

St James United Church

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Reign of Christ Sunday

Welcome!

*We are glad you have joined us in worship.
May you feel the warmth of God's presence.*

Our Mission:

To live God's love through our actions: Seek, Serve, Challenge.

Reflection Questions:

“What are your gifts and talents? How may you give of yourself?”

WE GATHER AND APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

God is Here! (arr. Valerie A. Floeter)
J.-C. Coolen, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Maya Douglas

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Once when they asked, he said...

All: **“I am the Light of the world.”**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Tom Watson

One: In the various seasons of the year—the awakening, newly budding days of spring...the warm, wonderful days of summer...the transitional days of autumn...the cold, snowy days of winter during which earth renews itself...

All: **God is in our midst.**

One: In the various seasons of our lives—times when we respond with joy and wonder times when we hold each other tightly as we tread uncertain paths...

All: **God is in our midst.**

One: Where life touches other life, where sharing occurs, where kindness and caring cause grace to abound...

All: God is in our midst.

One: Let us worship the God who is right now in our midst.

OPENING HYMN VU 260 *God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness*

Cantor: Renee Fajardo, Alto Choral Lead/Soloist

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 God who gives to life its goodness,
 God creator of all joy,
 God who gives to us our freedom,
 God who blesses tool and toy:
 teach us now to laugh and praise you,
 deep within your praises sing,
 till the whole creation dances
 for the goodness of its King.
- 2 God who fills the earth with beauty,
 God who binds each friend to friend,
 God who names us co-creators
 God who wills that chaos end:
 grant us now creative spirits,
 minds responsive to your mind,
 hearts and wills your rule extending
 all our acts by Love refined.

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

A TIME OF WONDER

CHORAL ANTHEM

Lift Up the Lord (Joseph M. Martin and Mark Patterson)

Senior Choir

J.-C. Coolen, director/piano/audio editor

Don Munday, video editor

Gord Burrell, additional audio recording

Rod Lord, additional video recording

READING

Matthew 25.31-46

SERMON

Life in Our Town...The Good Goat

Rev. Tom Watson

RESPONDING TO GOD

SERMON HYMN

VU 600 *When I Needed a Neighbour*

Cantor: Renee Fajardo, Alto Choral Lead/Soloist

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 When I needed a neighbour, were you there,
 were you there?
 When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
 And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
 were you there?
- 2 I was hungry and thirsty, were you there,
 were you there?
 I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
 And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
 were you there?
- 3 I was cold, I was naked, were you there,
 were you there?
 I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
 And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
 were you there?
- 4 When I needed a healer, were you there,
 were you there?
 When I needed a healer, were you there?
 And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
 were you there?
- 5 Wherever you travel I'll be there,
 I'll be there,
 wherever you travel I'll be there.
 And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
 I'll be there.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done
 on earth, as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN MV 145 *Draw the Circle Wide*
 Cantor: Renee Fajardo, Alto Choral Lead/Soloist
 Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

*Refrain: Draw the circle wide.
 Draw it wider still.
 Let this be our song,
 no one stands alone,
 standing side by side,
 Draw the circle wide.*

- 1 God the still-point of the circle,
 'Round whom all creation turns;
 nothing lost, but held forever,
 In God's gracious arms. R

- 2 Let our hearts touch far horizons,
 So encompass great and small;
 Let our loving know no borders,
 Faithful to God's call. R

- 3 Let the dreams we dream be larger
 Than we've ever dreamed before;
 Let the dream of Christ be in us,
 Open every door." R

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

One: Let us go into the world with caring and compassionate hearts...

All: Following the gentle spirit that calls us to life...

One: Knowing that the God who holds all things will be there with us...

All: Knowing that Christ who calls us friend will walk beside us...

One: And knowing that our way will be lit with faith, hope and love.

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

Prayer of Dedication (Don Besig)

Cantor: Renee Fajardo, Alto Choral Lead/Soloist

Descant: Kathleen Wells, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

Piano: J.- C. Coolen, Music Minister

Go with us, Lord, as now we depart,
Calming the fears that trouble each heart.
Keep us all in your grace
Until we come, again, to this place.

Now we will walk in peace with the Lord,
Living in faith and teaching His word.
Share His love every day,
For He has surely shown us the way! Amen.

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POSTLUDE ***Ride On, King Jesus!*** (arr. Hall Johnson)

Renee Fajardo, mezzo-soprano

J.-C. Coolen, piano

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Giving leadership in today's service: (*in alphabetical order*)

J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

Rev. Maya Douglas, Minister of Pastoral Care, Word and Sacrament

Renee Fajardo, Alto Choral Lead/Soloist

Rev. Tom Watson, Guest Preacher

Kathleen Wells, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

We are also thankful for those serving as tech support:

Gord Burrell, Rod Lord, Don Munday, Karen Munday, and Andrew Paley.

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We welcome Rev. Tom Watson as our Guest Preacher today. Tom was raised on a small farm in southwestern Ontario. After serving churches in Ontario and Manitoba, he came to Guelph in 1991 as minister at Trinity United. Guelph has been home ever since. He has always loved music, has sung in a number of choirs and choral groups, and has played drums in various bands. Tom also loves writing, especially humorous stories and scripts for musical comedy productions...along with some very humorous sermons.

NEXT WEEK: 1st Sunday of Advent - Hope

Scripture Readings: Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19, Isaiah 64.1-9, Mark 13.24-37, 1 Corinthians 1.3-9.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to our St. James family members who celebrate their birthdays this coming week. We are glad you were born and give God thanks for your lives: Gayle Forgrave November 22. Please note: anyone submitting the names of people celebrating birthdays needs the permission of those individuals first.

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Congratulations to Neil and Stephanie Cormier who welcomed a new baby brother for Jackson. Benjamin Lucas Cormier was born last Sunday, November 15th. He is a second grandson for Nancy and Jim Cormier.

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Our Advent Outreach Offering will be received during the month of December to support the Red Door Shelter. Since 1982 the Red Door Family Shelter has provided emergency shelter and support for women and children affected by domestic abuse, families experiencing a housing crisis, and refugee claimants with nowhere else to turn. Please give generously. Thank you.

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Worship Service Coffee Hour: To join Rev. Maya after worship at 12:30 p.m. on Sundays in lieu of “meet and greet”, please use one of the following options.

Using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81414121724?pwd=S1lJakFPSnM5UEx1UWVUNHI5MktSUT09>

Using Zoom:

Meeting ID: 814 1412 1724

Passcode: 555637

OR

If you wish to phone in, please use the following information.

Dial by your location

+1 647 558 0588 Canada
 +1 647 374 4685 Canada
 Meeting ID: 814 1412 1724
 Passcode: 555637

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Sunday School via Zoom, Sundays at 1:30 p.m. If you have a child/grandchild from JK to Grade 9 who would like to participate please contact Karen at karen_forgrave@hotmail.com so that she can be sure that you are included in the mailing list, and she can send you the Zoom Link.

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Christmas Poinsettias: to contribute to the purchase of memorial poinsettias this Christmas:

1. Put \$10 in an envelope with the name of the person you wish to remember, and your own name.

Mail it or put it through the front door slot of the church.

OR

2. E-transfer \$10 to stjames_uc@rogers.com
 Leave the name you are memorializing in the message
 Security Question: "What is this contribution for?"
 Answer: "poinsettias"

Poinsettias will be used to decorate the church, then they will be delivered to those on the Pastoral Care List before Christmas.

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GIFTS WITH VISION *transform and save lives.* Browse the Gifts Online:
giftswithvision.ca

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Exam Care Packages: The Christian Development Committee is once again planning to send care packages to our post-secondary students, who are nearing the exam season. Please email karen_forgrave@hotmail.com ASAP and include:

- the student's name and address
- the program/university they are in
- anything else important to know...e.g., an exam they're concerned about (or, if they are not doing exams, but working on a big essay, or placement - any details you can include!)

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Our Bible Study group held over ZOOM every Monday at 1p.m. Please confirm your interest in joining by contacting Rev. Maya at revmaya.douglas@gmail.com and she will send you the log-in information. We will read through the four lectionary readings for the week and discuss each one as well as how they may impact our lives and the world. An evening session will also be made available if a growing interest is shared with Maya. Newcomers are always welcome!

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The SJUC Junior and Youth Choir meets on Thursdays from 6:45 – 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. We are excited to announce our very own Vocal Training Academy, for ages 5-17. For details see the e-flyer on St James' website. To register, please complete the short survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WZTN8YF>

There is no deadline for registration. Singers may join at any time. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Choir Director Wendy Simone at wcsimone@gmail.com.

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Senior Choir rehearsals are virtually over Zoom, on alternate Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. To participate in the Senior Choir, and for Zoom rehearsal meeting information, please contact J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister, at (905) 683-5757 or jccoolen@sympatico.ca.

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Egg Cartons – Our Food Basket is currently in need of empty, clean, egg cartons. If you have any to donate, please feel free to drop them off at the church anytime during the week during our office hours (Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.). Thank you.

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FUTURE SERVICES:

Saturday, November 28, at 1 p.m. Baptism. Zoom information will be sent to members of St. James United Church.

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Sunday, November 29 is the 1st Sunday of Advent (HOPE), Holy Communion!
And a Happy New (Church) Year to us all!

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Sunday, December 6 is the 2nd Sunday of Advent (PEACE). Day of Remembrance (École Polytechnique) – Blue Christmas.

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Sunday, December 13 is the 3rd Sunday of Advent (JOY). Christmas Pageant.

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Sunday, December 20 is the 4th Sunday of Advent (LOVE).
Candlelight Carol Service at 7:30 p.m.

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Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m.
Communion and Candle Lighting.

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