


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
Greeters:		David & Paulette Hooley
Thursday:	12:10 p.m.	Kirk Summer Recital
Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir Concert
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service & Strawberry Social
Greeters:		Glenda Montigny & Linda Evans

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Order of Service

Sunday, July 5th, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

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

Approach to Worship

Prelude: <i>Romance</i> <i>Praeludium, Chorale, Variations</i>	P. I. Tchaikovsky A. E Mueller	
Call to Worship		
* Processional Hymn: <i>Morning has broken</i>		814
Prayer of Adoration		
Welcome and Announcements		
Rite of Reconciliation		
Invitation		
Prayer of Confession		
Wise and patient God, You offer us peace, yet we confess life often feels frustrating and unsettled. You offer us courage, yet we are resentful when life is challenging. You offer us a mission with meaning and purpose, but we are preoccupied with our own plans and desires. Forgive us, O God, and draw our attention back to you. Amen.		
Assurance of Pardon		
Sung Response		303
Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! 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: Zechariah 9:9-12	P. 884 OT
Responsive Psalm: Psalm 145:8-14	R. 2
New Testament Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	P. 11 NT
<i>(L: The Word of the Lord: All: Thanks be to God.)</i>	

* Hymn: <i>I heard the voice of Jesus say</i>	671
Sermon	Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

Solo: <i>Rise, O Shepherds</i>	J. S. Bach
Offering announcement	
Offertory: <i>Whispering Hope</i>	D. Hawthorne
* Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.	830

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

Returning to Service

* Recessional Hymn: <i>Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go</i>	652
* Commission and Benediction	
Choral Amen	
Postlude: <i>Fugue</i>	A. E. Mueller

In Worship This Week

Minister:	Rev. Amanda Henderson Bolton
Music Director/Organist:	Frances McBurnie
Guest Musician:	Dale Sorensen, trombone
Scripture Reader:	David Harrison
Sound System:	Simon Lloyd
Videographer:	Simon Lloyd