

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.	Lent 1 with Communion
Greeters:		Rebecca Wellner & David Harrison
Tuesday:	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday:	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Study
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Lent 2 & Children's Worship
Greeters:		Daphne Dumont & Glenda Montigny

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First Sunday of Lent and Communion

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Order of Service

Sunday, February 18th, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

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

Approach to Worship

Prelude: <i>Sonata V, II: Largo</i>	J. S. Bach
Call to Worship	
* Processional Hymn: <i>Come, ye disconsolate</i>	195
Prayer of Adoration	
Welcome and Announcements	
Introit: <i>Behold, the Lamb of God</i>	E. Daley

Our Lenten Journey

Lenten Litany	(See Insert)
Sung Response	(v. 1) 196

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights
we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
we live in hope till Easter day.**

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (Unison)	
God, as we walk this Lenten journey, through both the quiet and the chaos, help us to hear your word in new and life giving ways. Amen.	
New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22	Pg. 234 NT
Responsive Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10	(Burgundy Book) R. 1
New Testament Reading: Mark 1:9-15	Pg. 34 NT
<i>(L: The Word of the Lord: All: Thanks be to God.)</i>	
Sermon:	Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

Anthem: <i>Draw us in the Spirit's tether</i>	H. W. Friedell
Offering announcement	
Offertory: <i>Suo gan</i>	trad. Welsh, arr. G. Near

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>I heard the voice of Jesus say</i>	671
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	
Communion Hymn	
During Bread: <i>You satisfy the hungry heart</i>	(vs. 1-2) 538
During Wine: <i>You satisfy the hungry heart</i>	(vs. 3-5) 538
Prayer after Communion	

Returning To Service

* Recessional Hymn: <i>Jesus, the very thought of thee</i>	367
* Commission, Benediction and Choral Amen	
Postlude: <i>Fugue in G major</i>	F. Mendelssohn

In Worship This Week

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

