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Welcome to 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 July 24, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
7th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude
Welcome and Announcement

Introit: MV #14 “Where Two or Three Are Gathered.”

Call to Worship (Psalm 138: 1-5).

“I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the “gods” I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.

When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed. May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.” Let us worship.

Opening Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you because you are the Lord of our life, and for bringing us together this morning to praise and worship you. May we see you in your glory and power as we gather here in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SUMMER TO FALL

Our Summer Vacation time is half over and we soon will be thinking about Fall Programs for our families. The Church needs you to be part of our planning and to participate. Just a few questions to ask yourself.

What type of activities would your family and friends like to see happen at Saint James?

Suggest a time you would like to come, morning, afternoon or evening.

Are you willing to volunteer or facilitate a program i.e. children’s programs, bible study, music, crafts, technology, fundraisers, assist with weekly worship, only to mention a few.

We are missing the people at the church. Let’s come and enjoy the company of all our church family.

Please call the church office to discuss your interest and thoughts on the above.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!!

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.

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: We have completed the window-door fundraiser and now we will look at second repair to roof that is leaking in the Sanctuary. Don MacDougall has been contacted and will be able to fit us into his schedule this Spring/Summer.

SOUND SYSTEM The Med System has been upgraded at a cost of \$ 25,000.00. We hope you are enjoying the services through livestream. We will continue to accept donations.

NOTES FROM BOARD OF STEWARDS

January – May

Income \$ 90,441.00 Expenses \$ 114,315.00

Deficit \$ 23,874.00

Church Directory Universal Studios have been booked to take photos for our Church Directory on **October 25, 26, 27th**. We will have more information on bookings but please make your calendars to reserve a time. The Church Directory was last done in 2016.

GOSPEL CONCERT: McCain Community Theatre

July 31st 6:00 p.m. Tickets at Door \$ 10.00

Opening Hymn: VU # 395 “Come in, Come In and Sit Down.”

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Dear Jesus, we complain about what we lack and fail to trust your generosity. We refuse others the forgiveness we seek for ourselves. Forgive us, O God. Transform our hearts and reshape our desires to reflect your goodness in the way we live. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: God is generous and merciful, ready to forgive, offering us new life in Christ Jesus. Accept God’s gift of forgiveness and share this gift with others.

Amen, thanks be to the Lord, Halleluiah.

Celebrations

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

**Congratulations to you, may Jesus be praised,
May God’s richest blessings abide unto you.**

Scripture Reading: Job 4: 1-21

Music Ministration: VU # 663 “My Faith looks Up to Thee.”

Reflection: Strength in times of Criticism

Meditation Music

Offertory Prayers

Dear Jesus, we offer you our gifts, thankful that your love is overflowing. Bless these gifts so that your love will flow through them to meet the needs of those who cry out to you and to us, in Jesus Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: VU #540 “Grant Us, God, the Grace.”

Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free, that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.

The Prayers of the people and Intercession

VU #400 “Lord, listen to your children praying.”

Dear Jesus, we thank you for working in the world in ways we cannot imagine and for calling goodness forward, for supporting love and creating justice even in situations which seem hopeless to us.

Dear Jesus, we pray today for those who lift up their voices in troubled nations...in Ukraine, Syria, Palestine, Ethiopia and Tigray, Myanmar. Call the powerful to account, O God, and inspire leaders with the courage to listen to voices that cry out in pain and desperation.

VU #400 “Lord, listen to your children praying.”

Dear Jesus, we pray today for all those whose everyday lives have been disrupted by forces beyond their control, those struggling with the effects of Covid 19 and other illnesses, those burdened by the rising costs of daily needs, those facing effects of climate change on their communities... Inspire governments to combine compassion and good planning to respond to those who face such upheaval.

Dear Jesus, we pray for those who live out their commitment to the well-being of others day by day, in health care, education, social work, public service and environmental concern. Support them in times of stress and inspire them to speak out when they see needs being neglected

VU #400 “Lord, listen to your children praying.”

Dear Jesus, we pray for our friends and neighbours near and far, for all who travel and for those who find themselves strangers in new communities. Draw near to each one in deep need, especially those on our hearts this day.

Equip us to support those lives that intertwine with ours, for we are your people, embraced by your love, which we claim together in the words Jesus’ taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven...

Closing Hymn: VU #586 “We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection.”

Commissioning and Benediction

(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.

(2Thess. 3: 16) “Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.”

Choral Benediction: MV #214 “May God’s Sheltering Wings.”

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, follow the way of Jesus, and 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.

STEWARDSHIP SECONDS:

**Is your “stuff” building a barrier between you and God?
Try giving it away.**

WEBSITE---PHOTOS

If anyone has pictures of the Sunday School Picnic, Kirk Church Service, Graduate Breakfast and Service, we would appreciate you sending them to the church email so we can have put on our website. Thankyou.

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.



Gospel Concert

\$10
Admission



"Sounds of country, rock, blues, folk, soul, and bluegrass, with fused styles, instrumentation and harmony to make a joyful noise."

Featuring

Wyatt Morrell
Neil Horner
Tami Mutch-Ketch
Will Davidson
Kyle Ritchie
Jody McAskill
Don Cormier
Heidi Horner
Mary Kim Schriver



July 31st @ 6pm
McCain Community Theatre
Tickets at the door