

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:		Katherine Burnett & Daphne Dumont
	11:30 a.m.	Junior Choir Practice
	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study
Tuesday:	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Lent 1 Sunday Service with Communion & Children's Worship
Greeters:		David Harrison & Valerie Toms

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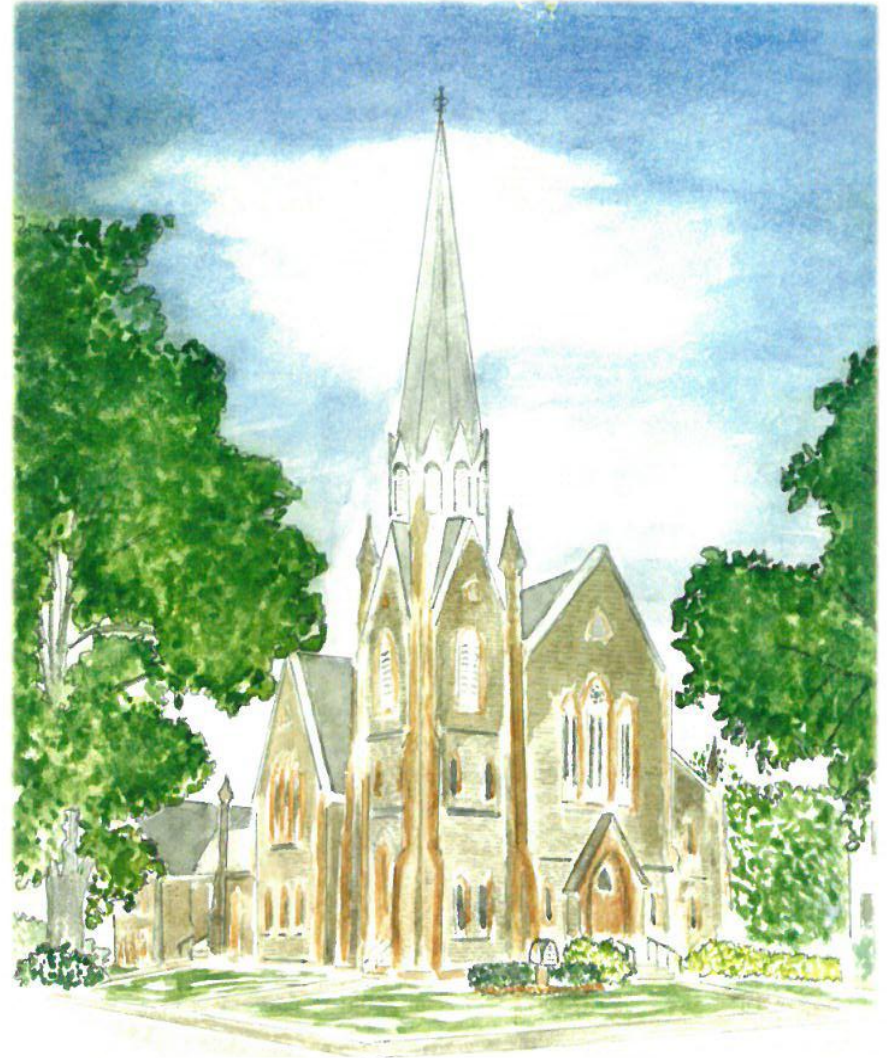
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Order of Service

Sunday, February 15th, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

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

Approach to Worship

Prelude: *Violin Concerto in d minor I, III* A. Vivaldi, arr. J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

* Processional Hymn: *We have come at Christ's own bidding* 187

Prayer of Adoration

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *Jesus on the mountain peak* C. V. Taylor

* Hymn of Praise: *Lord, the light of your love is shining* (Vs. 1-2) 376

Children's Time

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

Hymn of Praise: *Lord, the light of your love is shining* (Vs. 3) 376

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

God of life and love,

at this season of the year our hearts are grateful

for all the love that touches our lives.

**Still, we confess that we are not always shining examples
of the love we long for.**

**Forgive us for those times when we failed to keep our word
and disappointed those who love us.**

**Forgive us when we gave into our tempers and temptations
and disappointed your hopes for us.**

**Renew and remake us through the grace of your Son, Jesus,
your love made flesh. 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: Exodus 24:12-18 P. 70 OT

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 2 R. 1

New Testament Reading: Matthew 17:1-9 P. 18 NT

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

* Hymn: *With the Lord as my guide* 574

Sermon: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

Anthem: *Behold, the beauty of the Lord* W. H. Anderson

Offering announcement

Offertory: *Dies Dominica* A. V. Fish

* 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: *Swiftly pass the clouds of glory* 186

* Commission and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Violin Concerto in d minor, II* A. Vivaldi, arr. J. S. Bach

In Worship This Week

Minister: Rev. Amanda Henderson--Bolton

Music Director/Organist: Frances McBurnie

Scripture Reader: Josephine Rose

Sound System: David Toms

Videographer: Shauna Sullivan Curley