



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

November 2nd 2025 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am St. James Church Family in Worship
Worship Theme: **“Being invited by Jesus!”**
“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 November House for their hospitality.

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

Leader: We come as ordinary people, with ordinary lives.

All God’s People: Yes, Ordinary we are, but your call to us is powerful!

Leader: We come to be fed at your table of grace.

All God’s People: We come to be fed, knowing that we are also called to feed others.

Leader: We come remembering Your commissioning to us, to live out our Faith, as present in this world.

All God’s People: As your called people, we proclaim justice and encourage generosity.

Hymn of Praise: **VU #562 “Jesus Calls Us”**

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 to do our work well and to help 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 our world. Open our hearts to love You Lord and our neighbors as we should. This we pray in the words that Jesus has taught us saying together: "Our Father who art in heaven "

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

Psalter : **VU# 841** Part 6 - Psalm 119: 137-144 God's judgements are just.

Family Focus: Storyteller: Rev. Barrie

Scripture Lessons:

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 "Your faith and love are growing abundantly

Luke 19: 1-10 "Jesus dines with Zacchaeus"

Lay Reader: November House: - Millie Cation

Musical Selection: Diane Stewart

Message: Jesus Finds "ZACCHAEUS" Out on a Limb!
Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn: **VU# 567** "Will You Come and Follow Me"

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU #537 "Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands"**

Offertory Prayer (**unison**)

God of farmlands, towns and cities, we thank You that we are 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 many of the people of God's Creation. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymn **Hymn VU #603 "In Loving Partnership We Come"**

Benediction and Postlude Music:

THE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE NOVEMBER 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:

FROSTY FAIR: November 8 (see poster for details)

Baking can be dropped off Friday Nov. 7. 10-5.

Thanks

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 featurig Low Notes High Hopes Saxophone Quartet with special guest. Freewill Offering

FOR SALE: We have the 2026 Calendars for sale \$10. They will be at the Frosty Fair to purchase and after church.

Bible Reading - November 2/25
Reader: November House - Millie Cation

Luke 19: 1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycomore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

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2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.