

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.

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### At the Kirk this Week

Today:	10:30 a.m.	Advent 2 & Children's Worship
Greeters:		David Hooley & David Harrison
	11:45 a.m.	Junior Choir Practice
Wednesday:	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday:	3:00 p.m.	Kirk Christmas Cream Tea
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Christmas Nativity Story Pageant
	11:45 a.m.	Christmas Luncheon
Greeters:		Linda Evans & Glenda Montigny

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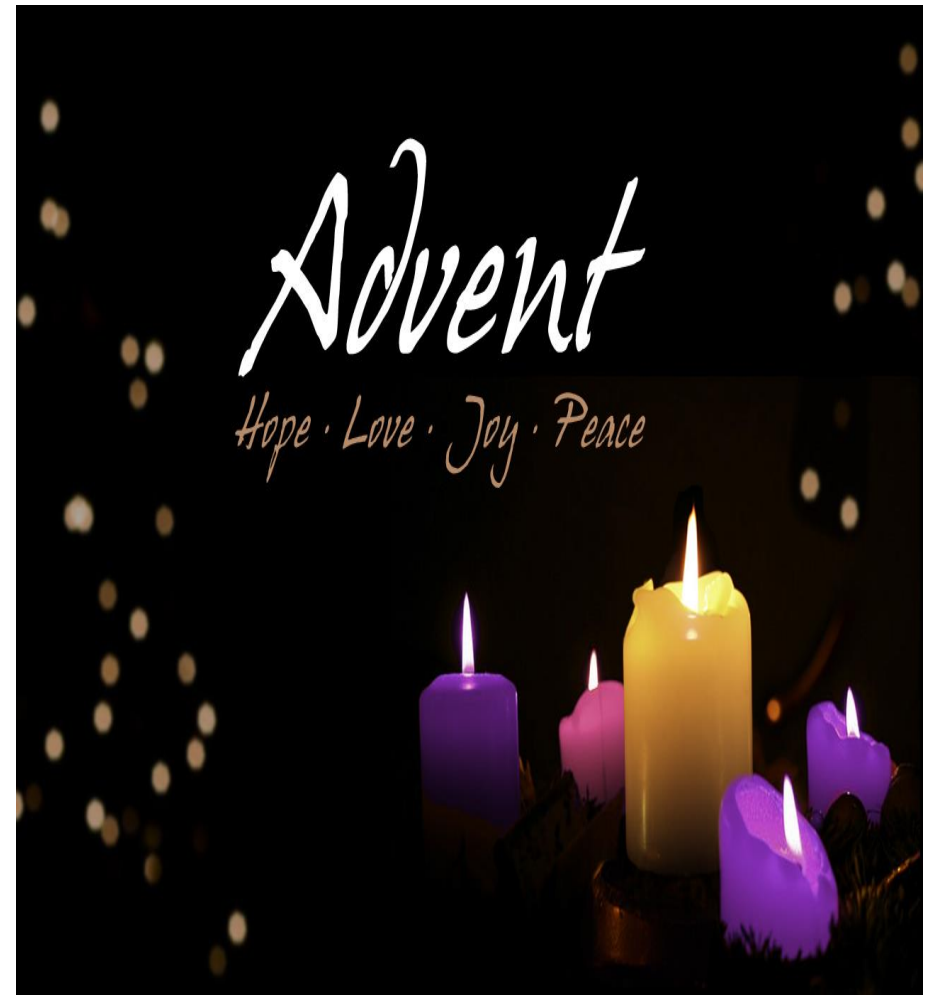
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## Advent 2 – Giving Sunday

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## Order of Service

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:30 a.m.**

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

### Approach to Worship

- Prelude: *What is this lovely fragrance* arr. A. L. Page  
*Meditation on "I wonder as I wander"* J. G. Barr
- Call to Worship
- \* Processional Hymn: *Hark the glad sound* 118
- Prayer of Adoration
- Welcome and Announcements
- Introit: *The truth from above* R. Vaughn Williams
- 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.***
- \* Hymn of Praise: *All earth is waiting* (Vs. 1-2) 109
- Children's Time  
(The children are to follow the banner to the Children's Worship Service)
- Hymn of Praise: *All earth is waiting* (Vs. 3-4) 109



### The Word Proclaimed

- Prayer for Illumination: (Unison)  
**God of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, as we read your Holy Word, remind us of how You came to us as our Emmanuel – God with us, Amen.**
- Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 Pg. 667 OT
- Responsive Psalm: Psalm 85:1-13 (Burgundy Book) R. 2
- New Testament Reading: Mark 1:1-8 Pg. 34 NT
- (L: *The Word of the Lord: All: Thanks be to God.*)

- \* Hymn: *Comfort, comfort you my people* 113
- Sermon: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

### Response and Thanksgiving

- Anthem: *Light the Advent Candle* E. Daley
- Offering announcement
- Offertory: *On Jordan's bank* arr. M. Archer
- \* 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

- \* Recessional Hymn: *There's a voice in the wilderness crying* 128
- \* Commission and Benediction
- Choral Amen
- Postlude: *Noël* L. Daquin

### In Worship This Week

- Minister: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton
- Music Director/Organist: Frances McBurnie
- Scripture Reader: Tim Rose
- Advent Candle: Robert, Eleanor & Merrick Crossley
- Sound System: Ian Scott
- Videographer: Shauna Sullivan Curley