

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.	Sunday Service & Children's Worship
Greeters:		David Hooley & Glenda Montigny
Wednesday	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service & Children's Worship
Greeters:		David Harrison & Rodney Dekker

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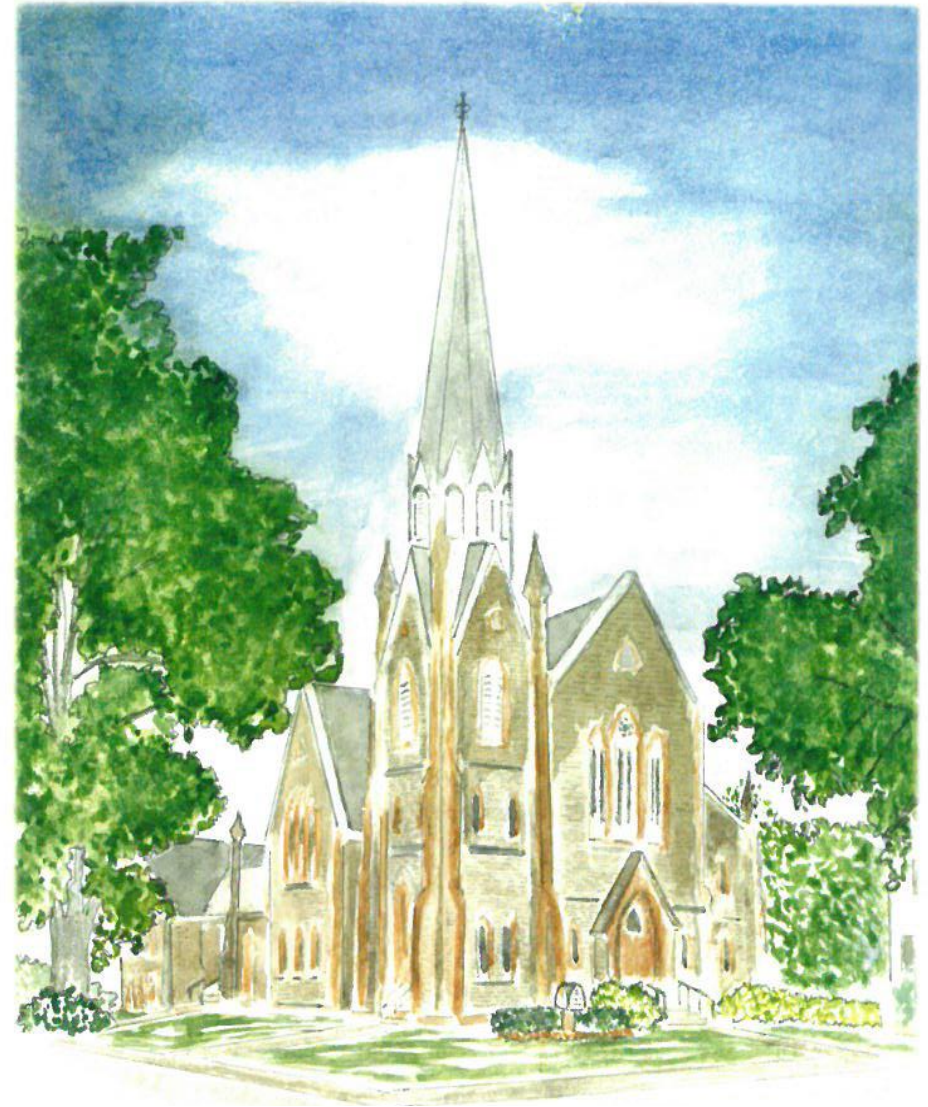
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Order of Service

Sunday, May 21st, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

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

Approach to Worship

- Prelude: Chorale preludes on "To thee, O Lord, thanks we give" and
"Oh help me Lord to praise thee", BWV 623, 624 J. S. Bach
- Call to Worship
- Welcome and Announcements
- Prayer of Adoration
- * Hymn: *Rejoice, the Lord is King* 267
- Introit: *O God, the King of glory* E. Daley
- * Hymn of Praise: *Many and great, O God, are your works* (V. 1) 301
- Children's Time
(The children are to follow the banner to the Children's Worship Service)
- Hymn of Praise: *Many and great, O God, are your works* (V. 1) 301
- Rite of Reconciliation
- Invitation
- Unison Prayer of Confession:
Lord Jesus Christ,
you call us to carry the Good News of God's love and forgiveness
to the ends of the earth.
Yet we often cannot find the words to tell others of our faith and hope.
We fall silent when we could speak up.
We try to act out your love,
but we confess we usually act in our own best interests.
Forgive us when we fail to follow you. Amen
- Assurance of Pardon
- Sung Response 260
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

The Word Proclaimed

- Prayer for Illumination: (Unison)
- Holy God, open our ears, our minds, and our hearts. Help us to hear your word for us today.**
- New Testament Reading: Acts 1:1-11 P. 118 NT
- Responsive Psalm: Psalm 93 (Burgundy Book) R. 1
- New Testament Reading: Luke 24:44-53 Pg. 91 NT
(L: The Word of the Lord: **All: Thanks be to God.**)
- * Hymn: *Oh for a world where everyone* 730
- Sermon: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

- Anthem: *Blest are the pure in heart* R. S. Eaton
- Offering announcement
- Offertory: *O my soul, be glad and joyful* arr. M. Reger
- * Doxology 830
- Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
- Offertory Prayer
- Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
The Lord's Prayer (*debt and debtors*)

Returning To Service

- * Hymn: *Crown him with many crowns* 274
- * Commission and Benediction
- Choral Amen
- Postlude: *Choral Song* S. S. Wesley

In Worship This Week

- Minister: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton
- Music Director/Organist: Frances McBurnie
- Scripture Reader: Constance Robinson
- Sound System: David Hooley
- Videographer: Barbara McPherson