

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 Harrison & Valerie Toms
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service & Communion
Greeters:		Rodney Dekker & Glenda Montigny

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Order of Service

Sunday, July 26th, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

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

Approach to Worship

Prelude: *Adagio, from Sonata for flute* B. Marcello
Call to Worship
* Hymn: *New every morning is the love* 815
Prayer of Adoration
Welcome and Announcements
Solo: *Quae moerebat* G. P. Pergolesi
Rite of Reconciliation
Invitation
Prayer of Confession
Merciful God,
We confess we are not always merciful people.
We turn away in anger rather than seek solutions.
We criticize those who differ from us in culture or conviction,
rather than seek understanding.
We can hold grudges for a lifetime.
Forgive us our failures to live out the mercy
we claim from you week by week.
Open our hearts with your great love. 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: Genesis 29:15-28 P. 26 OT
Responsive Psalm: Psalm 111 R. 1
New Testament Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 P. 13 NT
(L: *The Word of the Lord: All: Thanks be to God.*)

* Hymn: *Lead me, Jesus, I will follow* 646
Sermon: "You Never Know" Rev. Dr. Dale Woods

Response and Thanksgiving

Solo: *O rest in the Lord* F. Mendelssohn
Offering announcement
Offertory: *St. Peter* arr. C. S. Lang
* 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

* Hymn: *Be thou my vision* 461
* Commission and Benediction
Choral Amen
Postlude: *Allegro, from Sonata for flute* B. Marcello

In Worship This Week

Guest Minister:	Rev. Dr. Dale Woods
Music Director/Organist:	Frances McBurnie
Guest Musician:	Melissa Lewis
Scripture Reader:	Constance Robinson
Sound System:	Jason Oatway
Videographer:	Shauna Sullivan Curley