


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:	Georgie Macmichael & Rebecca Wellner	
	11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Practice
Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Management 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:	Rebecca Wellner & Linda Evans	

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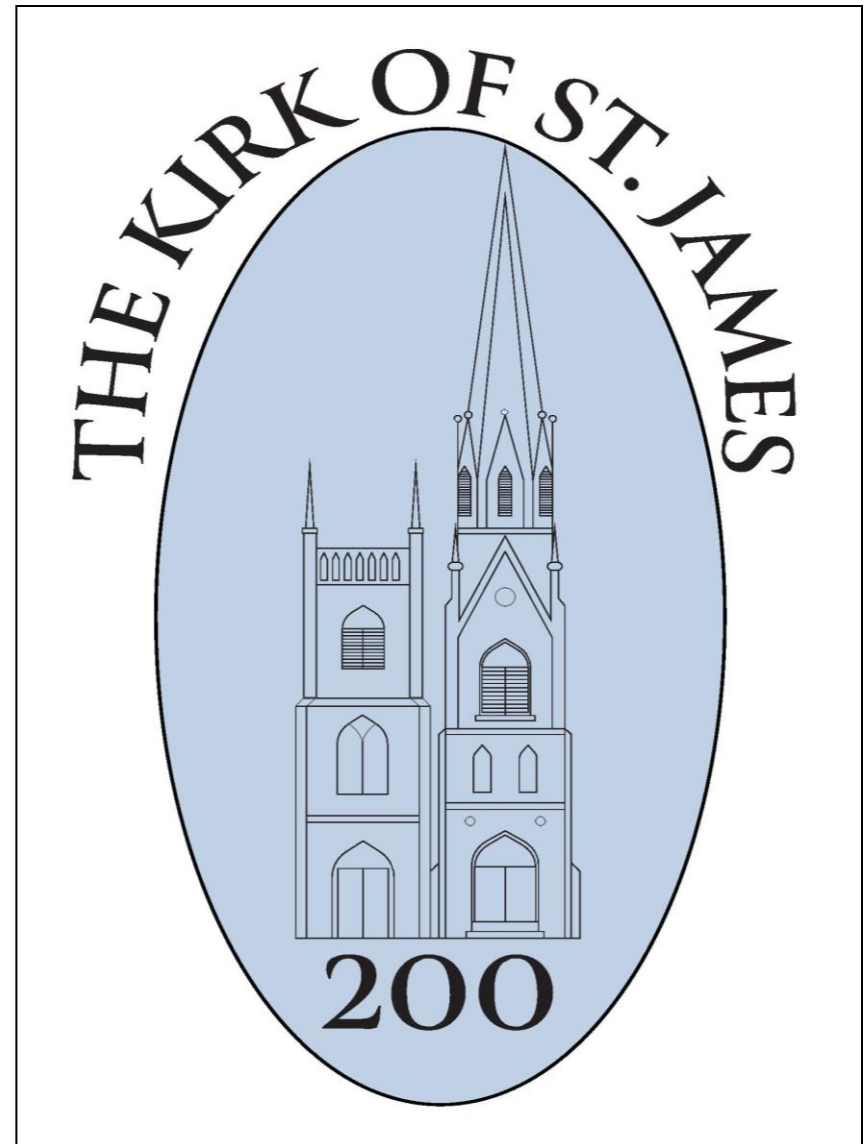
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## Order of Service

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

### Approach to Worship

- Prelude: *Andantino* D. Bédard
- Call to Worship
- \* Processional Hymn: *Now let the vault of heaven resound* 255
- Prayer of Adoration
- Welcome and Announcements
- Introit: *I am the way, the truth, the light* E. Daley
- \* Hymn of Praise: *Give me oil in my lamp* (Vs. 1-2) 655
- Children's Time  
(The children are to follow the banner to the Children's Worship Service)
- Hymn of Praise: *Give me oil in my lamp* (Vs. 3-4) 655
- Rite of Reconciliation
- Invitation
- Prayer of Confession
- Lord Jesus Christ,  
you call us to carry the Good News  
of God's love and forgiveness to the ends of the earth.  
Yet we often cannot find the words  
to tell others of our faith and hope.  
We fall silent when we could speak up.  
We try to act out your love,  
but we confess we usually act in our own best interests.  
Forgive us when we fail to follow you. 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 11:1-18 P. 130 NT

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 148 R. 1

New Testament Reading: John 13:31-35 P. 108 NT

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

- \* Hymn: *A new commandment (sing twice)* 225
- Sermon: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

### Response and Thanksgiving

Anthem: *Your Word, O Lord* D. McCulloch

Offering announcement

Offertory: *Be still and know* arr. A. Moore

- \* 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: *To show by touch and word* 763

- \* Commission and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Humoresque* P. Yon

### In Worship This Week

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