



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday November 16th 2025
10:30am St. James United Church Family Gathers
23rd Sunday after Pentecost – Restorative Justice
Worship Theme: “Charting Our Way Through Chaos”
“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: - (Worship Leader)

Hymn of Praise: **VU #691 “Though Ancient Walls”**

Prayer for Restorative Justice (unison)

God of Justice, we pause this day to renew ourselves in your truth. You call us to speak out against injustices which hurt your people. Yet, we realize too often that we are part of the problem. Enable us to be part of the building up of an authentic community of caring. This community that dares to take the risk of working against wrongs being done to the human family. Help us make this world user-friendly for all of God's children. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

Responsive Reading: **VU# 880** Isaiah 12:1-6 (with refrain)

Family Hymn: **VU # 356 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom"**

Family Focus: Storyteller: Rev. Barrie

Scripture Lessons:

Isaiah 65:17-25 "God shall create joy and delight"

Luke 21:5-19 "In times of testing – Trust God"

Lay Reader: Zeke Gulabsingh

Music Selection: Diane Stewart

Message: **"The Parables That Keep Us Connected!"**

Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn: **VU# 675 "Will Your Anchor Hold"**

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU #537 "For the Gift of Creation"**

Offertory Prayer (unison)

God of abundant life and wonders beyond counting; grant that our offerings for this day might be acceptable in Your sight. Fill us with the Spirit of the Risen Christ, that we might be the bold new messengers of Jesus' faith teachings. You call and empower us to be Your agents of transformation in these days of challenge and opportunity. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction and Postlude Music:

THE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE NOVEMBER HOUSE INVITE YOU

to The Muriel Bridge Room for refreshments and fellowship following the service.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD We will be celebrating our 189th Anniversary of this St. James United Church Community of Faith. Our Anniversary Guest Speaker will be Justin Deward, who is the Regional Director for Indwell. This year, the Indwell Organization is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. We are truly blessed that Indwell has been able to utilize our former Hambleton Hall to better serve the needs of the people of Simcoe.

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

Upcoming Events:

Concert - December 13

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

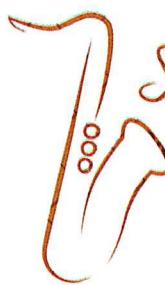
FOR SALE: We have the 2026 Calendars for sale \$10. They will be available to purchase after church from Jody Mahoney.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. James United Church
150 Colborne St. S.

Simcoe

Saturday December 13
2:00PM



FREEWILL OFFERING

LOW NOTES HIGH HOPES
SAXOPHONE QUARTET

Keegan Amy, Blake Lambert, Dave Ward
and Jess Wharram

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

Jennifer Langton and Scott Duffas



Bible Reading - November 16/25
Reader: November House - Zeke Gulabsingh

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered
accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

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Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’

They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’ And he said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them.

‘When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will

be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Christmas Concert



The Soenen Sisters

Friday, Nov 21 - 7:30 PM
St James United Church
150 Colborne St S - Simcoe
Freewill Offering

