



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday October 4th 2026

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

10:30am St. James Church Family in Worship

19th Sunday after Pentecost - **CREATION TIME 4**

Worship Theme: "**Our Place as Workers in God's Vineyard!**"

"Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living"

SEEKING THE COMPANY OF JESUS - 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 the people of October House for their generous hospitality.

Call to Worship – (Responsive)

Leader: *Come, Let us praise God together!*

People: **This is good for us to gather, praising God, on this day!**

Leader: *On this World Communion Sunday, we lift our hearts in praise with Christians around the world.*

People: **We are joining together around the Lord's Table.**

Leader: *We give God thanks for the grain and the grapes, and for all the gifts of creation.*

ALL: **Let everyone here and throughout the world, stand before God with a sense of awe and wonder.**

Hymn of Praise **VU# 606 "In Christ There Is No East or West"**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Music Selection: *"This Little Light of Mine"*

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

God of long ago, God of present day, God in whom our future lies: We come seeking a word for this day, a light for our way, and bread for the journey. Fill us with Your Word and nourish us at your table of grace, so that we may become the people we are called to be. Amen.

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

Psalter **VU #740** Psalm 19 **"The heavens declare God's glory"**

Scripture Lessons:

Matthew 21:33-46 **"Parable of the landowner and the tenants"**

Philippians 3:4b-14 "Paul's testimony – his gains were loss"

Lay Reader: October House - Phyllis Jones

Family Hymn: **VU # VU #375 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"**

Message: **"WHAT IS YOUR JOB IN GOD'S VINEYARD?"**

Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Music Selection: Diane Stewart

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Great God, You have given us new life and hope! In joyful thanks, we offer to You our gifts of time, talent, and resources. We pray that this "Attitude of Gratitude" will be shared with others throughout the world. This we do in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Invitation to The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Response to Invitation

Leader: May God be with us.

People: God is here among us.

Leader: Let us open our hearts to God.

People: We open them to God and to one another.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Remembering Jesus at the Table

Hymn: **VU#459 “Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face”**

Partaking of the Bread

Leader: The body of Christ broken for you.

People: Thanks be to God for the bread of life!

Serving of the Wine”

Leader: Jesus Christ the true vine.

People: Thanks be to God for this cup of blessing!

Post Communion Prayer (**unison**)

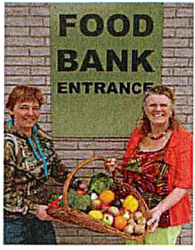
For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life-blessing we have received, we thank you God. Grant that what we have done and have been given here, may so put its mark upon us, that it may remain always in our hearts. Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding, and that ours may be lives of clearer vision and faithful actions. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Hymn: **VU# 481 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”**

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!



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.

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.

Contact List Change:

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Bible Reading - October 4, 2026
Reader: October House - Phyllis Jones

Matthew 21:33-46

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes”?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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Philippians 3:4b-14

even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.