


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:		Valerie Toms, Glenda Montigny
	11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Practice
Tuesday:	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday:	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday:	7:00 p.m.	Management Committee Meeting
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service & Children's Worship
Greeters:		Daphne Dumont, Linda Evans

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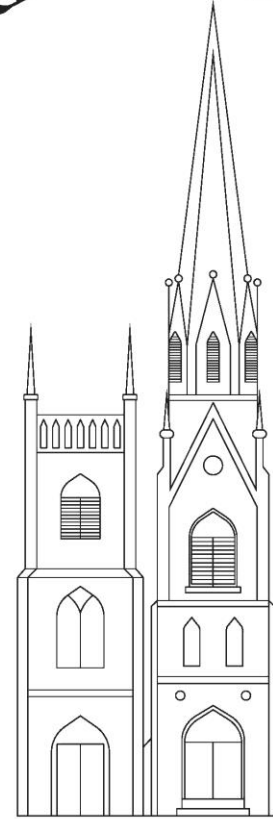
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Order of Service

Sunday, January 12th, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Approach to Worship

Prelude: *Pastorale*

E. H. Thiman

Responsive Call to Worship

One: Beloved, God chooses us and calls us by name.

All: We belong to God. Alleluia!

One: Our lives have purpose because we belong to God.

All: We are called to be like Christ and follow him.

One: We will find joy, peace, and restoration through God's amazing grace.

All: Let us worship God who claims us and loves us! Praise be to God!

* Processional Hymn: *Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness* 174

Prayer of Adoration

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *Bless the Lord, my soul*

J. Berthier

* Hymn of Praise: *Amigos de Cristo*

(Vs. 1) 476

Children's Time

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

Hymn of Praise: *Amigos de Cristo*

(Vs. 2) 476

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,

but we confess that we prefer our old, familiar ways.

We cling to destructive habits, we harbor grudges,

and we are reluctant to welcome a stranger or forgive one another.

Nostalgia for the past prevents us from exploring new possibilities.

In your loving kindness, forgive us.

Have mercy upon us and move among us

so that we might pursue new life in Christ together.

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response

(Vs. 3) 141

Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice

Now you need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save,

Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save.

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 43:1-7

P. 672 OT

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 29

R. 1

New Testament Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P. 60 NT

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

* Hymn: *Christ, when for us you were baptized*

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Sermon:

Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

Anthem: *Prayers*

R. Lau

Offering announcement

Offertory: *Salzburg*

arr. R. Bonington

* Doxology: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

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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: *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

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* Commission and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

J. Pachelbel

In Worship This Week

Minister:

Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Music Director/Organist:

Frances McBurnie

Scripture Reader:

Jocelyne Lloyd

Sound System:

David Toms

Videographer:

Simon Lloyd