

Welcome to this service of worship. We begin by acknowledging the traditional territory upon which we gather this morning. For many thousands of years, the Mi'kmaq have sought to walk gently on this land. They offered assistance to the first European travellers to this territory and shared their knowledge for survival in what was at times a harsh climate. We seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.

St. James Presbyterian Church is a Christ-centered community where God is celebrated. We are committed to discerning and answering the Holy Spirit's call.

- In response to God's call St. James is and will continue to be a spiritual community that:
- Worships joyfully in a manner that is Scriptural, inspirational, educational, active, varied and prayerful.
- Welcomes all in an open, inclusive, and caring manner, accepting that all are equal before God.
- Honours and takes care of each other as we seek to know God together in the spirit of Christ.
- Puts its faith into action visibly and tangibly in the surrounding community, serving through faith, speaking for Christ, and seeking justice.
- Remains connected to its heritage of faith, reform, and active witness, and looks forward in faith and confidence to God's presence.

At the Kirk this Week

Today:	10:30 a.m.	Advent 2 – Giving Sunday
Thursday:	12:30 p.m.	Advent Study Group
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Advent 3

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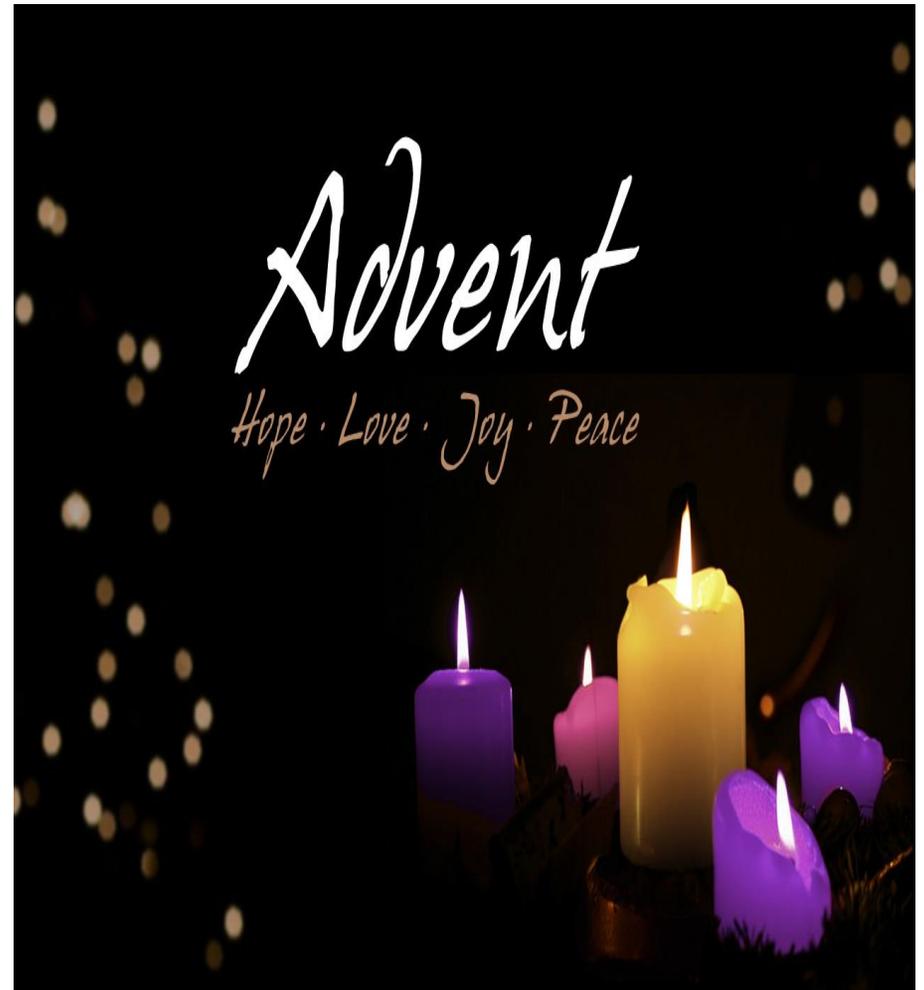
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Advent 2 – Giving Sunday

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Order of Service

Sunday, December 5th, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: *What is this lovely fragrance
Hark, a herald voice is calling*

arr. A. L. Page
arr. M. Archer

Call to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn: *There's a voice in the wilderness crying* 128

There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!
O Zion, that bringest good tidings, go up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish, like grass our works decay,
the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away,
but the word of our God is steadfast; the arm of the Lord is strong;
God stands in the midst of nations, and soon will right the wrong.
God shall feed the flock like a shepherd, the lambs will gently hold,
to pastures of peace will lead them, and bring them safe to the fold.

Advent Liturgy and Prayer (See Insert)

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent Hymn: *Peace is a ribbon* (v. 2) 119

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
Giving a promise of safety and worth.
Chorus: 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.



Scripture Readings: **Philippians 1:3-11** (See Insert)
Luke 3:1-6 (See Insert)

Hymn: *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* 114

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

Sermon: "The Call from the Wilderness"

Rev. Dr. Kay S. Diviney

Choir: *Thou shalt know Him*

M. Sirett

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *All earth is waiting to see the promised one* 109

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
And open furrows await the seed of God.
All the world bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;
It cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

Thus says the prophet to those of Israel:
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel,"
One whose name is "God-with-us" our Saviour shall be;
With him hope will blossom once more within our hearts.

Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain;
Open new highways, new highways for the Lord.
He is now coming closer, so come all and see,
And open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

In lowly stable the Promised One appeared;
Yet feel his presence throughout the earth today,
For he lives in all Christians and is with us now;
Again, with his coming he brings us liberty.

Commission and Benediction

Postlude: *Swiss Noel*

L.-C. Daquin

In Worship This Week

Minister:	Rev. Dr. Kay S. Diviney
Music Director/Organist:	Frances McBurnie
Sound System:	David Toms
Advent Visitor:	Chad Bolton
Advent Candle:	Stefan & Sherri Martin

