



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday September 27th 2026
10:30am St. James Church Family in Worship
18th Sunday after Pentecost - **CREATION TIME 3**
“Orange Shirt Day”
Worship Theme: “Never Give Up!”
“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 for the service may do so with our blessing. Your presence and full participation blesses us as we gather to make our journey of faith and actions together. May this be a time of praise, worship and gathering for all of us. You are invited to join with us for refreshments and visiting in the Muriel Bridge Room after the organ postlude. Thanks to those people of September House for their generous hospitality.

Land Acknowledgement and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship – (Responsive)

Leader: Come in awe of God’s creation; let us rejoice together this day!

ALL: We consider all the gifts of God’s tapestry.

Leader: We honor all living beings to the east, west, north and south.

ALL: We honor all dimensions and directions of the Creator’s handiwork.

Leader: On this seventh day, the Almighty One saw that it was good and rested from this labor.

ALL: we worship together.

Hymn of Praise **VU# 675 “Will Your Anchor Hold”**

Prayer of Confession: **((responsive))**

Leader: Each one of us has our share of times, when things
go wrong,
Times when relationships fail us or we fail them.
Times when grief cries out for healing;
Times when our bodies are filled with pain
and our minds are filled with worry.

**Response: Jesus, gentle teacher, share with us the power of
prayer.**

Leader: There are times when we can't make sense of what
is going on in this world, times when we might even
doubt Your presence and caring for us.

**Response: Jesus, gentle teacher, teach us the power of
prayer.**

Leader: When life seems out of control and injustices seem
too many for us to bear,

**Response: Jesus, gentle teacher, let us come to You,
with hope and trust. In Your presence, we shall
be loved, forgiven and restored with strength. We
accept Your pardon and blessing with our thanks.
Amen**

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

Psalter : **VU #807** Psalm 91 (with refrain - Sing as printed)
“God will raise you up on eagle's wings”

Family Hymn: **VU # VU # 296 “This is God's Wondrous World”**

Family Focus: Storyteller: Rev. Barrie

Scripture Lessons:

Exodus 17: 1-17 Water flows from the rock.

Matthew 21: 21-32 By what authority does Jesus act and teach?

Lesson Reader: September House

Choir Anthem: **"My Soul Cries Out"** - R. Cooney (Traditional)

Message: "CAUGHT BETWEEN TIMES OF CALM AND CHAOS"

Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU# 538 "For the Gift of Creation"**

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

Hymn: **VU# 664 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

Benediction

Postlude Music:

You are invited to proceed to the Muriel Bridge Room for lunch refreshments and visiting. Thanks to the volunteers from September House for their gifts of kindness and hospitality!

Next Sunday, October 4th we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday



For the month of October please remember those less fortunate than ourselves by donating non-perishable food items and personal hygiene products to the food bank in the boxes provided.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fair Parking - Oct. 6-12 A sign up sheet has been posted in the MBR.

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.

Bible Reading - September 20, 2026
Reader: September House

Matthew 21: 21-32

Jesus answered them, 'Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, "Be lifted up and thrown into the sea", it will be done. Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.'

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

Bible Reading - September 20, 2026
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Exodus 17: 1-17

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose some men for us and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set. And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people

with the sword.

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Write this as a reminder in a book and recite it in the hearing of Joshua: I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.' And Moses built an altar and called it, The Lord is my banner. He said, 'A hand upon the banner of the Lord! The Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.'