


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.	Christmas Nativity Story Pageant
Greeters:		Valerie Toms & Rodney Dekker
	11:45 a.m.	Christmas Luncheon
	2:00 p.m.	Forte Concert
	4:30 p.m.	Kirk Youth Group Party
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.	Advent Taizé Service
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Advent 4 & Children's Worship
Greeters:		Daphne Dumont & Glenda Montigny

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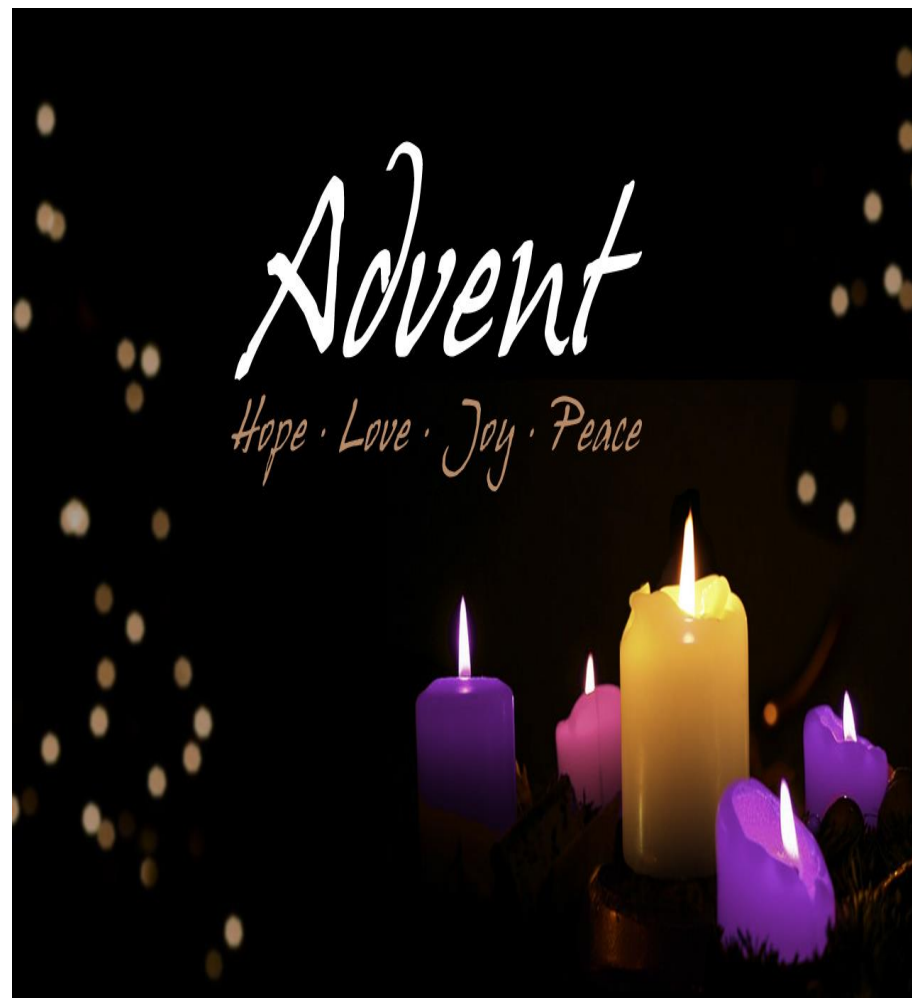
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## Advent 3 – Christmas Pageant

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## Order of Service

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

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

### Approach to Worship

Prelude: <i>I wonder as I wander</i>	arr. J. G. Barr
Call to Worship	
Welcome and Announcements	
* Hymn: <i>Long ago, prophets knew</i>	121
Advent Liturgy and Prayer	(See Insert)
Lighting of the Advent Candle	
Advent Hymn: <i>Joy is a song</i>	(v. 3) 119

**Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,  
telling the world that the Saviour is born.  
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.**



### The Christmas Nativity Story

<b>Mary's Story</b>	Nicole Harrison
Hymn: <i>To a maid whose name was Mary</i>	130
<b>Joseph's Story</b>	Charlotte Oatway
Choir: <i>Hope for everyone</i>	M. Maher
<b>Joseph and Mary in Bethlehem</b>	Nicole Harrison
Hymn: <i>Away in a manger</i>	149
<b>The Birth of Jesus</b>	Charlotte Oatway
Hymn: <i>Infant lowly, Infant holy</i>	143
Offering announcement	
Offertory: <i>Prelude on "God rest you merry"</i>	R. Bonington
Offertory Prayer	

**The Shepherd's Story** Nicole Harrison  
Hymn: *O come, all ye faithful* 159

**The Magi's Story** Charlotte Oatway  
Hymn: *We three kings* (Vs. 1 & 5) 173

**We Gather at the Manger** Nicole Harrison  
Children's Choir: *On the night that Jesus was born* D. Ouchterlony  
Closing Prayer & Benediction  
Postlude: *I saw three ships* arr. A. L. Page

### In Worship This Week

Minister:	Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton
Music Director/Organist:	Frances McBurnie
Advent Candle:	The Oatway Family
Sound System:	Ian Scott
Videographer:	Barbara McPherson
Narrators:	Nicole Harrison, Charlotte Oatway
Mary:	Gretta Penny
Joseph:	Felix Penny
Angels:	Sophie Gallant, Tara Gorzin, Ella Hendricken, Juliette Oatway
Shepherds:	Grayson Bolton, Hudson & Leo MacWilliams
Lambs:	Theo Bolton, Merrick Crossley, Niko Gallant
Magi:	Shahriar Gorzin, Kate Hendricken, Jamie Moss

