

The Life and Work of the Pastoral Charge

At St. James the wearing of face masks is optional during worship services. Nova Scotia Public Health encourages people to wear a mask if you are in a crowded indoor place and to stay home if you feel sick. [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): protect yourself and others - Government of Nova Scotia, Canada](#)

Dinner Theatre will be returning in May. Stay tuned for more information!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper sponsored by SACA will be taking place at St. James on Feb. 21 from 5-6:30pm. Eat in or take out (no drive thru). Prices are Adult \$7, Youth \$4 and Children under 5 are free

Lectionary Readings – Jan 29

- Micah 6:1-8
- Psalm 15
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- Matthew 5:1-12

St. James United Church

4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023

11am



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Birth/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, and in our world.

Introit (VU 93 v.1)

When heaven's bright with mystery

and science searches nature's art,

when all creation yearns for peace

and hope sinks deep in human hearts,

appear to us, O Holy Light;

lift from our eyes the shades of night.

Call to Worship

There's a pulling in our hearts,

calling us here.

There's anticipation and wondering,

calling us here.

In gratitude, let us praise God together.

Opening Prayer (together)

Eternal One, let us find you in the sky, in the earth, in each

other. Take this moment of worship and stretch it into infinity,

that we may be touched by the eternal, that we may be

touched by your peace. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: VU 223 "Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing"

Story Time for All Ages: On the one hand...

Hymn: VU 701 "What Does the Lord Require of You"

Children may leave to go to Sunday School

Scripture Reading: Micah 6:1-8; Matthew 5:1-12

Anthem

Sermon: Blessed are who?

Hymn: VU 642 "Be Thou My Vision"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (VU 81, v3)

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger crude and bare,

so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,

all our costliest treasures bring,

Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

Prayer of Dedication (together)

Holy God, as those of old offered rare gifts, we offer gifts to

you: the gifts of money and time, and the rare gifts of who we

are as your people. May the mystery of these offerings be

transformed in healing and wholeness for all of creation. Amen.

Hymn: VU 512 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Benediction

Song for the Journey (VU 588, v1)

Many are the lightbeams from the one light.

Our one light is Jesus.

Many are the lightbeams from the one light;

we are one in Christ.