

St. James United Church

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Creation Time 3 - September 27, 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 in all of creation.
May that light shine in each of us.

Introit (MV 2)

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker.
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 Come all you people, come and praise your Maker.
 Come now and worship the Lord!

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Gathered in worship, people of God, let us pray:

God of love, we're here to praise you!

Thank you, God, for your wonderful creation.

We're here to learn more about you!

Thank you, God, for your wonderful creation.

We're here to revive our spirits and strengthen our faith!

Thank you, God, for your wonderful creation.

Bless our time together and guide us in the way that leads to life. Amen.

Hymn: VU 222 "Come, Let Us Sing"

Growing in Faith Time

Hymn: VU 766 "As the Deer Pants for the Water"

Prayer of Intercession*

O God of the running waters, we pray for our world,

where waterways are clogged with trash,

where streams that were once clean

now carry poisonous chemicals and bacteria,

where water has dried up.

Hear the cries of those without clean water.

We pray for those who have the power

to bring water where people need it,

especially for governments that set policy

and decide where to dig wells and build irrigation systems.

May they listen to the people and acknowledge

their continuing roles in maintaining water systems,

while seeking better ways

of sharing water with all who depend on it.

O God, pour out on us the water of life,

that we may quench our thirst and draw strength from you.

Help us to stand alongside those who struggle daily for clean water,

that all may be refreshed and renewed by your love.

Amen.

*Christian Aid & Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, God's Good Earth: Praise and Prayer for Creation (Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2018), p. 157.

Scripture Reading Exodus 17:1-7

Anthem

Sermon

Hymn: MV 4 "All Who Are Thirsty"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering**Offering Hymn (VU 549)**

For all your goodness, God, we give you thanks.
 Thanks for the food we eat,
 and for the friends we meet;
 for each new day we greet, we give you thanks.

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. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: VU 635 "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"**Benediction****Song for the Journey (VU 884)**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
 the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
 there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
 will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap clap*)
 the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap clap*)
 the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap clap*)
 while you go out with joy!

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Lectionary Readings for September 27, 2026

Exodus 17:1-17 Water flows from the rock for thirsty people.

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16 God did marvelous things for our ancestors.

Philippians 2:1-13 Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus.

Matthew 21:23-32 By what authority does Jesus act and teach?

Creation Time 3

September 27, 2026

10:30 am

Worship Leaders

Sara Scarfe & John Hennigar-Shuh



**The Life and Work of St. James United Church (insert)
September 27, 2026**

We thank Sara Scarfe and John Hennigar-Shuh for leading services while Rev. Helene is on vacation, Sept. 16-29. Pastoral care calls may go to the church office at 902-868-2791.

Our church bulletins for September 27 and October 4 will be printed at the same time, so announcements and memorials for those bulletins should be submitted by the evening of Sept. 23.

The Board of Management will meet at the church on Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 7:00 pm.

"Harbour View Voices," the Sambro and area community choir, is beginning its 10-week Fall Session on October 3, and new members are always welcome! This is a mixed, non-auditioned choir of people who love to sing, no prior experience necessary. For more information, please contact Susan Feltmate by calling the church office at 902-868-2791 and leave a message.

On World Communion Sunday, Oct. 4, communion will be celebrated at St. James and throughout the world. **Everyone is invited to bring food bank items** which will be delivered to St. Paul's Food Bank in Spryfield that week, in time for Thanksgiving.

Session will meet at the church on Monday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 pm.

Our Thanksgiving Sunday service will take place on Oct. 11.

St. James Swordfish Supper: 4-6 pm, Saturday, Oct. 17. Come out for the best swordfish supper in the province! Dine In or Takeout. Includes roll and dessert. Adult \$25.00 (cash only). Kids 12 and under eat free.

Memorials

In loving memory of my Dad, Leslie Schnare.
from
daughter Shirley