

# St James United Church

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

10:30 am

*Third Sunday of Epiphany*

**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.**

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**Reflection Questions:** "What are you being called to?"

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## WE GATHER AND APPROACH GOD

**\*Bold** indicates words said by **All**

**PRELUDE**

*Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* (arr. Brian Büda)  
J.-C. Coolen, piano

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Randy Wilson

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE/GATHERING PRAYER**

**OPENING HYMN**

*Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

**VU 559**

Cantor: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 Come, O Fount of every blessing,  
     tune my heart to sing your grace;  
 streams of mercy, never ceasing  
     call for songs of endless praise.  
 Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
     sung by flaming tongues above.  
 Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,  
     mount of God's unfailing love.
- 2 Here I pause in my sojourning,  
     giving thanks for having come,  
 come to trust, at every turning,  
     God will guide me safely home.  
 Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
     wandering from the fold of God,  
 came to rescue me from danger,  
     precious presence, precious blood.
- 3 O, to grace how great a debtor  
     daily I am drawn anew!  
 Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
     bind my wandering heart to you.  
 Prone to wander, I can feel it,  
     wander from the love I've known:  
 here's my heart, O, take and seal it,  
     seal it for your very own.

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## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### A TIME OF WONDER

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jonah 3.1-5

Mark 1.16-20



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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

VU 921

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, the power, and the glory  
 forever and ever. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

VU 567 v. 1, 2, 4 and 5

Cantor: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 Will you come and follow me  
 if I but call your name?  
 Will you go where you don't know  
 and never be the same?  
 Will you let my love be shown,  
 will you let my name be known,  
 will you let my life be grown  
 in you and you in me?
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind

- if I but call your name?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind  
 and never be the same?  
 Will you risk the hostile stare  
 should your life attract or scare?  
 Will you let me answer prayer  
 in you and you in me?
- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide  
 if I but call your name?  
 Will you quell the fear inside  
 and never be the same?  
 Will you use the faith you've found  
 to reshape the world around,  
 through my sight and touch and sound  
 in you and you in me?
- 5 Christ, your summons echoes true  
 when you but call my name.  
 Let me turn and follow you  
 and never be the same.  
 In your company I'll go  
 where your love and footsteps show.  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow  
 in you and you in me.

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## **BENEDICTION**

### **CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING** *Prayer of Dedication* (Don Besig)

Cantor: Renee Fajardo, Alto Choral Lead/Soloist

Descant: Anna Wojcik, 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**                    *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* (arr. Larry Shackley)  
 J.-C. Coolen, piano

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Giving leadership in today's service:  
 J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister  
 Renee Fajardo, Alto Choral Lead/Soloist  
 Rev. Debbie Johnson, Guest Minister  
 Randy Wilson, Presider  
 Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist  
 We are also thankful for those serving as tech support:  
 Gord Burrell, Jordan Li, Don Munday, Karen Munday.

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### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please join Rev. Maya in praying for the members and adherents in our Directory for an ongoing cycle. We hold these members of our faith community in prayer this week:*

Cristina Kiss, Philip; Vic & Amy Kitagawa; Danylo & Candace Klufas, Daria, Marissa, and Luka; Darko & Lily Korac, Andrea and Andrei; Aaron & Lorraine Kratt, Evelyn and Adrienne; Mary Anna Lacey, Gordon, Victor, and Alison; Peter Laflair; Phyllis Langfeld.

*We join in prayer for healing and transformation with:*

Elda Dunham, Betty and Bernie Ginger, Ardith Grant, and Joe Tyler (Nancy Cormier's dad).

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**NEXT WEEK: Sunday, January 31**

Scripture Readings: Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Mark 1.21-28; 1 Corinthians 8.1-13.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We welcome back Rev. Debbie Johnson**, our guest minister this morning, while Rev Maya is on study leave. Rev. Debbie served until her retirement as Congregational Life Minister at North Bramalea United Church from 2008-2019. Prior to this Rev. Debbie was the Faith Formation and Leadership Development staff person for Hamilton Conference of the United Church. We look forward to her message for us today.

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**As of January 1, we are delighted to welcome Anna Wojcik as our Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist.** Anna is a Polish-Canadian soprano, in the third year of her Bachelor of Music degree at the Glenn Gould School in Toronto. Since beginning voice lessons at the age of nine, Anna has won numerous competitions including the Oakville Chamber Orchestra Youth Concerto Competition, the 69th Marcella Kochańska-Sembrich Vocal Competition, and the Doreen Chaddock Vocal Scholarship Competition. In 2015, Anna sang in Carnegie Hall for the American Protégé Competition Winners Recital. She received the 2016 Mississauga Emerging Music Artist MARTY Award for her accomplishments. Within the past two years, Anna performed multiple opera roles including Susanna in Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro*, Annina in Verdi's *La Traviata*, and Nora in Vaughan Williams' *Riders to the Sea*. She is an active volunteer and Regional Director of the Toronto Region for the *Back to BACH Project*, a world-wide initiative to inspire and encourage young children to learn musical instruments. As a second generation Canadian, Anna is happy to maintain her Polish culture through regularly singing within the Polish community and discovering the little-known repertoire of Polish composers. Welcome, Anna! We're looking forward to your musical ministry with us!

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**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: Andrew Paley January 27, Pam Lowry January 28, Ben Skopiwsky January 30, Aldo Violo January 30. Please note: anyone submitting the names of people celebrating birthdays needs the permission of those individuals first.

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**Congratulations!** Yvan Baker, MP, held a virtual New Year's Levee on Sunday, Jan. 17th which included the presentation of the Community Recognition Awards. He had great words to say about the efforts at St. James and two of our members received awards for their volunteer work in the community. Congratulations to both Tony Gray and Marie Truelove as well as the Food Basket volunteers: Marg Arcott, Phyl Hampshire, Brian Isard, Aldo, Nancy, and Dylan Violo.

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**The Sympathy of the congregation is expressed** to Anne & Grant Tipler, Allison and Kelly on the passing of Anne's mom, Carmita Bernice Fetterly on January 16, 2021. A private funeral was held on January 21, in Halifax.

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**St. James Office Hours:** During the mandatory "stay at home" order, our office administrator will only be in the office on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. She will work from home on Thursday and Friday.

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**Worship Service Coffee Hour: Please note there will be NO Worship Coffee Hour** after worship on Sunday, January 24, and Sunday, January 31. It will resume on Sunday, February 7 when Rev. Maya returns after her study leave.

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**Sunday School via Zoom,** 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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**As part of St James' farewell gift to Kathleen Wells** on her retirement, Janet Van Melle is creating a booklet of the Choirs and Congregation's best wishes and notes of gratitude. If you wish to contribute words of appreciation and/or share some special memory of

Kathleen with her, Janet would be pleased to include them in the booklet. Please email Janet your message before tomorrow, January 25th. ([janetvanmelle@gmail.com](mailto:janetvanmelle@gmail.com) ) or send to Kathleen directly (her address is in the church directory).

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**Epistle Newsletter** – The deadline for submission to the *Epistle* Newsletter is TODAY, Sunday, January 24 at noon. Email submissions can be sent to [sjepistle@yahoo.com](mailto:sjepistle@yahoo.com).

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**Our Bible Study group meets Mondays via ZOOM at 1p.m.** Please confirm your interest in joining by contacting Rev. Maya at [revmaya.douglas@gmail.com](mailto: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. Newcomers are always welcome!

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**Have you seen** an inspirational Ted Talk, online speaker, or mini documentary that would be good for a Lenten Study group to view? Rev. Maya and the Christian Development Committee are looking for some good videos that promote discussion, and are looking for some help. If you have any suggestions, please send them to Rev. Maya! ([revmaya.douglas@gmail.com](mailto:revmaya.douglas@gmail.com)) Thank you!

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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 the introduction of 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](mailto: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](mailto:jccoolen@sympatico.ca).

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**2021 Offering Envelopes** are available for pick-up in the main hallway of the church during regular office hours. Please deliver those of friends and neighbours where

possible, thank you. Please note that if you donate through the PAR program, you will not be issued a box of envelopes.

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### **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Today, Sunday, January 24, at 4 p.m.** on Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/agincourtcommunitychurch> RSVP: The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea, Chairperson, The Greater Toronto Area Christian Council of Churches, at [ministermruc@gmail.com](mailto:ministermruc@gmail.com) or 416-809-6044. For more details on this event, please visit <https://www.weekofprayer.ca>.

Rev. Maya joined this week with other local ministers of Central Etobicoke for a time of intercessory prayer for Christian Unity. A video of their prayer time together will be posted on our website.

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**Save the date! Sunday, February 16th is Shrove Tuesday / Pancake Day!** We will be joining online together at 7pm to "share pancakes" (dinner/dessert, depending on your preference!). We will have a chance to chat with each other, as if at "Table Groups" in Fellowship Hall.

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**St. James' Annual General Meeting** will be held over Zoom on Sunday, March 7. Time and Zoom details to follow.

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### **FUTURE SERVICES:**

**Sundays, January 31** the Rev. Debbie Johnson will lead us in worship while the Rev. Maya Douglas is on study leave in preparation for Lent and Easter.

**Sunday, February 7,** we will begin to celebrate Black History Month!

**Sunday, February 14** is Transfiguration Sunday. We will have Communion.

**Sunday, February 21,** the Unified Board will meet over Zoom after the service at 12:30pm.

**Sunday, February 28** is our Covenanting Sunday during which we will covenant with the Rev. Maya Douglas. Kathryn Moase, liaison for our Search Committee, will represent Shining Waters Regional Council. The Rev. Marlene Britton from General Council will return as our guest preacher.

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