St. James United Church

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The Life and Work of St. James United Church

Lighting the Christ Candle
The light of Christ shines across the sea and around the world.
May it shine in our hearts and in our lives.

Opening Prayer
Great Creator, you call to us through the sound of the sea and the beauty of the waves that crash on the shore.
You call to us through the love of family and the support of friends and community.
You are with us in the storms of life, helping us find a safe harbour.
Be with us today as we gather for this special service of dedication, remembrance, thanksgiving and praise. Amen.

Hymn: "The Fishermen's Hymn" by Jim Duthie
1. Upon the ocean wide, so cruel and strong,
O fisherman, raise up this song.
O Thou who calmed the raging sea,
reach down Thy hand, O Lord, and carry me.

Common fishermen we'll always be,
but when we sail across that crystal sea,
and gain that cove beyond all time,
I'll see my Jesus reach to catch the line.

2. When Jesus walked the shore, 'twas fishermen
that He first called to be His friends,
perhaps because out there alone
a man feels close to God upon His throne. **Refrain**

3. Those fishermen He called, who loved their Lord,
took up the cause to spread His word,
gave up their lives far from their sea,
but trust is all He asks of you and me. **Refrain**

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:16-20

Men's Choir: "Fisherman's Boy"

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Reading of the Names of Those Lost at Sea

Minute of Silence

Fishermen's Prayer (together)
God grant that I may live to fish for another shining day,
but when my final cast is made, I then most humbly pray,
when nestled in your landing net as I lay peacefully asleep,
you'll smile at me and judge that I am good enough to keep. Amen.

Recognition of Fishermen and Coast Guard

Anthem: "Song for Peace"

Lighting of Candles for the Crew of the Angela B Mills:
Harold Henneberry, Roy Marryatt, Charlie Marryatt, Melvin Gray, Herb Marryatt, Keith Gray (Doc), Charlie Burke

Pat Thomas: Reading "They Survived Hurricane Betsy"

Blaine Gray: Solo "We Beat Ole Betsy"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Men's Choir: "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (VU 542)
We give Thee but Thine own, what e'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Prayer of Dedication (together)
Holy God, here are our gifts: the work of our hands and love of our hearts. Accept and use them for your work in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn VU 675 "Will Your Anchor Hold"

A Word of Appreciation

Benediction

Choral Blessing

God be with you till we meet again.
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
with His sheep securely fold you.
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

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Fishermen's Service: Today we warmly welcome you to our 56th Annual Fishermen's Service!

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

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

Harbour Views Winter Newsletter: It's that time again! Time to send in your submissions to the Harbour Views Winter Newsletter! The deadline for submissions is Monday, **Nov. 30th**. Please send them 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.

Breakfast with Santa (sponsored by SACA): 8:30-11:00 am, Saturday, Dec. 5 in St. James hall. Share breakfast with Santa; photos, cookie decorating and more.

Christmas Luncheon: 11 am-1 pm, Saturday, Dec. 12. Cost $10 (cash only). Join us for a lovely lunch and holiday cheer. There will be a craft/bake table; contributions to it are much appreciated. Please place a value on items offered for the sale.

Down Home Christmas Concert: On Sunday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 pm we will have an evening of 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.

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 refreshments following the service.

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 with us to the Bethlehem stable and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

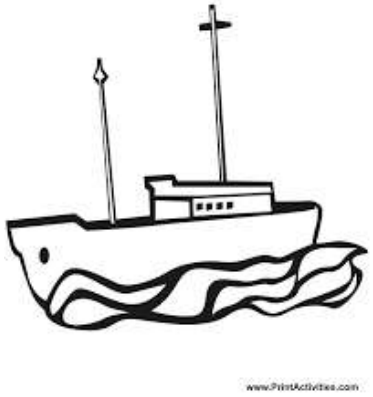
1st after Christmas - Sunday, Dec. 27: Stories and Carols.

Fishermen lost at sea…

Joseph Gray
Clyde Gray
Wilfred Finck
Percy Miller
Emmanuel Flemming
William Flemming
Basil Flemming
Earl Schnare
Earl Beazley
Amos Henneberry
Dennis Gilkie
Blair Gray
Brian Gray
Jimmie Gray
Lorne Gray
Robin Henneberry
David Gray

Others lost at sea…

Eddy Gilkie
Roland Harnish
Arnold Kirk
Earl Richardson
Vernon Gray
Vernon Watson
Bill Smith
Stevie Scarfe
Kendra Bezanson
Donnie Bezanson
Chris Fiander
Stanley Purcell



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56th Annual Fishermen's Service

November 22, 2026
10:30 am



Bruce Marryatt
Crew of the Angela b mills,after sinking on the Grandbanks ..after rowing for days with little to no food thay were rescued just off the coast of newfoundland ....Left to right(Harold Henneberry,Roy Marryatt,Charlie Marryatt,Melvin Gray,Herb Marryatt,Keith Gray(Doc),Charlie Burke...picture taken in Trepassey — with **Trena Marryatt-Gosbee** and **9 others**.