

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 & Katherine Burnett
	11:45 a.m.	Junior Choir Practice
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Funeral for Rev. Dr. John Cameron
Wednesday:	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday:	12:00 p.m.	Advent Book Study
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Advent 1 with Communion & Children's Worship
Greeters:		Linda Evans & Rodney Dekker

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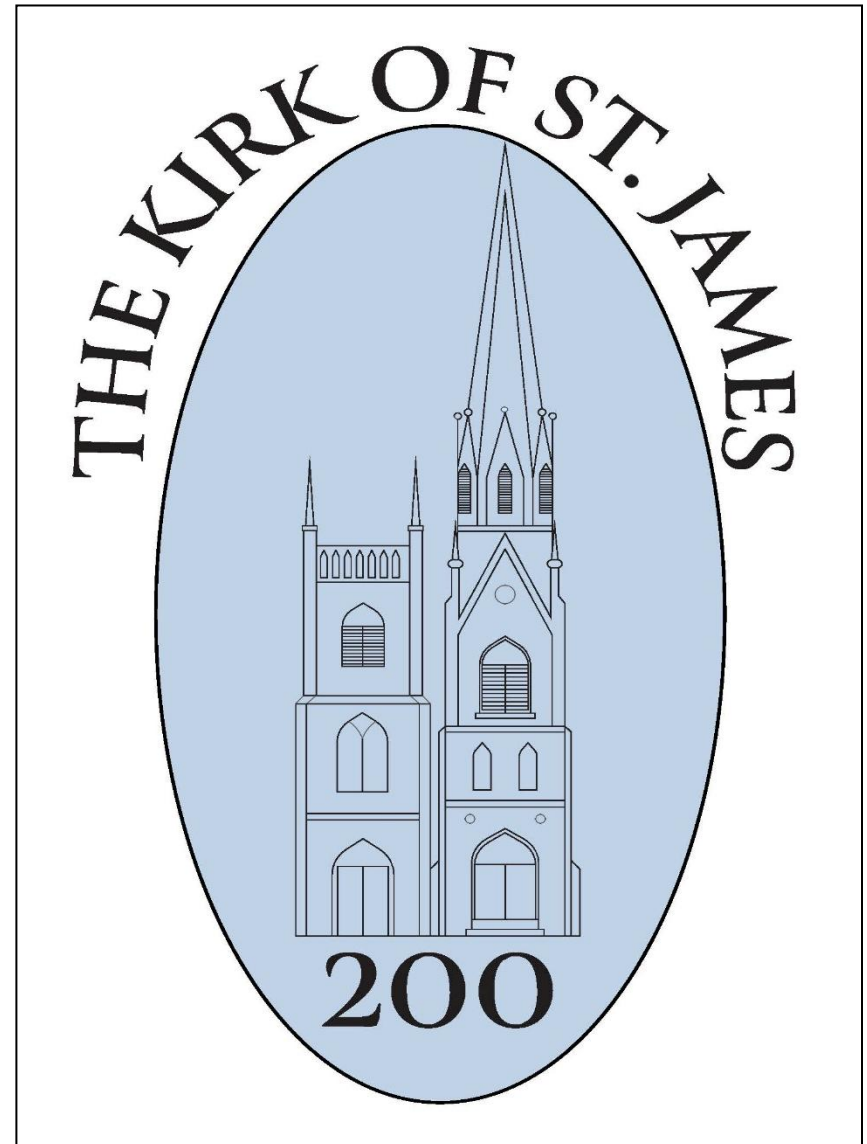
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Order of Service

Sunday, November 23rd, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

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

Approach to Worship

Prelude: Chorale preludes	G. A. Homilius and D. Buxtehude
Call to Worship	
* Processional Hymn: <i>O Lord, thou art my God and King</i>	103
Prayer of Adoration	
Welcome and Announcements	
Introit: <i>God be in my head</i>	J. Rutter
* Hymn of Praise: <i>King of Kings</i>	266
Children's Time	
(The children are to follow the banner to the Children's Worship Service)	
Hymn of Praise: <i>King of Kings</i>	266
Rite of Reconciliation	
Invitation	
Prayer of Confession	
God of wisdom and warning,	
we confess that we often prefer our own plans to your purposes.	
We shrink from acts of service that seem too demanding.	
Forgive us when our commitment wavers	
and we think someone else will take up the challenges we face.	
Inspire us with the example of Jesus,	
and energize us with your Spirit to follow him as our Shepherd,	
wherever he leads. 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: Jeremiah 23:1-6	P. 725 OT
Responsive Psalm: Psalm 46	R. 1
New Testament Reading: Luke 23:33-43	P. 89 NT

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

* Hymn: <i>My Shepherd is the king of love</i>	691
Sermon:	Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

Anthem: <i>Holy art Thou</i>	G. F. Handel
Offering announcement	
Offertory: <i>Allegretto</i>	L. N. Clerambault
* 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 (<i>debt and debtors</i>)	

Returning To Service

* Recessional Hymn: <i>Christ is the King</i>	612
* Commission and Benediction	
Choral Amen	
Postlude: <i>Psalm 19: The heavens declare</i>	B. Marcello

In Worship This Week

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