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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 31, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
8th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcement

Introit: VU 289 It Only Takes A Spark (vs. 1)

Call to Worship

Good Morning Lord, here we are,
Ready to celebrate this day!
Open our minds to possibility,
Open our hearts to love freely,
Open our hands to each other,
Work through us, we pray. Amen

Opening Prayer

**God of Grace, we come this morning filled with
our morning beverage of choice ,
yet still feeling a thirst—**

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.

Aug. 7 Cathy Sherwood Orser
Aug. 14 Rev. Julie Savoy
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

a thirst for a clearer thought,
a thirst for a revelation in your word,
a thirst for a deeper connection with others
in this quest of following you,
a thirst to be satisfied, if only for a moment,
by gathering in this oasis of peace
where each of us is welcomed wholeheartedly,
As we drink in your peace, your joy, your love, your hope,
and your grace, may it flow through us and make us ready for
the changes you are working in us; for we have come to be
inspired - to be encouraged, to be changed, to worship you.
Amen

Opening Hymn: VU 213 Rejoice The Lord Is King

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Creator God, we compare, we measure, we worry,
we work, we judge, we complete, we buy, we sell,
and we try to win at the race of life. We confess we have
forgotten the great gift you've given us in the Sabbath, a time
set apart to be with you. We have chosen to avoid the promise
that you have offered in being "enough" for us if we would
only stop, just stop, observe the Sabbath, and know that, in
you, we have all we need. Receive our prayers. Forgive our
misguided choices, Forgive our avoidance of you and of a day
of rest. Forgive us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Word of Assurance

The good news is that we are a forgiven people.
God welcomes us into the Sabbath by giving us all we need, gently
calming our spirits, minds, and souls so that we can rest. We can
rest because we have the knowledge of God's ever present and
unending love for all, now and forever. Thanks be to God

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.**

Special Music Olivia Ritchie

Scripture Reading:

**All: Life giving God, open our hearts and minds,
that we will receive and then act on your message
of love, hope, and grace in your living Word, Jesus.
Amen.**

Luke 15: 11-32

John 14: 1-7

Reflection: Home

Meditation Music:

Offertory Prayers

**Our Heavenly Father, we're never really sure where giving
ends and receiving begins. Or is it where receiving ends and
giving begins? All we know is that in the process of giving and
receiving we are warmed by your goodness. May this offering
be only the beginning of your good work in us . Through Jesus
we pray. Amen.**

Hymn: VU 642 Be Thou My Vision

The Prayers of the People:

**Dear Jesus, we pray for friends and neighbours near and far,
all who travel this summer, and those who find themselves
strangers in new communities. We remember in silence those
in our hearts facing some challenges this day...Draw near to
each one in deep need, O God. Equip us to support those lives
that intertwine with ours. for we are your people embraced by
your love which we claim in the words Jesus taught us:**

Our Father, who art in heaven...

Closing Hymn: VU 714 Come Ye That Love The Lord

Commissioning and Benediction

You were called here to worship, and now you are just as surely
called into the world to share the love of God with
your neighbours, opening your heart to them, whoever they may
be, wherever they may be found, just as Jesus did.
Go Be Their Home!

Choral Benediction: VU 289 It Only Takes A Spark (vs. 3)

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.

DONATIONS

A memorial donation has been made to the Sound System
in loving memory of Merle Martin by Dale and Cathy Cox,
John and Carol McLellan, Ray and Arlene Derrick.
John and Mary Wheelan.

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.

STEWARDSHIP SECONDS:

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