

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:		Tim & Josephine Rose
	11:45 a.m.	Junior Choir Practice
Tuesday:	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday:	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service & Children's Worship
Greeters:		David Harrison & Glenda Montigny

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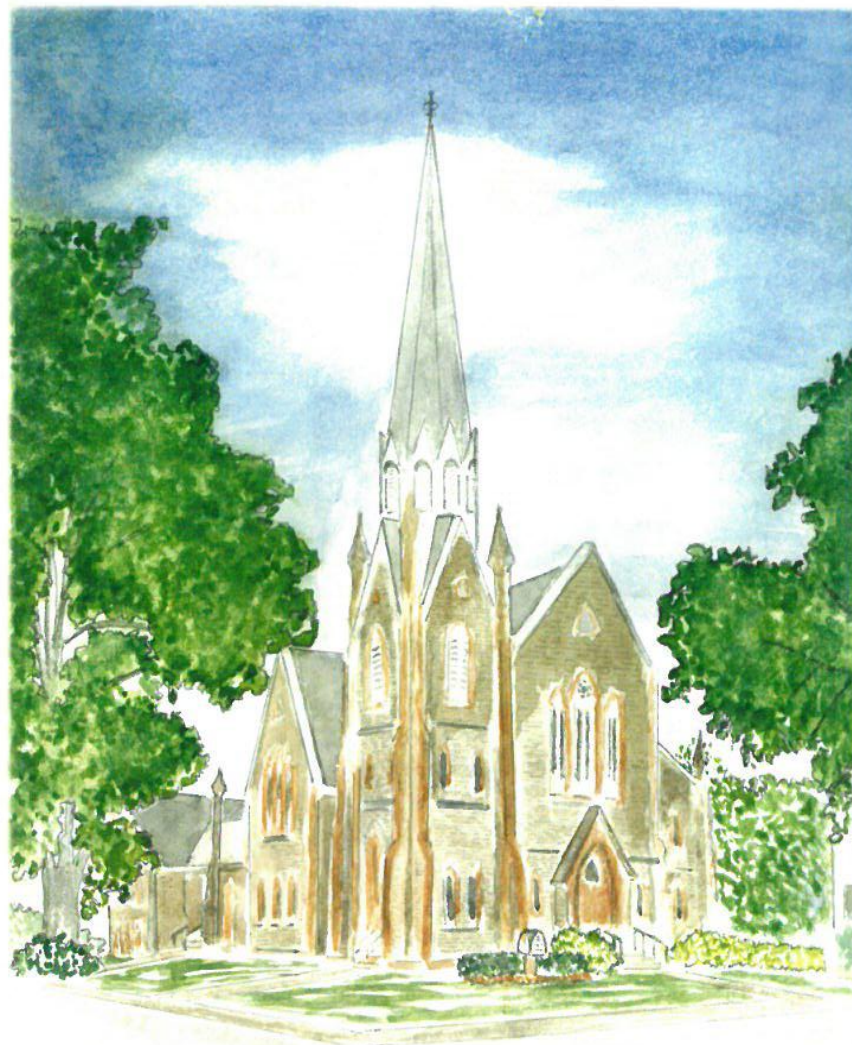
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Order of Service

Sunday, January 11th, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

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

Approach to Worship

- Prelude: *Silesian Mariners and He leadeth me* arr. G. Young
- Call to Worship
- * Processional Hymn: *In loving partnership* 759
- Prayer of Adoration
- Welcome and Announcements
- Introit: *My voice shalt thou hear* J. Goss
- * Hymn of Praise: *Lord, listen to your children praying* 449
- 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
- Merciful God,**
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
but we confess that we prefer our old, familiar ways.
We cling to destructive habits, we harbor grudges,
and we are reluctant to welcome a stranger or forgive one another.
Nostalgia for the past prevents us from exploring new possibilities.
In your loving kindness, forgive us.
Have mercy upon us and move among us
so that we might pursue new life in Christ together.
- 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 42:1-9 P. 670 OT

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 29 R. 1

New Testament Reading: Acts 10:34-43 P. 129NT

New Testament Reading: Matthew 3:13-17 P. 3 NT

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

* Hymn: *Lord, in this broken world* 723

Sermon: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

Anthem: *Down to the river to pray* arr. S. Currie

Offering announcement

Offertory: *Siciliano* W. Walond

* 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 God be the glory* 350

* Commission and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Introduction and Toccata in G* W. Walond

In Worship This Week

Minister: Rev. Amanda Henderson--Bolton

Music Director/Organist: Frances McBurnie

Scripture Reader: Doug Macmichael

Sound System: David Ashby

Videographer: Barbara McPherson