


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:

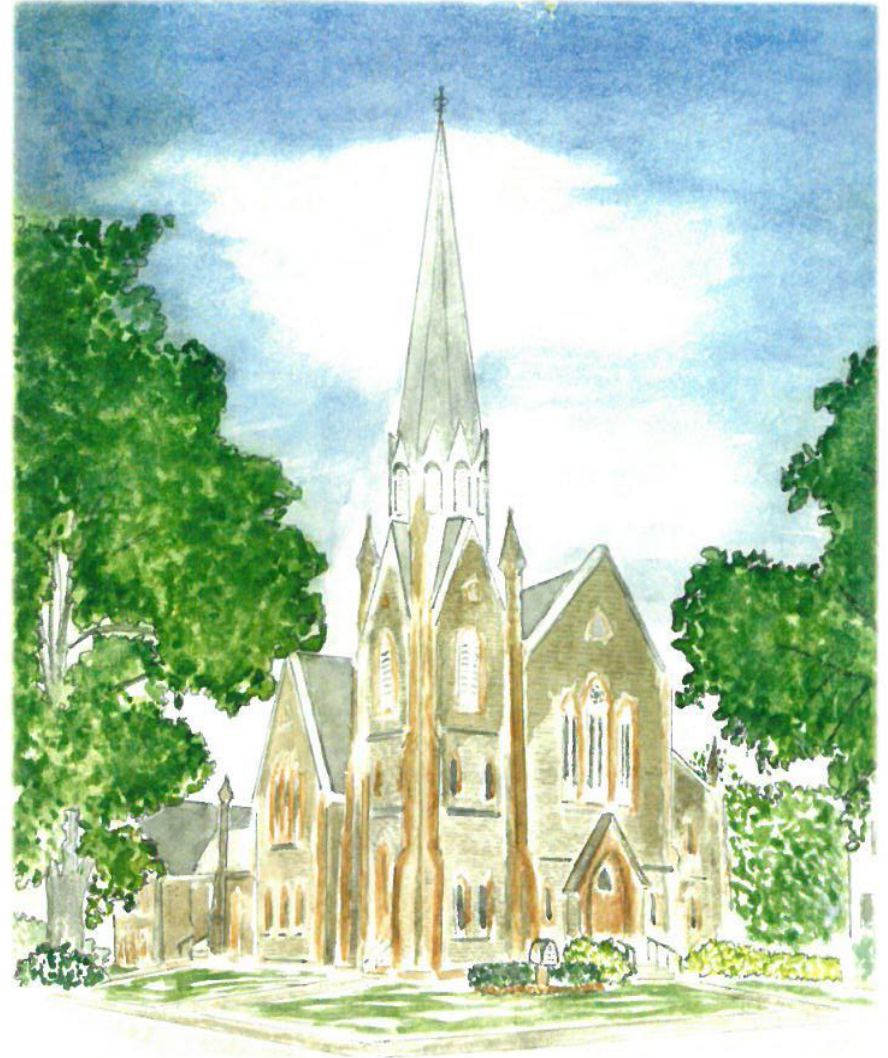
- Worships joyfully in a manner that is Scriptural, inspirational, educational, active, varied and prayerful.
- Welcomes all in an open, inclusive, and caring manner, accepting that all are equal before God. 
- Honours and takes care of each other as we seek to know God together in the spirit of Christ.
- 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 & Strawberry Social
Greeters:		Glenda Montigny & Linda Evans
Thursday:	12:10 p.m.	Kirk Summer Recital
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service
Greeters:		Daphne Dumont & Katherine Burnett

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Order of Service

Sunday, July 12th, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

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

Approach to Worship

Prelude: <i>Trumpet tune and Adagio</i> T. Albinoni arr. S. Drummond Wolff	
Call to Worship	
* Processional Hymn: <i>Praise, my soul, the King of heaven</i>	407
Prayer of Adoration	
Welcome and Announcements	
Solo: <i>Jesus is my Lord</i>	D. Besig
Rite of Reconciliation	
Invitation	
Prayer of Confession	
Faithful God,	
You have planted the seeds of faith in us,	
but we confess we have not tended those seeds well.	
We fail to keep studying your Word,	
satisfied instead with what we think it means.	
We consider that we already know enough,	
rather than pursue deeper encounters with you.	
Forgive us, God,	
when we think you have nothing more to offer us. 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: Isaiah 55:10-13	P. 686 OT
Responsive Psalm: Psalm 65:1-13	R. 1
New Testament Reading: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23	P. 13 NT
<i>(L: The Word of the Lord: All: Thanks be to God.)</i>	
* Hymn: <i>Thy word is a lamp unto my feet</i>	496
Sermon	Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

Solo: <i>Everyday is a gift from the Lord</i>	D. Besig
Offering announcement	
Offertory: <i>Andante devoto</i>	J. Massenet
* 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 (<i>debt and debtors</i>)	

Returning to Service

* Recessional Hymn: <i>Your word, O God, awoke the uncreated</i>	508
* Commission and Benediction	
Choral Amen	
Postlude: <i>God who stretched the spangled heavens</i>	
	Southern Harmony, arr. W. Held

In Worship This Week

Minister:	Rev. Amanda Henderson Bolton
Music Director/Organist:	Frances McBurnie
Guest Musician:	Marius Lavoie
Scripture Reader:	Tim Rose
Sound System:	David Toms
Videographer:	Simon Lloyd