


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:		Daphne Dumont, Linda Evans
	11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Practice
Wednesday:	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service & Children's Worship
Greeters:		Tim & Josephine Rose

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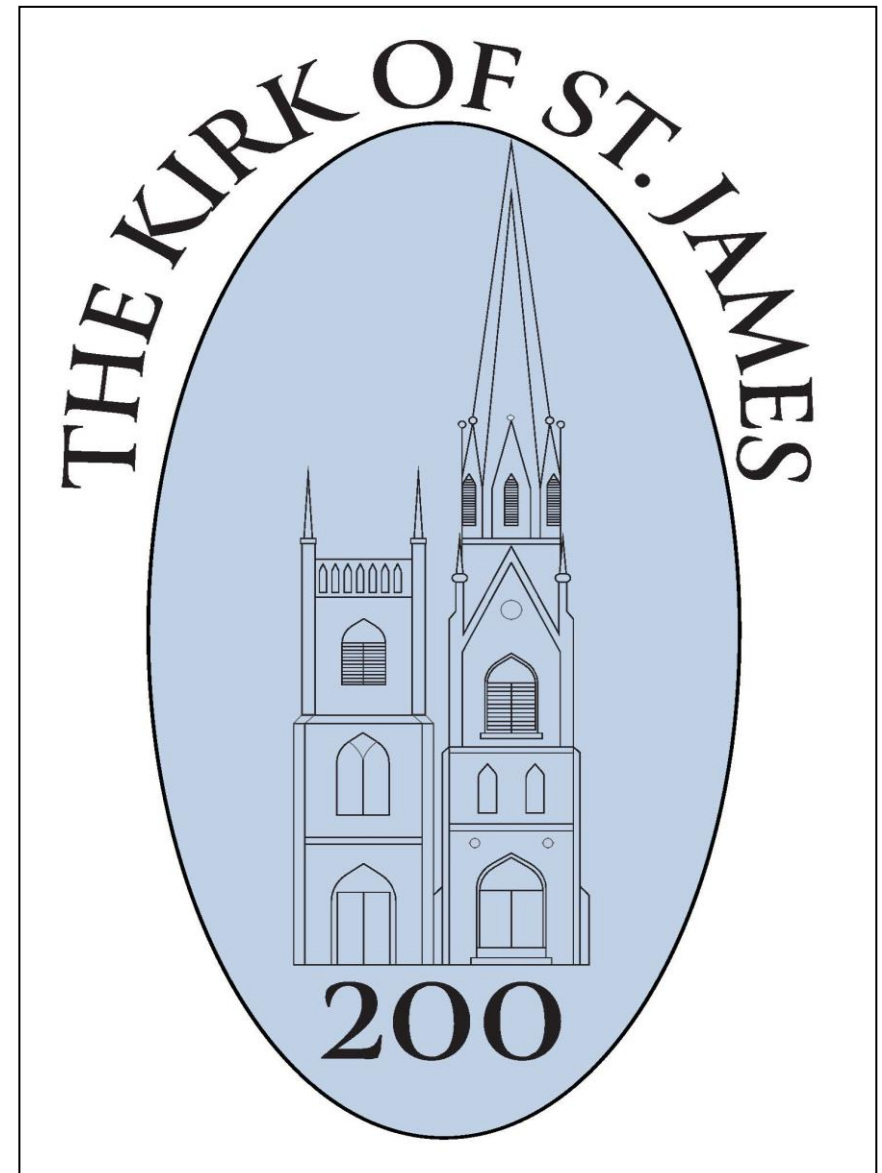
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Order of Service

Sunday, January 19th, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Approach to Worship

- Prelude: *Andantino soavement e dolce* C. MacPherson
Andantino H. Darke
Call to Worship
* Processional Hymn: *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* 290
Prayer of Adoration
Welcome and Announcements
Introit: *Come and fill our hearts with your peace*
* Hymn of Praise: *Can a little child like me* (Vs. 1-2) 441
Children's Time
(The children are to follow the banner to the Children's Worship Service)
Hymn of Praise: *Can a little child like me* (Vs. 3) 441
Rite of Reconciliation
Invitation
Prayer of Confession
**God of all life and our lives,
we gather in worship week by week,
seeking your refreshing presence.
But we confess sometimes we are discouraged
by things happening around us.
We don't expect your presence to make a difference for us.
Forgive us when we give up on you
and end up feeling unfulfilled.
By your grace, refresh us when we are weary or worried,
and renew our trust in you. Amen.**
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 62:1-5 P. 692 OT

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 36:5-10 R. 1

New Testament Reading: John 2:1-11 P. 93 NT

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

* Hymn: *As water to the thirsty* 688

Sermon: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

Anthem: *Come to the water* J. B. Foley

Offering announcement

Offertory: *Adagio* A. Corelli

* Doxology: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;** 830

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: *Lord, dismiss us with your blessing* 468

* Commission and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Postlude in D* H. Willan

In Worship This Week

Minister: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Music Director/Organist: Frances McBurnie

Scripture Reader: Chad Bolton

Sound System: Ian Scott

Videographer: Shauna Sullivan Curley