

Order of Service

St. James United Church

10:30 am, SUNDAY, October 11, 2026

Creation Time 5

Thanksgiving 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.

GATHERING

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

❖ Indicates when one may stand in body or spirit

PRELUDE	Now Thank We All Our God (By Brian Joyce) Hymn tune: NUN DANKET, by Johann Crüger	Adrian Marchuk - organ
GATHERING SONG	All Who Hunger	VU 460
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Alex Grant-Henderson
CALL TO WORSHIP		
CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING		
OPENING PRAYER		
❖ GATHERING HYMN	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	VU 288
PASSING OF THE PEACE	All I Really Need (Raffi Cavoukian)	
TIME WITH THE YOUNG		
PRAYER OF JESUS (SUNG)		
CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL	I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me	VU 575 v.1

ANTHEM	Simple Gifts (Traditional Shaker Melody) Arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram	Senior Choir
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DISCERNING

SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 23 The Lord's My Shepherd	VU 747
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FAITH TALK	"Grateful to be ..."	Rev. Richard C. Choe
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RESPONDING

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE	Come, You Thankful People, Come	VU 516
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CALL FOR OFFERING

SONG OF THANKS	Thank You (By Alanis Morissette)	Adrian Marchuk
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❖ OFFERTORY RESPONSE	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	VU 541
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❖**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUNG RESPONSE	Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying	VU 400
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❖ CLOSING HYMN	It's a Song Of Praise to the Maker	MV 30
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SCATTERING

❖**BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

❖ SUNG BENEDICTION	Prayer Of Dedication
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POSTLUDE	Simple Gifts (arr. by Mack Wilberg)	Adrian Marchuk - organ
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Giving leadership in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Richard C. Choe

Presider: Alex Grant-Henderson

Music Director: Adrian Marchuk

St. James Senior Choir

Section Leads/Soloists: Mich Anger, Rachelle Bradley, Astrid Atherly

Reader: Alex Grant-Henderson

Sunday School Director: Karen Forgrave

Tech Support: Andrew Paley, Mary Paras

Greeters: Bob Harris, Eleanor Harris

Ushers: Christine Paley (Captain), Brenda Beaton

Hospitality: Barb Gladden (L), Janet Van Melle, Albert Conforzi, James Ankrah, Regina Ankrah

NEXT SERVICES:

Sunday, October 18, 2026, 10:30 AM – 21st Sunday after Pentecost.
World Food Sunday.

Sunday, October 25, 2026, 10:30 AM – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost.
Peace Sunday.
Reformation Sunday.

Sunday, November 1, 2026, 10:30 AM – 23th Sunday after Pentecost.
All Saints Day.

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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: Central United Church, Unionville; Palgrave United Church; Aurora United Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outreach Offering: Indspire is a national Indigenous registered charity that invests in the education of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people for the long term benefit of these individuals, their families and communities, and Canada. Following in the spirit of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, St James chose this organization for our October outreach offering. More information can be found at <https://indspire.ca/>

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Auction Tickets are on sale TODAY after church! \$40 per adult for a delicious catered dinner by Blazing Kitchen and the live and silent auction on Nov. 14th! Please invite your friends and family to attend - this is a major fundraiser for St. James! When you ask local businesses for their support in the form of gift certificates or experience packages, please send an email to karen_forgrave@hotmail.com so that we can track donation requests! Thank you!

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Our October Euchre dates are: Tuesday, October 13 and Tuesday, October 27 at 1:30 pm. Cost is \$5. All are welcome.

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Youth Group Murder Mystery is being held at Islington United Church on Thursday, October 15 from 7-9pm. You MUST RSVP to Karen by Sunday at the latest so that characters can be assigned. You will be able to come in character with some simple props or costume pieces and see if you can figure out who the culprit is by the end of the evening!

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Next weekend is our "Work Bee" or "Fall Clean-Up Day"! Come and join in this fun, fall clean up at St. James! The day is Saturday, October 17, from 9am-12noon, with a snack break provided mid-morning. Come for an hour, or stay for the morning. Many hands make light work. Wear old clothes, and bring some clean rags if you have them. Other materials will be provided. There are jobs for all ages and abilities! There is a sign-up sheet on the hall table - you can let us know if you're coming, AND record any jobs that you've noticed need doing!

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News from the Pews November deadline: October 25, or earlier!

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October 26th is election day, and advance polls are already open. Please vote for the candidates most likely to encourage and support social and ecological justice issues!

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Fall Yoga has started! Wednesdays from 11 am till 12 noon in the Lounge. Bring a new friend to Yoga and save \$5 off the first class for you and your friend! Cost is \$25 per class for drop in. You can pay in the office before your first class, or by e-transfer to karen_forgrave@hotmail.com

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The fall Saturday morning yoga session continues at 10 am in the Lounge. Pay by e-transfer to joy.wil31@gmail.com or cheque/cash at the first class. Alternatively, you can choose to pay as you go, \$25 per class. This restorative gentle yoga class is ideal for participants of all levels who want to increase strength, flexibility and balance.

For further information please contact Joyce Wilson at joy.wil31@gmail.com

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Book Club: As a preliminary step in becoming an Affirming Church, Worship and Music will host a book study on *The Bible and Homosexuality for Progressive Christians* by Donald Schmidt. The book club will be held via Zoom on Mondays, October 19 & 26 and November 2 & 9, 2026 from 7-9 pm.

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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.

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