyes to opportunities to improve in their new path of life. God, the Three in One,

**Hear our prayer.**

Dear Jesus, we pray for all who feel despair or anxiety in these challenging days. We lift in love those who find their illness unrelieved. Comfort those who grieve the loss of someone dear or some important opportunity. Support those denied dignity by attitudes or actions of others and sustain those who long for healing of some kind. Hear us in this time of silence as we name before those on our hearts this day: ...May they know your loving care upholding their lives. God, the Three in One,

**Hear our prayer.**

Dear Jesus, thank you for the fellowship we share in our congregation. Strengthen us in faithful worship and equip us for service in changing times and challenging days. We offer our prayers, spoken and unspoken, as the Spirit prays within us, in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together, saying:

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

**The bulletin today is in honour of our Sunday School Teachers and Students by Phyllis Robinson.**

## **THE CREED**

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.

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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SUMMER SERVICES:** Services will be held in July and August at Saint James and through Livestream. Rev. Adekunle will be away the month of August, but we have presiders for each week.

**Jun. 19 Father's Day and Communion**  
**Spring Kirk Service 2:00 p.m. with Baptism.**

**July. 31 Joan Hall**

**Aug. 7 Rev. Julie Savoy**

**Aug. 14 Cathy Sherwood Orser**

**Aug. 21 Patrick Palmer**

**Aug. 28 John and Evelyn Clark**

**CHOIR PRACTICE** Sunday 10:00 a.m.

### **SPRING PROJECTS:**

The official board noted a leak in the sanctuary from the roof; this need to be done soon. Further information once we get an estimate of the cost. Also, the Media System has been upgraded. The price is over \$ 25,000.00

**PHOTOS:** We would like you to send photos you may have of events at the Church to be added to our website.

**FOOD BANK SUNDAY** The first Sunday of each month is the day we bring items to our local food bank. They need nonperishable things.

**VOLUNTEERS: You could help change a life  
by volunteering a few hours, a week!**

The Upper River Valley Hospital is currently looking for people to volunteer a few hours a week, Monday to Friday. Contact Shelly Hubbert, Volunteer Co-ordinator, at (506) 375-2541 or [shelly.hubbert@horizonnb.ca](mailto:shelly.hubbert@horizonnb.ca).

### **TENTATIVE DATES TO MARK**

**Sept. 4 Rev. Adekunle Communion**  
**Sept. 11 Sunday School Opening**  
**Sept. 25 UCW Service**  
**Fall Kirk Service 2:00 p.m.**  
**Oct. 2 Communion**  
**Oct. 9 Thanksgiving**  
**Oct. 15 Fashion Show UCW**  
**Oct. 20 Fall Supper**  
**Nov. 6 Remembrance Day Service**

**Bible Study Dates TBA.**  
**Youth with a Purpose Dates TBA**  
**Pie Making To Be Decided**  
**Church Directory Looking at the Fall**  
**More information to follow.**

### **NOTES FROM BOARD OF STEWARDS**

**January – April**

**Income \$ 67,922.00 Expenses \$ 78,168.00**

**Deficit \$ 10, 246.00**

## **SUMMER GIVINGS**

**We welcome you to join our Par Program. This is a great way to support your Church during vacation time.**

**What are the benefits of PAR?** Sometimes life's agenda takes over our best-laid plans. With PAR, you don't have to worry about writing a cheque or forgetting to donate because life has thrown you a curveball. By signing up for PAR, you clearly state what is important to you. You also give your gift recipients the peace of mind that comes with knowing your help is stable and reliable. It's really easy.

You may contact the Church office to Complete the [PAR Authorization form](#) and give it to Mary Wheelan to set you up. You can indicate on the form how much your gift to your community of faith will be and how much you would like to give to transform and save lives, inspire meaning and purpose, and build a better world through Mission & Service. A dependable flow of contributions helps keep the Church, and most importantly, the good work the Church does, on financially stable ground. Thank you for your gift!

### **What happens if my financial circumstances change?**

If you want to increase the amount you are giving or decrease your support, inform the church office, and we will notify the PAR administrator.

### **WE ALSO ACCEPT E-TRANSFERS.**

**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 endeavour 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.