


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

Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Advent 4 & Children's Worship
Greeters:		Daphne Dumont & Glenda Montigny
	3:00 p.m.	A Festive Christmas Concert
Tuesday:	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
Greeters:		David Harrison & Rebecca Wellner
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service & Children's Worship
Greeters:		David & Paulette Hooley

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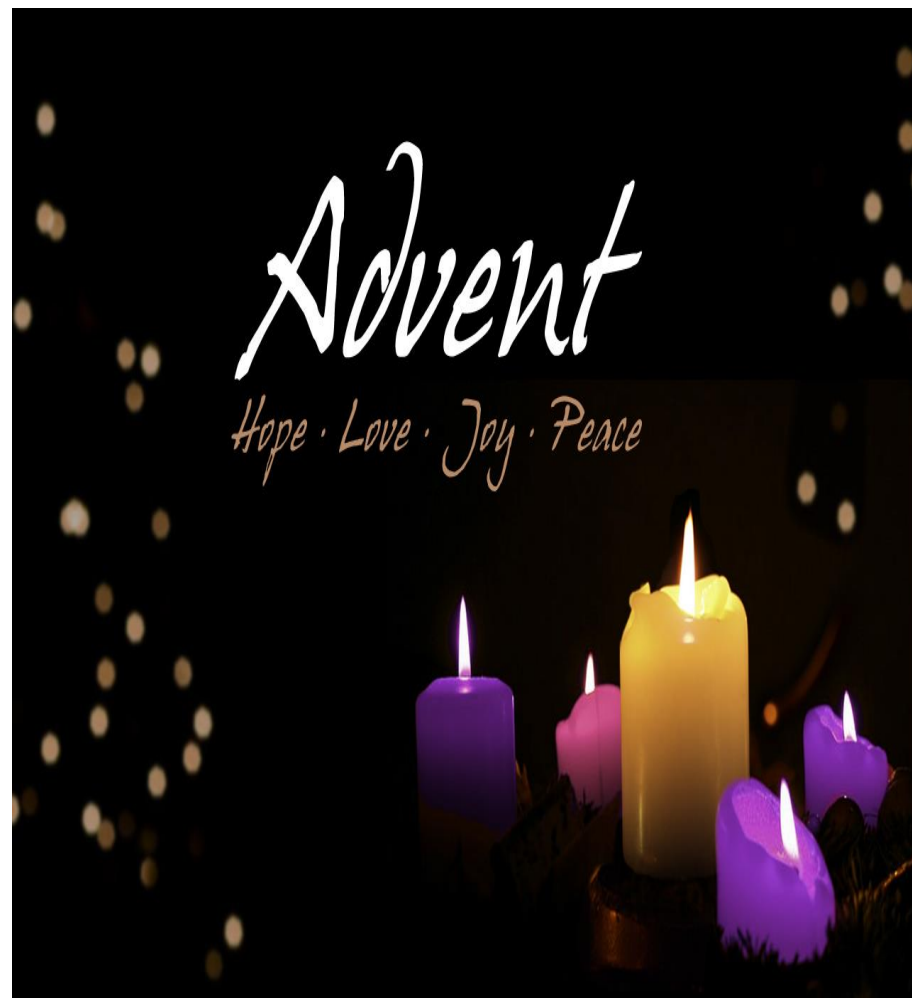
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Advent 4

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Order of Service

Sunday, December 22nd, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

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

Approach to Worship

Prelude: *Partita on "The angel Gabriel from Heaven came"*

K. Sadawski

Call to Worship

* Processional Hymn: *Hark! the herald angels sing* 139

Prayer of Adoration

Welcome and Announcements

Solo: *O thou that tellest good tidings*

G. F. Handel

Advent Liturgy and Prayer

(See Insert)

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent Hymn: *Hope is a star*

(v. 4) 119

Love is a flame that burns in our heart.

Jesus has come and will never depart.

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.



* Hymn of Praise: *Still, still, still* (Vs. 1) 152

Children's Time

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

Hymn of Praise: *Still, still, still* (Vs. 2) 152

Choir: *Rejoice and sing this Christmas morn* E. Daley

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (Unison)

God of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, as we read your Holy Word, remind us of how You came to us as our Emmanuel – God with us, Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:2-5 P. 865 OT

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7 R. 1

New Testament Reading: Luke 1:39-55 P. 57 NT

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

* Hymn: *I wonder as I wander* 142

Sermon: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

Anthem: *All bells in paradise* J. Rutter

Offering announcement

Offertory Hymn: *In the bleak mid-winter* 145

* 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: *While Shepherds watched* 138

* Commission and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *And the glory of the Lord* G. F. Handel

In Worship This Week

Minister: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Music Director/Organist: Frances McBurnie

Soloist: Melissa Lewis

Advent Candle: David and Nicole Harrison

Sound System: Jason Oatway

Videographer: Shauna Sullivan Curley