


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:		Tim & Josephine Rose
Wednesday:	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service & Children's Worship
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Order of Service

Sunday, April 28th, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Approach to Worship

Prelude: Sonata #1 in E flat, I: Allegro moderato J. S. Bach

Responsive Call to Worship

*Like spring breaking through winter's power,
God's resurrecting power breaks into our lives in surprising ways.
Like the vine that supports blossoms and fruit,
God's Word upholds the church in strength.
Let us worship God who makes all things new.
We will praise God who brings growth and renewal to all life.*

* Processional Hymn: *God bless your church with strength* 491

Prayer of Adoration

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *I am the way, the truth, the life* E. Daley

* Hymn of Praise: *Teach me, God, to wonder* (Vs. 1-2) 704

Children's Time

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

Hymn of Praise: *Teach me, God, to wonder* (Vs. 3-4) 704

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**God of Love,
we fail to love one another fully.
Forgive us for ignoring to love and worship you,
for ignoring the needs of others,
and not following your ways.
Forgive us for seeking praise from others,
yet failing to encourage them in their endeavours.
Forgive who we have been, O God,
and root our lives more deeply in your love. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response 260

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (Unison)

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and courage to follow on the path you set before us this Easter season. Amen.

New Testament Reading: Acts 8:26-40 P. 127 NT

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 22:25-31 (Burgundy Book) R. 1

New Testament Reading: John 15:1-8 P. 109 NT

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

* Hymn: *We will tell each generation* 46

Sermon: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

Anthem: *My God is a Rock* trad. A. Parker and R. Shaw

Offering announcement

Offertory: *Misty* E. Garner

* 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: *With the Lord as my guide* 574

* Commission and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba* G. F. Handel

In Worship This Week

Minister: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Music Director/Organist: Frances McBurnie

Scripture reader: Tim Rose

Sound System: David Ashby

Videographer: Simon Lloyd