Order of Service

St. James United Church

10:30 am, SUNDAY, November 15, 2026

Stewardship Sunday
Leadership Appreciation 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.

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GATHERING

Bold *indicates words said by* ***All***
❖*Indicates when one may stand in body or spirit*

PRELUDE	Prelude No. 1 (By Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens)	Adrian Marchuk - organ
GATHERING SONG	Take My Life and Let It Be	VU 506 v. 1, 2, 5
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Mhairi Godley
MINUTE FOR MISSION		Eileen McAuley
CALL TO WORSHIP		
CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING		
OPENING PRAYER		
❖**GATHERING HYMN**	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	VU 288
PASSING OF THE PEACE	We Are Family (Sister Sledge)	
TIME WITH THE YOUNG		
PRAYER OF JESUS (SAID)		

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL	I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me	VU 575 v.1
ANTHEM	Use Me, Lord (By Don Besig and Nancy Price)	Senior Choir Kit Cooney – flute Bill Price – solo

DISCERNING

SCRIPTURE READING	Mathew 25:14-30	Mhairi Godley
FAITH TALK	"Between the two possibilities"	

RESPONDING

❖**HYMN OF RESPONSE**	As a Parent Holds a Child	TLUS 142
A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE		Randy Wilson
CALL FOR OFFERING		
SONG OF THANKS	Love Isn't Love Till You Give It Away (Music and lyrics by Reba McEntire)	Adrian Marchuk
❖**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	VU 541
❖**OFFERTORY PRAYER**		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
SUNG RESPONSE	I've Got Peace like a River	VU 577 v. 1
❖**CLOSING HYMN**	Blest Be the Tie That Binds	VU 602

SCATTERING

❖**BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**		
❖**SUNG BENEDICTION**	Prayer Of Dedication	
POSTLUDE	Take My Life and Let It Be	Adrian Marchuk - organ

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Giving leadership in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Richard C. Choe
Stewardship Message: Randy Wilson
Presider: Mhairi Godley
Music Director: Adrian Marchuk
St. James Senior Choir
Section Leads/Soloists: Kit Cooney, Gabe Vaillant, Ro Rogalsky, Kate Etienne
Reader: Mhairi Godley
Sunday School Director: Karen Forgrave
Tech Support: Trinity Campbell, Mary Paras
Greeters: Carol Jones, Al Graham
Ushers: Randy Wilson (Captain), Al Graham, Jim Cormier, Nancy Cormier
Hospitality: Joanne Atkins (L), Lila Bowen, Christine Paley, Eileen McAuley

NEXT SERVICES:

Sunday, November 22, 2026, 10:30 AM – Reign of Christ Sunday.
Guest preacher: Rev. Debbie Johnson.

Sunday, November 29, 2026, 10:30 AM – 1st Sunday of Advent.

Sunday, December 6, 2026, 10:30 AM – 2nd Sunday of Advent.
National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.
Human Rights Sunday.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each week, the Shining Waters Regional Council asks that we pray for each other's congregations in support of our ministries: Kingston Road United Church, Toronto; Downsview United Church, Toronto; Jubilee United Church, Toronto.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Information Letters are available for pick up on the hall table. Please deliver those of friends and neighbours where possible. Completed forms should be placed in the green box located at the bottom of the stairs leading to the sanctuary.

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Egg Carton donations: St. James Food Basket urgently needs egg cartons. Please leave any cartons in the church office or in the kitchen.

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Please note Mhairi / "Varry" Godley has a new email mhairig93@gmail.com. The yahoo email has been discontinued due to it being hacked.

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For "News from the Pews" articles, pictures, poems, stories, and any other submissions, please use sjnewsfromthepews@gmail.com. Deadline for the December edition is Nov. 24th.

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Tru - Earth savings! Save Up to 40% & Support Our Fundraiser. Black Friday savings have arrived early! Plus our fundraiser earns 25% on every sale! From November 9-22, enjoy incredible savings on Tru Earth products while supporting our fundraiser.

✓ Spend $20+ Save 10%
✓ Spend $35+ Save 20%
✓ Spend $55+ Save 30% + FREE Shipping
✓ Spend $80+ Save 40% + FREE Shipping

Plus, Tru Earth products are proudly made in Canada. Get ahead of the holiday rush and stock up now. ☞ Shop Here: http:/tru-earth.sjv.io/stjamesunitedchurch
Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!

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Yoga: Wednesdays at 11 am till 12 noon in the Lounge, $25/class for drop in.

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Saturday morning yoga continues at 10 am in the Lounge. Pay by e-transfer to joy.wil31@gmail.com or cheque/cash at your first class. Alternatively, you can choose to pay as you go, $25 per class. For further information, please contact Joyce Wilson at joy.wil31@gmail.com

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Our next Euchre date is: Tuesday, November 24 at 1:30 pm. Cost is $5. All are welcome.

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Please join the St. James Food Basket for the Second Annual Broadway/Holiday Fundraising Cabaret on Friday, Nov 27 featuring Bill Merryweather, accompanied by Adrian Marchuk and the St. James Senior Choir. The event is being held in Fellowship Hall of St. James United Church, 400 Burnhamthorpe Road at 7:30 pm, with doors opening at 7 pm. Tickets are $25.00 and can be purchased either at the church office, by calling 416-622-4113, ext. 0, or by email at stjames_uc@rogers.com

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2027 Canadian Church Calendar "Draw The Circle Wide" is now available for order at a cost of $10, which includes tax and shipping. Celebrate United Churches across Canada! Focusing on the theme of 65 years of United Church Women, this bilingual calendar features colourful photos from communities of faith across the country plus all the special days, church seasons, and lectionary dates. Great for Christmas giving or to keep you on track in the year to come. Please contact the church office at 416-622-4113, ext. 0, or by email at stjames_uc@rogers.com by Nov. 20 to place your order.

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We are pleased to announce that hands on Reiki is available by donation on Monday afternoons from 1-3 pm, as well as Tuesday nights at 7 pm. Sign-up sheets are in the binder in the Well-Being waiting room or call the office at 416-622-4113 and book with our office.