


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 & Valerie Toms
	11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Practice
Tuesday:	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday:	12:00 p.m.	Study Group
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service & Children's Worship
Greeters:		David Harrison & Linda Evans

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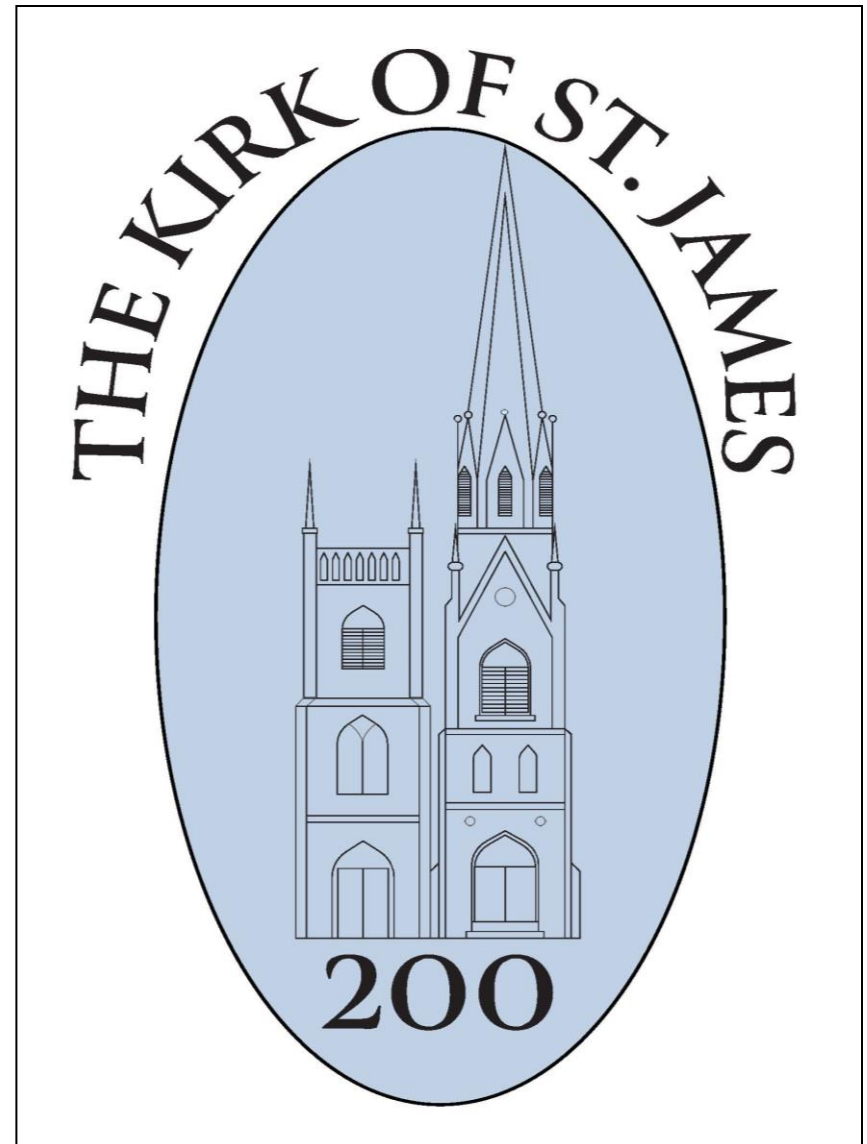
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Order of Service

Sunday, May 4th, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Approach to Worship

Prelude: <i>Fountain Reverie</i>	P. E. Fletcher
Call to Worship	
* Processional Hymn: <i>Christ is alive</i>	251
Prayer of Adoration	
Welcome and Announcements	
Introit: <i>The Lord is my light and my salvation</i>	E. Daley
* Hymn of Praise: <i>He is Lord</i>	252
Children's Time	
(The children are to follow the banner to the Children's Worship Service)	
Hymn of Praise: <i>He is Lord</i>	252
Rite of Reconciliation	
Invitation	
Prayer of Confession	
God of Love, we fail to love one another fully. Forgive us for ignoring to love and worship you, for ignoring the needs of others, and not following your ways. Forgive us for seeking praise from others, yet failing to encourage them in their endeavours. Forgive who we have been, O God, and root our lives more deeply in your love. Amen.	
Assurance of Pardon	
Sung Response	260
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord; Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.	

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (Unison)

**O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and
courage to follow on the path you set before us this Easter
season. Amen.**

New Testament Readings: Acts 9:1-20 P. 127 NT

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 30 R. 1

New Testament Reading: John 21:1-19 P. 115 NT

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

* Hymn: *You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd* 356

Sermon: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

Anthem: *With music I will praise thee* N. Sleeth

Offering announcement

Offertory: *Ye choirs of new Jerusalem* arr. M. Archer

* 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: *Come, know my joy, the Maker says* 788

* Commission and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Fugue in c minor* J. S. Bach

In Worship This Week

Minister:	Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton
Music Director/Organist:	Frances McBurnie
Scripture Reader:	Tim Rose
Sound System:	David Toms
Videographer:	Simon Lloyd