

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

(Please note: * indicates please rise in body or in spirit
VU refers to the red hymn book; MV is the coil bound book)

Music for Meditation

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation

Listen in the silence. Listen in the noise.

Listen for the sound of the Spirit's voice.

- words and music: Linnea Good

Opening Prayer

O God of limitless embrace

in this season when the days grow shorter

and the nights grow longer,

you hold us in a love that runs deeper

than every darkness or dilemma.

We open our hearts once more

to your tender, mighty presence among us.

Grant us hope. Grant us peace. Grant us joy

as we await the dawning of your light upon us.

Amen

***Hymn VU 5 All Earth is Waiting**

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

Open our hearts. Open our minds.

Open our lives to you, O loving God.

Open our hearts ...

MV 21 words and music: Jim Strathdee

Scripture reading: Luke 1: 26-45

God's Word is Life!

All: Thanks be to Go

Reflection

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Lighting the Candle of Love

Come Radiant One, fill our world with your promise.

Come, Shining Presence, fill our world with your love.

- words and music: Bruce Harding

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Anthem "Christmas Sanctus" by Susan and Lee Dengler

Offering our Gifts

Take, O take me as I am.

Summon out what I shall be.

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

MV 85 words: John Bell, Graham Maule; music: John Bell

Communion Celebration

Communion songs:

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

Through this bread and wine we share,

may we be your sign of love everywhere.

-words and music: Bernadette Farrell

VU 9 People Look East

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn VU 58 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

*** When God is a child, there's joy in our song.**

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,

and none shall be afraid

VU 7 - words: Brian Wren; music: Joan Collier Fogg

Announcement

James Bay United Church New Years Eve Party

Come and join our New Years Eve Party and Potluck Dinner with movie & Service.

Doors open at 6:10. Dinner at 6:30, followed by movie.

Short meditational service about 9:30.

Then toasting in the New Year.

Movie: 'Hello, My Name is Doris', a funny & touching story starring Sally Field. A 66-year-old spinsterish office-clerk who has stayed home to look after her ailing mother now decides to get a makeover & join the dating pool, along with the other young millennials in her office.'

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James Bay United Church

*Following in the way of Jesus
on the journey inward
and the journey outward*

December 24, 2017
Advent 4

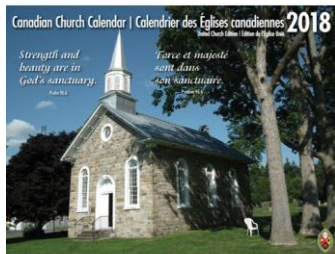


ANNOUNCEMENTS

2018 Offering envelopes are available for pick in the front office reception. If you would like envelopes please help yourself to an unmarked box and write your name, address and envelope number on sign-up sheet supplied or see Vanya in the Church office during regular office hours.

December 22 – February 1 - JBUC - Thrift Shop CLOSED

The James Bay United Church Thrift Shop will re-open Friday, February 2, 2018. Donations gratefully accepted again Wednesday, January 31 and Thursday, February 1.



2018 Church Calendars are **available** for pick-up in the Church office. Please see Vanya during regular office hours. Calendars are also available on Sunday's in the front office reception. *Calendars are \$5.00 each.*

New in the JBUC library this week: ANGELA AND THE BABY JESUS by Frank McCourt.

Six-year-old Angela worries that the Baby Jesus feels cold in the crèche at the church, so she devises a way to smuggle him home and warm him. Angela scolds him with empty threats: 'Baby Jesus, I have a good mind to leave you there in Mrs. Blake's backyard.' But she couldn't. If God found out, he'd never let her have a sweet or a bun for a whole week. More than anything, Angela cares deeply for Jesus' welfare & wants him to stay warm.



Scripture Reader: Gary Brandstadt

Ushers & Greeters: Paul Barker, Sylvia Scott and Beverley McLean

Communion Servers: Paul Barker, Cheryl Caldwell, Cheryl Macpherson, Beverley McLean and Linda Wreggitt

Cup & Conversation: Bev Tracey and Marion Handcock

Please remember in prayer: Asher and his parents Adam and Anna, Friends and family of Phyllis Pollard, Dallas, Judith, Kathleen and Larry Gilbert, Lorraine, Josh, Alan, Pat, Leyla, Joan, Ron, Bill Clark, Alissa, Drew, Laurie, Jeanne Miller, Pam Brown, and Kara Taylor.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

The Church Office will be closed over Christmas

Tuesday, December 26th, thru Tuesday, January 2nd.

For Pastoral care emergencies please contact:

Rev. Karen Dickey at 250-592-5931.

THIS WEEK AT JAMES BAY UNITED CHURCH

Christmas Eve

7 pm service - Joy to the World
All ages celebrated and welcome.

10 pm - Carols, Candlelight and Communion
A contemplative celebration.



Tuesday, December 26 – OUTREACH - CLOSED