



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

150 Colborne St. S., Simcoe, ON N3Y 4H6

Phone: (519) 428-2611 - Email: stjamesunitedchurch@bellnet.ca

Website: www.stjamesunited.ca

Copyright License #2934721 CCLI / One License A - 728081

STAFF:

Minister: Rev. Barrie Bain, BA, M.Div.

Volunteer Associate Minister: Rev. Michael Beacom, BA, BD

Organist: Diane Stewart (226) 567-5875

Office Administrator/Treasurer: Ann McNall 519-428-2611

Janitor: John McNall (519) 428-2611

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

October 26th 2025

REFORMATION SUNDAY – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

St. James United Church Family in Worship

Worship Theme: “Relying on God's Love and Mercy”

“Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living”

SEEKING GOD’S PEACE - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Prelude Music:

GOOD MORNING! Words of Welcome, Greetings and

Announcements. People 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 fellowship for all of us. You are invited to join with us for visiting and refreshments in the Muriel Bridge Room after the organ postlude. Our thanks to the people of October House for their hospitality.

Call to Worship: - **(Responsive)**

Leader: On the first day of Pentecost, the faithful gathered
and the world began to change for the better. On
this twentieth Sunday following Pentecost, we
have gathered and we commit to being a faith
community of transition and outreach.

**All God’s People: We will celebrate joyfully and others will
be caught up in our joy!**

Leader: We will care passionately and others will be
touched by our compassion.

**All God’s People: We will meet injustice head on, and self-
serving attitudes will be confronted.**

Leader: We will embrace global needs, and serve up hope and justice in the world.

**All God's People: The Spirit will inspire and enliven us!
Thanks be to God for this gathering of
our Church Family.**

Hymn of Praise: **VU #271 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

Prayer of Approach (unison)

Spirit of God, with abundant dreams and Your awesome imagination, transform us into Instruments of Your Peace. With unconditional love towards one another, re-create us with Your Amazing Grace! Let us journey together into this experience of worship: with our words, our voices and actions and our music. May this Sacred Community of Faith Travelers be open to the welcoming, generous Spirit of Jesus, in whose name we pray together saying: "Our Father who art in heaven - - -

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

Psalter : **VU# 782** Psalm 65 "God crowns the year with goodness"

Family Hymn: **VU #519 "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"**

Family Focus: TIME TO THANK Ann McNall for her Faithful Service as "Office Administrator" at St. James United Church Simcoe, since 1975.

Scripture Lessons:

2 Timothy 4:6-18 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race."

Luke 18: 9-14 "The Pharisee and tax collector go to pray"

Lay Reader: October House:

Choir Anthem: "You Raise Me Up" - R Lovland / B Graham

Message: "PRAYER – Brings Us closer Together!"
Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn: **VU# 376 "Spirit of the Living God"**

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU #542 "We Give You But Your Own"**

Offertory Prayer (unison)

God of farmlands, towns and cities, we thank You that we have been able to support ourselves and our families in these places. Accept this portion of our living. May these gifts partner with our time, our energies of faith and actions. May our attitude of thanks bring healing and wholeness to all of the people of God's Creation. Amen.

Hymn of Blessing **VU#400 "Lord, Listen to Your Children
Praying"** (sing 2 times)"

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU # 672 **"Take Time to Be Holy"**

Benediction and Postlude Music:

THE OCTOBER HOUSE INVITES YOU to The Muriel Bridge Room
for refreshments and fellowship following the service.

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

The Ministry and Personnel Committee is working on its annual performance review of our staff at St James. We welcome input from members of the congregation, including appreciation and suggestions for change. Please contact a member of M&P: Ethel Hill, Jody Cross Mahoney, Beth Wheatley.

Upcoming Events:

COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, October 28 at 1 pm in the Muriel Bridge Room.

FROSTY FAIR: November 8

The UCW would like the congregation's help to prepare for the Frosty Fair by donating items for: the Bake Table would be much appreciated!!

Eising Sale - November 12-15

We are in need of mittens - (baby, toddler and small children), slippers (all sizes), dishcloths and other items.

Concert - November 21

The Soenen Sisters will be presenting a Christmas concert at St. James at 7:30 pm. Freewill Offering.

189th Anniversary Service - Sunday, November 23. Guest: Justin DeWaard, Indwell

Concert - December 13

Christmas Concert at 2 pm featuring Low Notes High Hopes Saxophone Quartet with special guest. Freewill Offering

Bible Reading - October 26/25

Reader: October House

2 Timothy 4:6-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Bible Reading - October 26/25

Reader: October House

Luke 18: 9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’