



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday October 18th 2026
10:30am St. James Church Family in Worship
21st Sunday after Pentecost –World Food Sunday
Worship Theme: **“The Image We Reflect”**
“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 worship, praise 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 to this time of worship with your stories,
and your songs to share in the spirit!

**ALL - We come, as faithful people: men, women,
and children have come here for many
generations.**

Leader: Let all your thoughts and concerns come to life,
like a symphony of sound.

**ALL - We join together in one chorus of celebration
and joy for what God has done and continues
to do among us. Let us worship our God with
Praise, Thanks, Music, Prayer and Faithful
Actions!**

Hymn of Praise **VU# 374 “Come and Find the Quiet Centre”**

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Open our ears, O God, to hear what You are saying in the things that happen to us and to the people around us. Open our hands that we might do our work well and to assist where help is needed. Open our lips to bring comfort, joy, and laughter, and to share Your Good News. Open our minds to discover new truths about You and Your world. Open our hearts to love You, Lord, and our neighbors as You have loved us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

Psalter **VU#819** Psalm 99 **God is a ruler who delights in justice**

Family Hymn for Celebrating the Gift of Peace: VU # **684**

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Family Focus with Rev. Barrie

Scripture Lessons:

Exodus 33:12-23 **God speaks to Moses as a friend**

Matthew 22:15-22 **Give to God the things that are God's**

Lesson Reader: From October House – Phyllis Jones

Music Selection: Diane Stewart

Message: **"GOD and MOSES Meet Face to Face!"**

Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn : **VU# 210 "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"**

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU# 549 “For All Your Goodness, God”**

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# 603 “In Loving Partnership We Come”**

Lunch Blessing 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 at 7:00 pm. 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.

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

The Ministry and Personnel Committee is conducting our annual staff performance reviews. We welcome feedback from the congregation, appreciation or suggestions for improvement. You can share your input with members of the committee: Ethel Hill, Jody Mahoney, and Beth Wheatley.

COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, October 27 at 1 pm in the Muriel Bridge Room.

190th Anniversary Service - Sunday, November 22.
Guest: The Givens Family from Princeton will be offering a special Musical Presentation

Bible Reading - October 18, 2026
Reader: October House -Phyllis Jones

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight." Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.' He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.'

The Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.' Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The Lord"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But', he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' And the Lord continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

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Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.