

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:		Rodney Dekker & Linda Evans
Wednesday:	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday:	9 a.m.	Christmas Un-Decorating
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service & Children's Worship
Greeters:		Valerie Toms & Glenda Montigny

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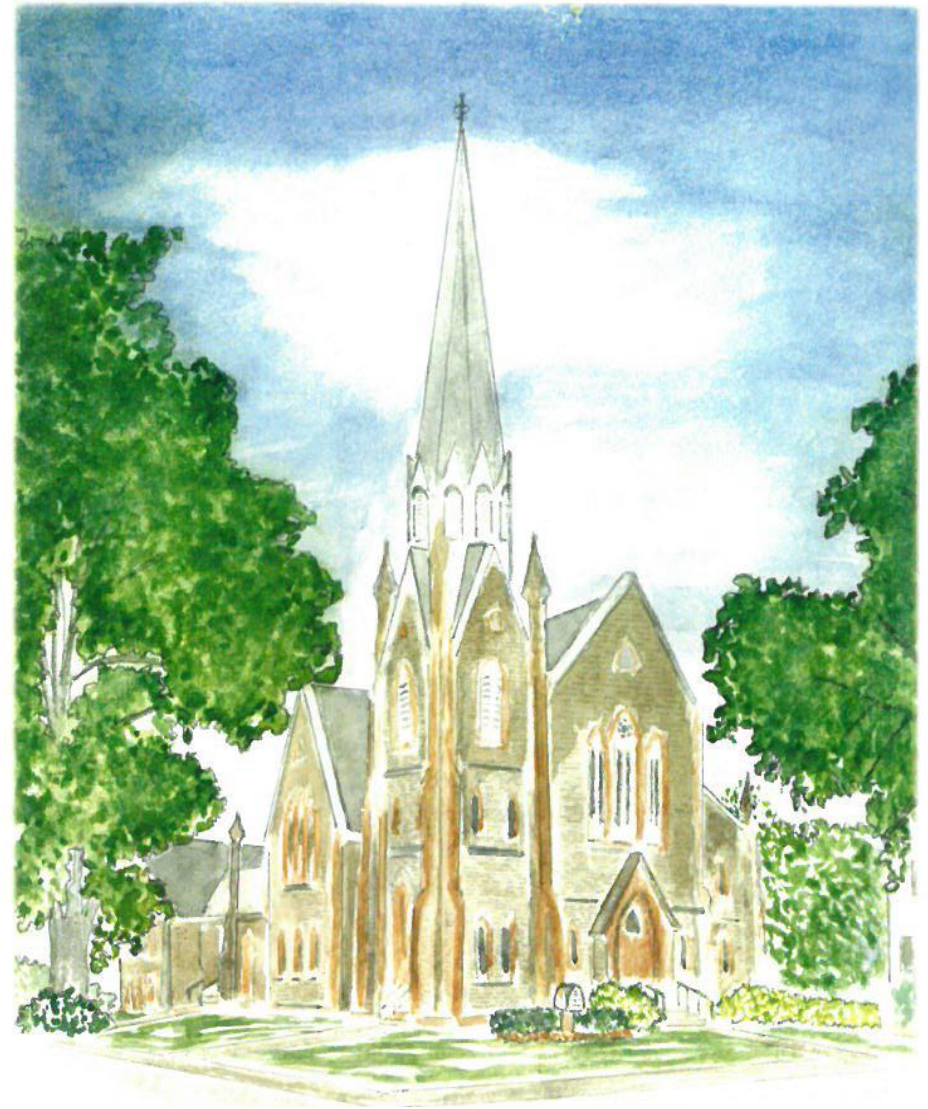
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Order of Service

Sunday, January 5th, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Approach to Worship

Prelude: <i>We three kings</i>	arr. P. Manz
Call to Worship	
* Processional Hymn: <i>The people that in darkness</i>	171
Prayer of Adoration	
Welcome and Announcements	
Introit: <i>Lo, a light shines down</i>	E. Daley
* Hymn of Praise: <i>We three kings</i>	(Vs. 1-3) 173
Children's Time	
(The children are to follow the banner to the Children's Worship Service)	
Hymn of Praise: <i>We three kings</i>	(Vs. 4-5) 173
Rite of Reconciliation	
Invitation	
Prayer of Confession	
God of majesty and mercy, we confess to you our wrong-doing: things we have done knowingly and things we have left undone; hurts we inflicted unintentionally and hurts we have tried to disguise. selfish things we have done just to please others, and those just to please ourselves. Forgive us. In the year ahead, help us choose a better way. Amen	
Assurance of Pardon	
Sung Response	303
Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.	

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (Unison)
As we listen to the familiar story of your coming among us as a child, open our minds and hearts so that we may hear the wondrous events with new understanding, with wisdom, and with joy. Amen.

Old Testament Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6	P. 690 OT
Responsive Psalm: Psalm 72:1-14	R. 1
New Testament Reading: Matthew 2:1-12	P. 2 NT
(L: <i>The Word of the Lord: All: Thanks be to God.</i>)	
* Hymn: <i>What star is this</i>	170
Sermon:	Rev. Mark Buell

Response and Thanksgiving

Anthem: <i>There shall a star from Jacob</i>	F. Mendelssohn
Offering announcement	
Offertory: <i>As with gladness men of old</i>	arr. M. Burkhardt
* Doxology: 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.	830
Offertory Prayer	
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession	
The Lord's Prayer (<i>debt and debtors</i>)	

Returning To Service

* Recessional Hymn: <i>Brightest and best of the stars of the morning</i>	175
* Commission and Benediction	
Choral Amen	
Postlude: <i>O morning star, how bright and fair</i>	arr. P. Manz

In Worship This Week

Guest Minister:	Rev. Mark Buell
Music Director/Organist:	Frances McBurnie
Scripture Reader:	Simon Lloyd
Sound System:	Jason Oatway
Videographer:	Barbara McPherson