

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: Valerie Toms & Rodney Dekker
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Lent 1 with Communion & Children's Worship
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Transfiguration Sunday

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Order of Service

Sunday, February 11th, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

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

Approach to Worship

Prelude: Andantino

C. Franck

Responsive Call to Worship

We come as worshippers

Ready to worship Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit!

We come as listeners

Ready to hear the voice of the Spirit moving in this community!

We come as participants

Ready to tend to the new life that is springing up!

We come as children of God

Beloved, embraced and free!

* Processional Hymn: *We have come at Christ's own bidding* 187

Prayer of Adoration

Welcome and Announcements

Junior Choir: *I see the love of God in every river*

D. Ouchterlony

* Hymn of Praise: *When Israel was in Egypt's land* (Vs. 1-3) 708

Children's Time

(The children are to follow the banner to the Children's Worship Service)

Hymn of Praise: *When Israel was in Egypt's land* (Vs. 4-5) 708

Rite of Reconciliation; Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Generous God, you have invited us to love as you have loved.

As much as we try to imitate you, we fall short.

**The earth suffers because we have not treated it gently
or with compassion.**

Our neighbours are hungry and lonely,

and we cannot summon the courage or the energy to help.

Despite our awe of you, we pretend that we have all the answers.

Your peace eludes us,

because human beings seem to prefer violence and war.

Your whole earth groans in labour,

waiting for you to do something new.

**Raise up newness within us – within ourselves and within our community,
so that we might find fresh life, and a renewed Spirit.**

In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response

(Vs. 3) 141

Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice

Now you need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save,

Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save.

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (Unison)

**As we listen to the familiar story of your coming among us as a
child, open our minds and hearts so that we may hear the wondrous
events with new understanding, with wisdom, and with joy. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Pg. 332 OT

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 50:1-6

(Burgundy Book) R. 1

New Testament Reading: Mark 9:2-9

Pg. 44 NT

(L: *The Word of the Lord: All: Thanks be to God.*)

* Hymn: *Lord, speak to me*

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Sermon:

Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

Anthem: *Fill us, Lord*

E. Daley

Offering announcement

Offertory: *Little fugue in G*

J. S. Bach

* Doxology: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

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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: *Swiftly pass the clouds of glory*

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* Commission, Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude: *Now let all loudly*

M. A. Löwenstern, arr. H. Willan

In Worship This Week

Minister:

Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Music Director/Organist:

Frances McBurnie

Children's Time:

Helena Human

Scripture Reader:

David Stewart

Sound System:

Ian Scott

Videographer:

Simon Lloyd