

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:		David & Paulette Hooley
	11:45 a.m.	Junior Choir Practice
Wednesday:	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service & Children's Worship
Greeters:		Glenda Montigny & Valerie Toms
	11:45 a.m.	Souper Sunday Luncheon

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Order of Service

Sunday, February 1st, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

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

Approach to Worship

Prelude: Sonata #1: Adagio F. Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

* Processional Hymn: *Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you* 467

Prayer of Adoration

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *Like as the hart* V. Novello

* Hymn of Praise: *What does the Lord require of you* 709

Children's Time

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

Hymn of Praise: *What does the Lord require of you* 709

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**God, whose name is love,
we confess our faults and failings,
knowing you know us through and through.
You tell us that love is patient and kind,
and you know when our patience and kindness fall short.
You tell us love is never rude or selfish,
and you see the times we insist on our own way.
Forgive us the excuses we make to ourselves when our love falters.
Strengthen us by your Spirit
so that our love is genuine and reliable. 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: Micah 6:1-8 P. 866 OT

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 15 R. 1

New Testament Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 P. 4 NT

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

* Hymn: *We cannot own the sunlit sky* 717

Sermon: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

Anthem: *Faith to carry on* D. Besig and N. Price

Offering announcement

Offertory: *Lord, I want to be a Christian* arr. G. Young

* 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: *Oh for a world where everyone* 730

* Commission and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Flourish for St. Muredach* A. V. Fish

In Worship This Week

Minister: Rev. Amanda Henderson--Bolton

Music Director/Organist: Frances McBurnie

Scripture Reader: Marius Lavoie

Sound System: Simon Lloyd

Videographer: Barbara McPherson