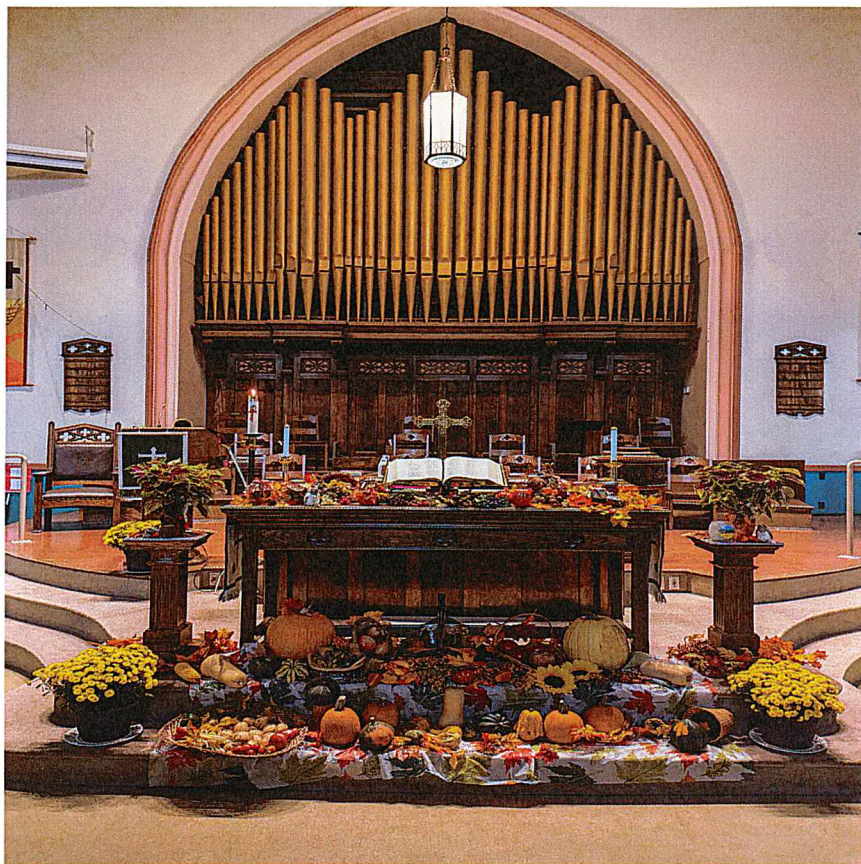




## **ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH**

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost October 11<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Thanksgiving Sunday - Creation Time 5**

10:30am. St. James United Church Family in Worship

Worship Theme: "Remember to BE GRATEFUL!"

**"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 for the people of October House for their generous hospitality.

Call to Worship – (Responsive)

Leader: Let us come together on this day, set aside for thanksgiving and sharing special memories from our past traditions!

People: **We come with grateful hearts and concerns for the future.**

Leader: Come to remember, be still and listen. Within these sacred Gratitude-blessed moments – we will find some answers.

People: **We come longing for wisdom and hope to bless our spirits.**

Leader: Let us be open to receiving all of these gifts from God's bounty.

People: **We are ready to offer praises to God and respond by serving the needs of others!**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn of Praise **VU# 516** “Come, You Thankful People Come”

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

**Our gracious God, source of all life and hope, You have revealed to us That Your presence brings light into this world. O God, we feel You all around us, through the beauty of your creation, the earth, the sky, the sea, life and all its glory. Holy God, we know that you are the answer to our needs. Remind us of that, in this time of worship. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

*Prayer created by Tony Tuck, First UC. Mount Pearl, Nfld.*

## **DESIRING CHRISTIAN GROWTH - WE LISTEN**

Family Hymn: **VU# 299** “Teach Me, God, to Wonder”

Family Focus with Rev. Barrie

Scripture Lessons:

**Luke 17: 11-19 Ten healed; one returns to offer thanks**

**2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 God loves a cheerful giver**

Lay Reader: October House - Michael Beacom

Choir Anthem: “**For The Blessings of the Field**” - R. Wetzler

Message: “**OUR GRATEFUL JOURNEY**”

***Has Some “U- TURNS!”***

Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

## **COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND**

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

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# 520 “We Plough the Fields and Scatter”**

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude Music:

You are invited to proceed to the Muriel Bridge Room for lunch refreshments and visiting. Thanks to the volunteers from October 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**

**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 - October 11, 2026  
Reader: October House - Michael Beacom

Luke 17: 11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures for ever.’

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!