



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

24th Sunday After Pentecost - November 23rd 2025
189th Anniversary - "Reign of Christ Sunday"
10:30am St. James United Church Family Gathers
Worship Theme: **"Reshaping Our Vision!"**
"Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living"

SEEKING THE COMPANY OF JESUS - 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: - (Res[ponsive])

Leader: Come with us and worship God,

People: Who has created and is creating,

Leader: Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh.

People: To reconcile and make new.

Leader: Out of chaos to rebirth,

**All: Out of less faith to more faithful, come and join
with us along this sacred journey! In faith, and
together we shall worship God!**

Hymn of Praise: **VU #574 "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"**

Prayer of Approach (unison)

Journeying God, God of wisdom, You spoke to Jeremiah in a time of distress for your people. You speak to us today as a church in challenging times and an uncertain future. Bless our hearts and inspire our minds within this time of worship. Inspire us to a deeper commitment with faithful actions. Make of us a gracious and generous people living our faith into the future. Amen.

SEEKING GOD’S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

Family Focus: SHARING OUR STORY

Family Hymn: **VU # 595 “We Are Pilgrims”**

Scripture Lessons:

Jeremiah 23:1-6 “God raising up new shepherds”

John 1:1-14 “The Word Became Flesh”

Lay Reader: Zeke Gulabsingh

Choir Anthem: **“Agnus Dei”**

- MW Smith

Message: **“The Mission of Indwell in Simcoe!”**

Preaching: Justin DeWaard

Hymn: **VU# 333 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

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 joyful thanks, we offer to You our gifts of time, talent, and resources. We pray that this “Attitude of Reshaping our Vision” will be shared with others throughout the world. This we do in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: **VU #510 “We Have This Ministry”**

Benediction and Postlude Music:

THE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE NOVEMBER HOUSE INVITE YOU

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

ENVELOPES FOR 2026 For those needing envelopes for 2026 they can be picked up at the office. You will need to put your name and envelope number on each envelope in the box so that you will receive credit for your donation.

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

Upcoming Events:

ATTENTION LADIES - all women of the church are invited to a potluck dinner Tuesday, Dec. 9th at 6:00 followed by entertainment. RSVP to Jody Mahoney

Concert - December 13

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

Bible Reading - November 23/25
Reader: November House - Zeke Gulabsingh

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

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John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.