

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
Greeters:		Paulette Hooley & Rodney Dekker
Wednesday:	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service & Children's Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Welcome Back BBQ
Greeters:		David Hooley & David Harrison

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Order of Service

Sunday, September 17th, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

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

Approach to Worship

Prelude: <i>Prelude, Fugue and Variation</i>	C. Franck
Call to Worship	
Welcome and Announcements	
Prayer of Adoration	
* Hymn: <i>God is love: come heaven, adoring</i>	314
Introit: <i>Blessed are the pure in heart</i>	H. Walford Davies
* Hymn: <i>Follow me, the Master said</i>	645
Rite of Reconciliation	
Invitation	
Unison Prayer of Confession:	
O God,	
our lives do not always reflect your transforming power.	
You are gracious, but we cling to judgment.	
You are kind, but we can be cruel.	
You are forgiving, but we nurse grudges and old wounds.	
Forgive us, O God.	
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,	
and make us new through Christ, your Son and our Saviour.	
Amen	
Assurance of Pardon	
Sung Response	303
Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!	
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.	

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.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21	Pg. 48 OT
Responsive Psalm: Psalm 103:1-13	(Burgundy Book) R. 1
New Testament Reading: Matthew 18:21-35	Pg. 20 NT
<i>(L: The Word of the Lord: All: Thanks be to God.)</i>	

* Hymn: <i>When we are living</i>	630
Sermon:	Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

Anthem: <i>Rejoice in the Lord always</i>	anonymous 16 th century
Offering announcement	
Offertory: <i>Take my life and let it be</i>	arr. M. Setchell
* 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 (<i>debt and debtors</i>)	

Returning To Service

* Hymn: <i>Called as partners in Christ's service</i>	587
* Commission and Benediction	
Choral Amen	
Postlude: <i>Prelude in g minor BWV 535</i>	J S. Bach

In Worship This Week

Minister:	Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton
Music Director/Organist:	Frances McBurnie
Scripture Reader:	Simon Lloyd
Sound System:	Ian Scott
Videographer:	Shauna Sullivan Curley