


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

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| Today: | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Service |
| Greeters: | | Katherine Burnett & Rodney Dekker |
| Sunday: | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Service |
| Greeters: | | David & Paulette Hooley |

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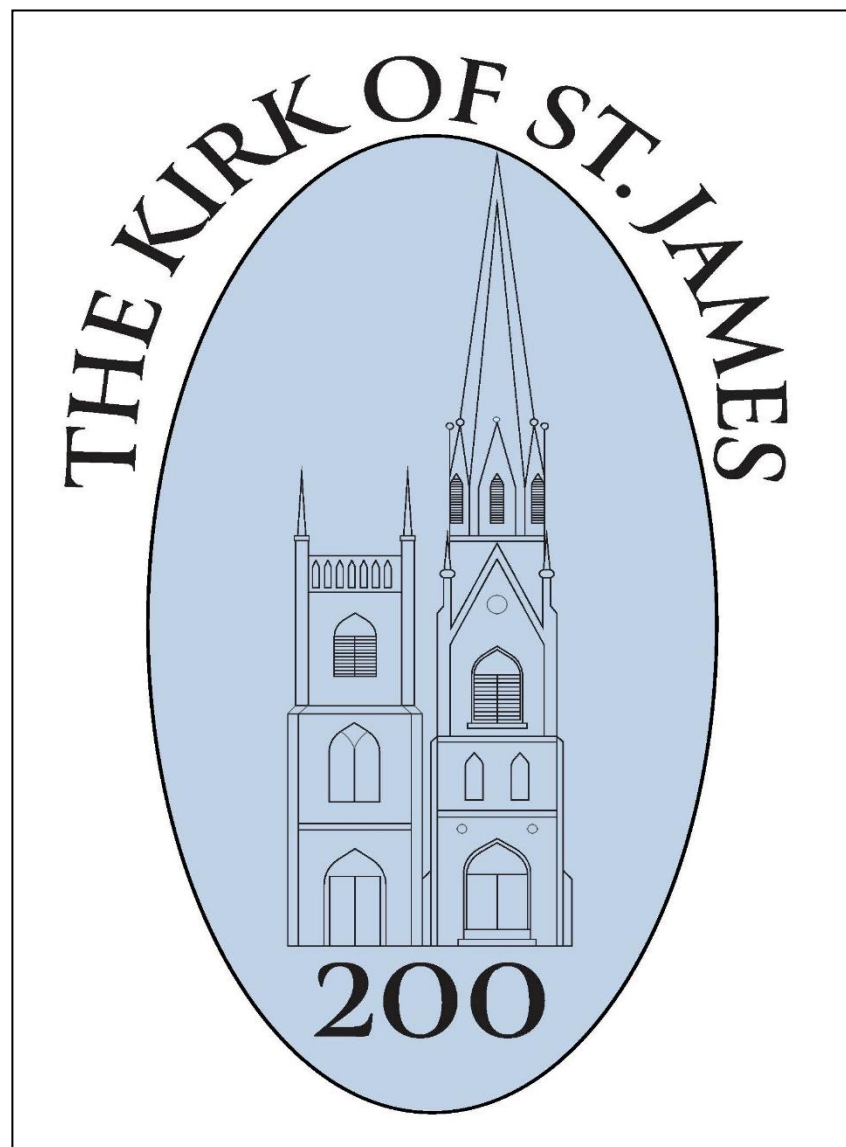
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Order of Service

Sunday, December 28th, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

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

Approach to Worship

Prelude: My Lady Greensleeves arr. F. C. Silvester

Call to Worship

* Processional Hymn: *Go tell it on the mountain* 133

Prayer of Adoration

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn of Praise: *Angels from the realms of glory* 146

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**God of light and life, you come to us in Christ Jesus,
the Light of the world.**

We confess that haven't always followed his Light.

At times we've even become part of the darkness.

**Our pride, selfishness and thoughtlessness
have hidden your light from others.**

Forgive us we pray.

**Fill us with your Spirit so that the light of your love
shines in us and through us to change us
and touch those who need it so much. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response (Vs. 3) 141

**Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice
Now you need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save,
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save.**

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (Unison)

**As we listen to the familiar story of your coming among us as a
child, open our minds and hearts so that we may hear the
wondrous events with new understanding, with wisdom, and with
joy. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 63:7 – 9

P. 693 OT

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 148

R. 2

New Testament Reading: Matthew 2:13-23

P. 2 NT

New Testament Reading: John 1:1-5, 10-13

P. 91 NT

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

* Hymn: *See amid the winter's snow* 168

Sermon: *"Light in the darkness"*

Rev. Dawn Griffiths

Response and Thanksgiving

Solo: *The River*

G. Brooks, V. Shaw

Offering announcement

Offertory: *Silent Night*

arr. N. Iles

* In the Bleak mid-winter

(V. 4) 145

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,

If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (*debt and debtors*)

Returning To Service

* Recessional Hymn: *It came upon a midnight clear* 148

* Commission and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *In Dulci Jubilo*

J. S. Bach

In Worship This Week

Guest Minister:

Rev. Dawn Griffiths

Guest Organist:

Barbara McPherson

Soloist:

Tanner Burns

Scripture Reader:

Jocelyne Lloyd

Sound System:

David Toms

Videographer:

Simon Lloyd