



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday September 13th 2026 **CREATION TIME 1**

10:30am St. James Church Family in Worship

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Theme: **“Envision Our New Beginning!”**

“Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living”

SEEKING GOD’S PEACE - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Prelude Music:

GOOD MORNING! Words of Welcome, Greetings and Announcements. Persons wishing to remain seated during the service are invited to do so. Your presence with us here enriches our time of fellowship as we gather to make our journey of faith and actions together throughout this Season of Creation, a time of Praise, Worship and Sacred Partnerships!

Call to Worship – (Responsive)

Leader: God calls us, and we respond; Christ leads us, and we are to follow; the Spirit beckons us, and we are urged to enter into life, renewed and strengthened!

All: **Come, let us worship the God of life and laughter, hope and anticipation, faithfulness and forgiveness, peace and wholeness!**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn of Praise **VU# 651 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

Prayer of Approach: (*unison*)

Holy Spirit of God, You who are the root of our being, may we welcome your love, your joy, and your wisdom, wherever they appear. We give You thanks for your life-sparkles within us, and we ask for Your healing of our bodies and spirits that we might be part of the healing of the whole world. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

Psalter : **VU #834** Psalm 112 "Trust in God alone"

Family Focus: Storyteller: Rev. Barrie

Family Hymn: **VU# 568** "Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day"

Scripture Lessons:

Matthew 18: 21-35 "How many times Must I Forgive?"

Romans 14: 1-12 "Whether we live or whether we die,
We belong to God."

Lesson Reader: September House – Sharon LeGros

Choir Anthem: "God of The Bible" S.E. Murray / T.E. Alonso

Message: "**THE PRICE OF FORGIVENESS?**"

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Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn : **VU# 603** "In Loving Partnership We Come"

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU# 541** "Praise God from Whom All
Blessings Flow"

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# **420 "Go to the World"**

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude Music Selection:

Proceed to the Muriel Bridge Room for Fellowship and refreshments,
With thanks to the volunteers from September House!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Free Clothing Giveaway - Sept. 18 and 19th. Help is needed on the Friday to set up. Donations accepted after Labour Day Mon.-Thurs. 9-12 during office hours.

Fair Parking - Oct. 6-12 Closer to the time Bill will have a sign up sheet.

Frosty Fair - Nov. 14 8:30-12. Your donations for the general store, jewellery, penny table, blind auction, knitting , surprise packages and baked goods will be needed. Items can be brought to the church anytime. For surprise packages anything is good but we are lacking in things for men.

Eising Craft Sale - Nov. 16-21. It is a week long this year

St. James Church Fundraiser - A Christmas Carol by Stephen Bourne Dec. 5 7:00PM. Freewill Offering. Help will be needed for light refreshments.

Posters for all this are made and are on the shelf outside the office. Please take and pass around Norfolk County.

MEETING DATES

Stewardship Committee - Tuesday, Sept. 29, 5:30 pm, MBR

Council - Tuesday , September 22, 1:00 pm, MBR

Bible Reading - September 13, 2026
Reader: September House

Matthew 18: 21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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Romans 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.