



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

22nd Sunday after Pentecost November 9th 2025

Remembrance Sunday Observance

10:30 am St. James Church Family Gathers

Worship Theme: **“Essential Choices”**

“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 are encouraged to 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 generous hospitality!

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

Leader: The measure of a people’s heart is this:
Do we remember the sacrifices of the past?
Do we work for peace in the present?
Do we pray with hope for the future?

People: **And so we come now before God to name as our dream; “God’s reign of Shalom.” We come to commit ourselves to the cause of peace, as we come to remember (brief silence)**
Let us worship God together!

Hymn of Praise: VU #331 “The Church’s One Foundation”

Prayer of Invocation: (unison)

Faithful and loving God, thank you for a night's rest and the sharing of this new day with our St. James Church Family. Be with us now in this worship experience, as we open our hearts and minds to You our Creator; with Peace, Hope and Love. Amen.

DESIRING CHRISTIAN GROWTH - WE LISTEN

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Reading of the Names: Names of those persons from the St. James congregation who have served their country and died in wars.

Reader: Gerry Hamill

Candle-Lighting for Remembrance Sunday

Leader: We light this Christ Candle.

People: **The Christ Candle reminds us that the light of Christ shines on the roadway to peace and illuminates the frightening pathway through our most difficult hours.**

Leader: **We light these Candles of Remembrance.**

People: **The Candles of Remembrance remind us of the supreme sacrifice of those who have defended our Freedom and our Peace forever and for all. Let these days of remembrance offer vision and hope for each one of us. Amen.**

**** (Congregation Please stand)**

The Placing of the Wreath --- **Veterans Come Forward**

A Moment of Silence is observed

Closing words . . . Rev. Barrie

The National Anthem **VU# 524 "O Canada"**

Scripture Lessons:

John 15:9-17 The greatest Love a person can have - - -

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 You are chosen to lead

Lay Reader: November House: Zeke Gulabsingh

Choir Anthem: "Go Into The House of The Lord" - L Larson

Message: "ADVANCE WITH COURAGE AND HOPE!"

Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn: VU# **424 "May the God of Hope Go with Us"**

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU #544 "In Gratitude and Humble Trust"**

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Great God, You have given us new life and hope! In joy, we offer to You our gifts of time, talent and money. We pray that this "Attitude of Gratitude" may be shared with others throughout our world. This we do in Jesus' name. Amen

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU #678 "For the Healing of the Nations"

Benediction and Postlude Music:

THE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE NOVEMBER HOUSE INVITE

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:

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 available to purchase after church or from Jody Mahoney.

Bible Reading - November 9/25
Reader: November House - Zeke Gulabsingh

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.