

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 & Katherine Burnett
Saturday:	7:00 p.m.	Kirk Summer Recital
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service
Greeters:		Daphne Dumont & David Toms

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Order of Service

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

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

Approach to Worship

Prelude: *Organ Concerto in F: Larghetto, Allegro, Alla siciliano*
G. F. Handel

Call to Worship

* Hymn: *Sweet is the solemn voice* 444

Prayer of Adoration

Welcome and Announcements

Solo: *Make me a channel of your peace* S. Temple

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, we ask forgiveness for the times we've ignored
your leading and gone our own way;
for the times we've doubted your love
and not trusted you with our deepest needs;
for the times we've been so sure we knew you and your ways,
and closed our minds to new understandings from you.
We want to begin again with you and one another.
By your Spirit lead us, strengthen us,
and empower us to be the people you created us to be.
We come in faith and expectation. 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.**

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 1 R. 1

New Testament Reading: John 15:1-11 P. 109 NT

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

* Hymn: *Speak Lord, in the stillness* 442

Sermon Rev. Dawn Griffiths

Response and Thanksgiving

Solo: *I, the Lord of sea and sky* D. L. Schutte

Offering announcement

Offertory: *Regent Square* 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: *God is love: come heaven, adoring* 314

* Commission and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Organ Concerto in F: Presto* G. F. Handel

In Worship This Week

Guest Speaker:	Rev. Dawn Griffiths
Music Director/Organist:	Frances McBurnie
Guest Musician:	Beth Stokes
Scripture Reader:	Jocelyne Lloyd
Sound System:	David Toms
Videographer:	Simon Lloyd