

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 1 & Communion
Greeters:		David Harrison & Rodney Dekker
	11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Practice
Wednesday:	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday:	12:30 p.m.	Advent Study via Zoom
Saturday:	1:00 p.m.	Christmas Decorating
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Advent 2 – Giving Sunday
Greeters:		Glenda Montigny & Linda Evans

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Advent 1 & Communion

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Order of Service

Sunday, November 27th, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

(*Those who are able are invited to stand. Responsive text is in bold.)

Approach to Worship

Prelude: <i>But who may abide the day of his coming</i>	G. F. Handel
Call to Worship	
Welcome and Announcements	
Prayer of Adoration	
* Hymn: <i>All earth is waiting</i>	109
Introit: <i>Come, thou long-expected Jesus</i>	E. Daley
Advent Liturgy and Prayer	(See Insert)
Lighting of the Advent Candle	
Advent Hymn: <i>Hope is a star</i>	(v. 1) 119
<i>Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning is bright. 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.</i>	
(The children are to follow the banner to the Children's Worship Service)	

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (Unison)	
<i>O God of Resurrection, breathe on us, and fill us with your Holy Spirit, that as your Word is read and preached we might hear, and understand, and believe. Amen.</i>	
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5	P. 631 OT
Responsive Psalm: Psalm 122	(Burgundy Book) R. 1
New Testament Reading: Matthew 24:36-44	Pg. 27 NT
<i>(L: The Word of the Lord: All: Thanks be to God.)</i>	
* Hymn: <i>People in darkness</i>	124
Sermon:	Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

Anthem: <i>Lift up your heads</i>	J. A. Freylinghauser
Offering announcement	
Offertory: <i>Hark, a herald voice is calling</i>	arr. M. Archer

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table	
The Apostle's Creed (located on the inside back cover of the Book of Praise)	
* Hymn: <i>Prepare the way, O Zion</i>	129
Prayer of Dedication	
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (sung responses)	564
Lord's Prayer (sung) (debts and debtors)	831
Words of Institution	
Distribution of Elements	
During Bread:	
Hymn: <i>Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel</i>	(vs. 1-3) 122
During Wine:	
Hymn: <i>Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel</i>	(vs. 4-7) 122
Prayer after Communion	

Returning To Service

* Hymn: <i>Come, thou long-expected Jesus</i>	110
* Commission and Benediction	
Choral Amen	
Postlude: <i>Wake, awake, for night is flying</i>	J. S. Bach



In Worship This Week

Minister:	Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton
Music Director/Organist:	Frances McBurnie
Scripture Reader:	Karen Forbes
Advent Candle:	Hannah Aitken, Tanner Burns, Melissa Lewis, Matt MacNally
Sound System:	David Hooley
Videographer:	Sauna Sullivan Curley