

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.



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### At the Kirk this Week

Today:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service
Greeters:		Rebecca Wellner & Linda Evans
Tuesday:		Office Closed
Thursday:	12:10 p.m.	Kirk Recital
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service
Greeters:		Rebecca Wellner & Rodney Dekker

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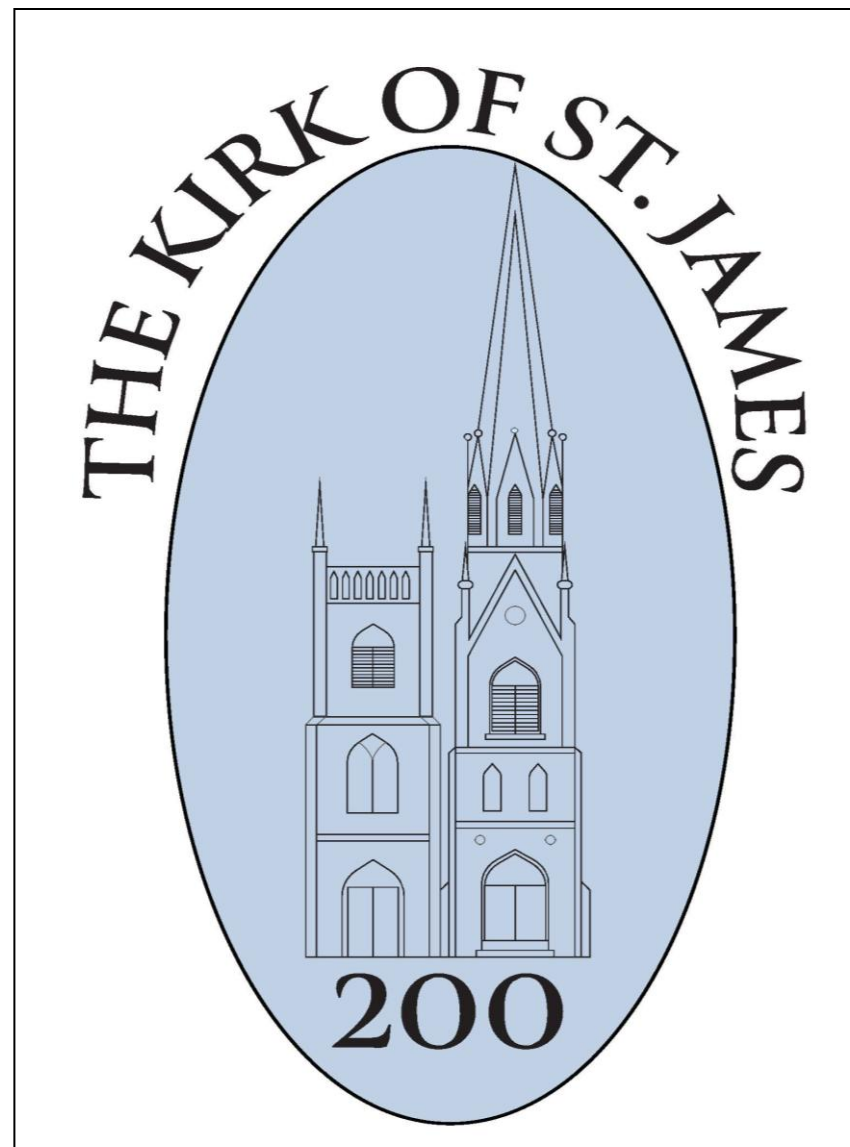
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## Order of Service

**Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 10:30 a.m.**

### Approach to Worship

Prelude: <i>Eine Kleine Nachtmusik</i> , I	W. A. Mozart
Call to Worship	
* Hymn: <i>We are one in the spirit</i>	761
Prayer of Adoration	
Welcome and Announcements	
Rite of Reconciliation	
Invitation	
Prayer of Confession	
<b><i>Great and merciful God, We confess we sometimes lose trust in you. When we feel desperate, we wonder where you are. In the face of tragedy or disaster, we ask how you could let such things happen. We forget to reach out to you. Forgive us, O God, when we give up on your love. Reassure us that your love in Christ Jesus will never let us go. Amen.</i></b>	
Assurance of Pardon	
Sung Response	303
<b><i>Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.</i></b>	

### The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (Unison)	
<b><i>Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.</i></b>	
Old Testament Readings: Isaiah 6:9-10	P. 636 OT
Responsive Psalm: Psalm 78:1-8	R. 1
New Testament Reading: Matthew 13:10-15, 31-35	P. 14 NT
<i>(L: The Word of the Lord: All: Thanks be to God.)</i>	

Hymn: <i>Spirit of the living God</i>	390
Sermon: <i>"The Boy Who Couldn't Tell Stories"</i>	Chad Bolton

### Response and Thanksgiving

Special Music: <i>Somewhere out there</i>	Horner, Mann, and Wood
Offering announcement	
Offertory: <i>Take my life</i>	M. Setchell
* Doxology: <b><i>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.</i></b>	830
Offertory Prayer	
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession	
The Lord's Prayer ( <i>debt and debtors</i> )	

### Returning To Service

* Hymn: <i>Great is thy faithfulness</i>	324
* Commission and Benediction	
Choral Amen	
* National Anthem: <i>O Canada</i>	800
Postlude: <i>Skye Boat Song, Ashokan Farewell</i>	trad.

### In Worship This Week

Guest Minister:	Chad Bolton
Music Director/Organist:	Frances McBurnie
Guest Musicians:	Evan Zhang, violin Miya Fanrong, violin Kev Chan, viola Wendy Evers-Forrester, cello
Scripture Reader:	Christy Ashby
Sound System:	David Toms
Videographer:	Simon Lloyd