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: Rodney Dekker & Rebecca Wellner

Wednesday: 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

Greeters:

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service & Children's Worship

David & Paulette Hooley

Sunday: 7:00 p.m. Kirk 200 Heritage Talk

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Order of Service

Sunday, October 26th, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

(*Those who are able are invited to stand. Responsive text is in bold.)

Approach to Worship

Prelude: Menuet and Prière, from the Gothic Suite L. Boëllmann Call to Worship

* Processional Hymn: A mighty fortress is our God 315

Prayer of Adoration

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: My inmost heart now raises

J. S. Bach

449

* Hymn of Praise: Lord, listen to your children praying

Children's Time

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

Hymn of Praise: Lord, listen to your children praying 449

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Holy, holy, holy God,

we want to be your people, the friends of Jesus.

But sometimes we wonder if we're good enough for you.

We make mistakes. We worry about getting our own way.

We forget to share your love, and treat other people badly.

We are sorry, God. Help us change our ways

so your love can shine through our lives. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response:

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! 303 My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (Unison)

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.

Old Testament Reading: Joel 2:23-32 P. 848 OT

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 65 R. 1

New Testament Reading: Luke 18:9-14 P. 81 NT

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

* Hymn: O Master, let me walk with thee 642

Sermon: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

Anthem: Come follow me E. and S. Kupferschmid

Offering announcement

Offertory: Pastorale C. Wesley

830

* Doxology: 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.

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

Returning To Service

* Recessional Hymn: Who would true valor see 633

* Commission and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Toccata, from Gothic Suite L. Boëllmann

In Worship This Week

Minister: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

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Scripture Reader: Constance Robinson

Sound System: Jason Oatway

Videographer: Shauna Sullivan Curley