

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 5 with Elder Ordination & Children's Worship
Greeters:		Rodney Dekker & Rebecca Wellner
Wednesday:	1:30 p.m.	Funeral for Lorne Moase
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday:	6:30 p.m.	Grief Study
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday & Children's Worship
Greeters:		Daphne Dumont & Linda Evans

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Order of Service

Sunday, March 17th, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

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

Approach to Worship

Prelude: *Andante, from Sonata IV* J. S. Bach

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: We come as worshippers.

All: Ready to worship Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit!

Leader: We come as listeners

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

Leader: We come as participants

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

Leader: We come as children of God

All: Beloved, embraced and free!

* Processional Hymn: *Out of my bondage, sorrow and night* 193

Prayer of Adoration

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *Lent* H. Willan

Elder Ordination

Nelson Hagerman, Josephine Rose, Katherine Burnett, Jocelyne Lloyd

Service of Ordination of New Elders (See Insert)

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

* Hymn: *You are called to tell the story* 583

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.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 1:15-21 Pg. 49 OT

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12 (Burgundy Book) R. 1

New Testament Readings: Romans 8:18-27 Pg. 158 NT

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

* Hymn: *If I have been the source of pain* 199

Sermon: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

Anthem: *Come, all who thirst* L. Cherubini, arr. H. Hopson

Offering announcement

Offertory: *Trio #1* J. Rheinberger

* 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: *We lay our broken world* 202

* Commission and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Prelude on "Wondrous Love"* G. Young

In Worship This Week

Minister: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Music Director/Organist: Frances McBurnie

Scripture Reader: Jocelyne Lloyd

Sound System: David Toms

Videographer: Shauna Sullivan Curley