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The Life and Work of St. James United Church

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 is shining.
May it shine in our hearts, in our church, in our world!

Introit (VU 249)
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice *(clap clap)*
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice *(clap clap)*
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice *(clap clap)*
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice *(clap clap)*

Call to Worship
We come to draw near to God,
to praise, to pray.
We come in all our humanness,
to sing, to hope.
We come as God's beloved people.

Opening Prayer (together)
Holy God, Giver of all good things, release in us the joy of knowing you, the pleasure of working with you, the delight of serving your project of abundant life. Hear our words of praise. Receive our gratitude for the Way of Jesus, which liberates us into life that is full to the brim! Amen.

Hymn: MV 28 "God of the Bible"

Growing in Faith Time

Hymn: MV 104 "Know That God Is Good"

Responsive Psalm 123 VU 847

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Anthem

Sermon

Hymn: VU 672 "Take Time to Be Holy"

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 (together)
May the offering we give today make a difference in the lives of others, O God. May it be a reflection of our love for you, and a sign of hope for the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: VU 657 "He Leadeth Me"

Benediction

Song for the Journey: MV 215
Peace be with you, peace forever,
peace be with you, my friends.
Till we meet again, may God be with you.
Peace, peace, peace.



St. James United Church

Twenty-third after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

10:30 am



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Our Gingerbread Tea was a success and we thank everyone for their hard work and tremendous support!

Sunday School meets today. Refreshments following the service.

Bill Stewart's 90th Birthday: Bill & Fran Stewart extend a warm welcome to their Church family and friends to join them 1-5 pm in the hall as they celebrate Bill's 90th birthday with refreshments and music. Bill has requested "best wishes only"; folks are asked to bring a non-perishable item for the Food Bank.

Lobster Trap Christmas Tree Lighting: 5:00-6:30 pm, Sunday, Nov. 15 at Mishoo's Variety Store in Sambro. Tree lighting at 6 pm.

Fishermen's Service: 10:30 am, Sunday, Nov. 22, featuring the 70th Anniversary of the Angela B Mills. There will be a special reading and music. All men are invited to sing in the Men's Choir; come for practice at 9:45 am on Nov. 22.

St. James Board of Management: 7 pm, Wed, Nov. 25 at church.

The Revd. Trevor Phillips 18th Memorial Advent Gospel Concert: 6:30 pm, Saturday, Nov. 28 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 633 Pockwock Rd, Upper Hammonds Plains. An uplifting evening of music. No admission fee; you are invited to donate to Revd. Trevor Phillips Scholarship Fund and Food Bank.

HarbourViews Winter Newsletter: It's that time again! Time to send in your submissions for the HarbourViews Winter Newsletter! Deadline will be on November 30th. Please send your submissions to jennjwhite@gmail.com and put Newsletter in the subject line.

St. James Memorial Tree Lighting: On Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 pm we will light our tree with blue bulbs and warm up with hot chocolate and cookies. With each donation of $3 a blue bulb will turn white in memory of someone. This is a way to remember loved ones during the holiday season and support the work of our church. Please contact Aronda 868-2617, Barb 868-2478 or Crystal 430-7968 to make arrangements.

Santa Breakfast (SACA): 8:30-11:00 am, Sat, Dec. 5 in St. James hall. Join Santa for breakfast! Photos, cookie decorating and more.

Christmas Luncheon: 11 am-1 pm, Saturday, Dec. 12: $10 (cash only). A time to share food, fellowship and holiday cheer. St. James will have a craft/bake table. We would appreciate contributions and ask that a value be placed on any items given for the sale.

Down Home Christmas Concert: On Sunday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 pm enjoy an evening of great music. Local musicians and singers of all ages will perform. No admission; an offering will be taken. Non-perishable food accepted for the local Food Bank.

Lectionary Readings for November 15, 2026
Judges 4:1-7 The judge Deborah speaks to Barak.
Psalm 123 We lift our eyes to you, O God.
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 The day of God will come like a thief in the night.
Matthew 25:14-30 The parable of the talents.

Advent and Christmas Services

Advent 1 - Hanging of the Greens: Sunday, Nov. 29. We will present the symbols of Christmas at this all ages service.

Advent 2 - Mitten Tree Service: Sunday, Dec. 6. Decorate with mittens, gloves, hats, socks and bring toys to help those facing hardship this Christmas. There will be Sunday School for the children and, following the service, refreshments for all.

Advent 3 - Service: Sunday, Dec. 13. Our theme is Joy!

Advent 4 - Carol Communion Service: On Sunday, Dec. 20 communion will be sung to the tunes of Christmas carols.

Christmas Eve Service: 6:30 pm, Thursday, Dec. 24. Come journey to the Bethlehem stable and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

1st after Christmas - Sunday, Dec. 27: Stories and Carols.