



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday September 7th 2025

10:30am St. James Church Family in Worship

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Theme: "JESUS SHAPING HIS FOLLOWERS!"

"Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living"

SEEKING GOD'S PEACE - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Prelude Music:

GOOD MORNING! Words of Welcome, Greetings, and Direction.

A warm welcome is extended to all. Especially those who are worshipping at St. James for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence enriches us as we gather to celebrate God's presence this morning. Persons wishing to remain seated for the service are welcome to do so with our blessing. You are invited to join with us for a pot-luck luncheon in the Muriel Bridge Room, following the Service!

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship: - **(Responsive)**

Leader: In this season of summer and travelling, we know that no matter where we are, "God is there!"

All: **We know that our human values sometimes overshadow God's values.**

Leader: Come into this sacred place to reconnect with the source of life!

All: **We come to be reminded of what's really important.**

Leader: May we learn to put these blessings where they truly belong.

All: We are called to be a blessing, to be caretakers,
to be overseers, to have dominion on God's
behalf.

Leader: May Jesus remind us where to place our values.

All: So that those who most need them, are
reminded that they are truly blessed. Now let us
blend our hearts, minds, voices and music
together, in order that we too, might worship
God!

Hymn of Praise VU #395 "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"

Prayer of Approach (Worship Leader)

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

Psalter VU #861 Psalm 139

"God has searched me and known me"

Family Focus: Storyteller: **Rev. Barrie.**

Family Hymn: **VU #579 "The Church Is Wherever God's People"**

Scripture Lessons:

Jeremiah 18:1-11 "God is the potter; we are the clay"

Luke 14: 25-33 "The cost of being a disciple"

Lesson Reader: September House

Musical Selection: Diane Stewart

Message: **"JESUS THE POTTER – Keeps On Shaping!"**

Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn VU #567 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU #537 "Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands"**

Offertory Prayer (unison)

God of abundant life and wonders beyond counting; grant that our offering might be acceptable in Your sight. Fill us with the Spirit of Your Risen Christ, that we might be the new creations, You call and empower us to be. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

Hymn: **VU #427 "To Show by Touch and Word"**

Benediction

Postlude Music:

THE SEPTEMBER HOUSE INVITES YOU to The Muriel Bridge Room for refreshments and fellowship following the service.

UCW, Amicitia, will meet Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00 pm in the MBR. All ladies are welcome

On line banking is Available: Donations to St. James may be made at stjamesbanking@gmail.com

Fair Parking - Oct 7-14 - If you are available to help speak to Bill Easdown. Sign up sheets in the Muriel Bridge Room.

September 2025

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 7 | 8 | 9 NLR 9am Probus MBR 9-11 Tues/Sat Group NLR 8pm | 10 Heart & Soul 1-3 Sanctuary Bridge 1-4pm. MBR Amicitia MBR 7pm | 11 Choir practice 7pm. Thurs Group NLR 8pm Bible Study 1:30-3pm | 12 Tues/Fri Group 9 - 11:30 - NLR | 13 Clothing Give-a-way 8:30 AM |
| 14 Barrie's 50th Anniv, Celebration | 15 | 16 Tues/Fri Group NLR 9am Tues/Sat Group NLR 8pm | 17 Heart & Soul 1-3 Sanctuary Bridge 1-4pm. MBR | 18 Choir practice 7pm. Thurs Group NLR 8pm Bible Study 1:30-3pm HHS 2-3:30 - MBR Powerful Tools | 19 Tues/Fri Group 9 - 11:30 - NLR | 20 |
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Bible Reading - September 7/25
Reader: September House

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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Luke 14: 25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.