

## St.James United Church

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Fourth Sunday of Epiphany – February 1, 2026

### The Life and Work of the Pastoral Charge

#### Birthday/Anniversary Song

Happy birthday/anniversary to you, to Jesus be true,  
may God's richest blessings abide unto you.

#### Lighting the Christ Candle

The light of Christ shines for all to see.

**May that light fill our hearts and our world.**

#### Introit (VU 96)

Will you come and see the light from the stable door?  
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.  
It will be your guiding star; it will show you who you are.  
Will you hide or decide to meet the light?

#### Call to Worship

God has called us today,  
**from our work and play,**  
from the fatigue of snow shovelling,  
**and the joy of snow-covered woods.**

God has called this day.

**We come in worship.**

#### Gathering Prayer (in unison)

Loving God, unchanging, ever with us, we praise you! You are the guiding light when the way ahead seems dim. You are the renewing Spirit when despair clouds our path. You are the will to change when old ways hold us bound. You are the touch of compassion when life is harsh. Loving God, hope of the world,

giver of Jesus, we praise you!

**Hymn 223** “Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing”

#### Growing In Faith Time

**Hymn MV 115** “Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New”

**Scripture Reading** Micah 6:1-4, 6-8

#### Anthem

**Sermon** “Take God Seriously!”

**Hymn VU 651** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

#### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

#### Invitation to the Offering

#### Offering Hymn (VU 540)

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

#### Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Bless these gifts we bring, O God, that your Light may shine more brightly, your Life be lived more abundantly, your Love be shared more completely, in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Hymn 337** “Blessed Assurance”

#### Benediction

#### Song for the Journey (VU 79)

Arise, your light is come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God,  
which shines on you today.

### The Life and Work of the Pastoral Charge

**Annual Reports** are due Jan 31, 2026. If you are the secretary, chair or treasurer of a group, please prepare your report. If you have any questions, please call our secretary, Liz Cann, at 902-868-2791.

**Shrove Tuesday** - February 17<sup>th</sup> at St. James United Church, 5pm-6:30 pm. Adults \$8, Children (5-12) \$5, Kids under 5 eat for free.

**Ghost Island Documentary** will be shown in the church hall on Sat March 7 from 1pm to 3:30pm.

### Memorials

In Memory of Raymond Laing  
from  
Pat Thomas

In Memory of Phyllis Gray  
from  
Pat Thomas

### **St. James United Church**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany  
February 1, 2026  
10:30 am

