

St. James United Church

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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 (tune VU 345)

Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!

Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!

Let all with heart and voice, saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!

Call to Worship

God was with the people when they left Egypt.

God is with us now.

God gave them hope as they traveled in the desert.

God gives us courage today.

God is with us wherever we go.

Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (together)

Holy God, you fill the universe with light and love. You
welcome strangers and care for the lonely. Your tender hands
hold those who are suffering and wounded. We are awed by
your compassion. Come to us, O God, in our time of worship.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: VU 710 "Shall We Gather at the River"

Growing in Faith Time

Hymn: VU 639 "One More Step"

Responsive Psalm 107 VU 831 Part 1

Scripture Reading: Joshua 3:5-17

Anthem

Sermon

Hymn: VU 670 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (TLUS 58)

Sing thanks to our God; sing thanks to our God.

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Prayer of Dedication (together)

Gracious God, we who are your children, sisters and brothers
in Christ, dedicate our lives and gifts to you. Guide us and help
us live faithfully, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: VU 651 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Benediction

Song for the Journey (VU 649 Refrain) (repeat)

Walk with me, I will walk with you,
and build the land that God has planned,
where love shines through.

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Christmas Craft Market: 10 am-2 pm, Saturday, Nov. 7 in St. James hall. Handmade treasures for the holidays!

Remembrance Day: On Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 10:45 am everyone is invited to a Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph, followed by a free Chowder Social in St. James hall.

Gingerbread Tea: 1-3 pm, Sat., Nov. 14. An afternoon of fun for all ages with a cake walk and ticket auction. Gingerbread cake with caramel sauce, tea and coffee, \$7 (cash only). We are looking for auction prizes (new items only please) and cakes for the cake walk.

Sunday School meets on Nov. 15. Following the service, there will be a social time with refreshments.

Bill Stewart's 90th Birthday: Bill and Fran Stewart would like to extend a warm welcome to their Church family and friends to join them in the church hall on Sunday, Nov. 15th, 1-5 pm, as they celebrate Bill's 90th birthday. There will be refreshments and music, and Bill has requested "best wishes only." This event is a fund-raiser for the Food Bank, and they ask folks to bring a non-perishable item to donate. There will also be a table set up for those who would like to donate funds; receipts will be available.

Lobster Trap Christmas Tree Lighting: 5:00-6:30 pm, Sunday, Nov. 15, at Mishoo's Variety Store. The Tree will be lit at 6pm.

St. James Fishermen's Service: 10:30 am, Sunday, Nov. 22. There will be special music and the reading of the names of those who have been lost at sea. All men are invited to sing in the Men's Choir.

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 but at the door you may donate to the Revd. Trevor Phillips Scholarship Fund; also non-perishable food for the Food Bank will be received.

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.

Lectionary Readings for November 1, 2026

Joshua 3:7-17 Joshua leads the people across the Jordan River.

Psalms 107 God's steadfast love endures forever.

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Lead a life worthy of God.

Matthew 23:1-12 The greatest one will be the servant.

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Twenty-third after Pentecost

November 1, 2026

10:30 am

