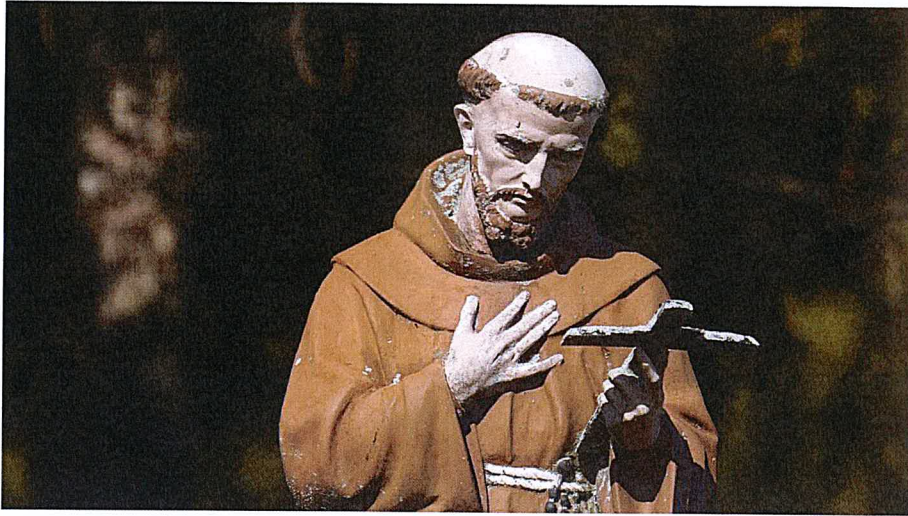




ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday November 1st 2026 - All Saints Day
10:30am St. James United Church Family in Worship
23rd Sunday after Pentecost:
Worship Theme:
“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 during the service are invited to do so. Your presence with us here enriches our time of fellowship, as we gather to make our journey of faith and actions together throughout this Season of Creation, a Time of Praise, Worship and Sacred Partnerships!

Call to Worship – (Responsive)

Leader: Let us celebrate with Voice and Spirit,
God’s call to gather! Come people of all ages!
Come, visitors and friends!

All: We shall sing praises to God with heart, mind and voice!

Leader: We celebrate God’s call together!
Come, let us ask God to open our eyes and lift us up!

All: We shall sing praises to God throughout our lives!

Hymn of Praise **VU# 402 “We Are One”**

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Generous God, You call us to share. You call us to take risks along our Faith Journey. You call us to make serving God’s purpose our highest priority. We admit that we have hoarded your blessings. We admit that we often like to keep things the

same. We confess that other parts of our daily routine seem to be more important than responding to the needs of our neighbor. Lord, forgive us for clinging to the comfort zone of our past. Call on us, nudge our spirits once again, through the touch of Your Holy Spirit. Challenge us now and give us strength for the tasks of your design. This we pray in Jesus' name. AMEN

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

Psalter **VU# 831** Psalm 107 "God's steadfast love endures forever" Parts 1&2

Family Hymn: **VU# 579** "The Church Is Wherever God's People"

Family Focus: Storyteller - Rev. Barrie

Scripture Lessons:

Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes

Micah 6:1-8 What the Lord Requires

Lay Reader: November House - Zeke Gulabsingh

Music Selection: Diane Stewart

Message: "**DISCOVER AND SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS!**"

Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn : **VU# 509** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU# 540 “Grant Us, God, the Grace”**

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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

Hymn: **VU# 568 “Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day”**

Lunch Blessing and Benediction

Postlude Music:

You are invited to proceed to the Muriel Bridge Room for fellowship and refreshments with our thanks to the volunteers from November House.

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

The UCW have the 2027 calendars for sale. \$10.00 each.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Frosty Fair - Nov. 14, 8:30-12 noon. Thank you for all your donations. We are going to have a great bazaar. Bakers we will be setting up Friday Nov. 13 10-3 for drop off. This is your reminder as we will not be calling.

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.

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.

190th Anniversary Service - Sunday, November 22.

Guest: The Givens Family from Princeton will be offering a special Musical Presentation

Tuesday, December 8 is the UCW CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

with special entertainment from Heart N'Soul. All members from the church are welcome to attend. Potluck at 6:00, Entertainment in the Sanctuary at 7:15. RSVP to Jody

Bible Reading - November 1, 2026
Reader: November House -Zeke Gulabsingh

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

‘O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.’

‘With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,

with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?