

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:		Glenda Montigny & David Harrison
Wednesday:	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service & Children's Worship
Greeters:		David & Paulette Hooley

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Order of Service

Sunday, September 20th, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

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

Approach to Worship

- Prelude: *Prelude and fugato on "Crusader's Hymn"* G. Young
Call to Worship
* Processional Hymn: *Christ, you call us all to service* 585
Prayer of Adoration
Welcome and Announcements
Introit: *Come to my heart, Lord Jesus* J. Pinson
* Hymn of Praise: *The kingdom of God is justice and joy* (Vs. 1-2) 787
Blessing of the Backpacks
(The children are to follow the banner to the Children's Worship Service)
Hymn of Praise: *The kingdom of God is justice and joy* (Vs. 3-4) 787
Rite of Reconciliation
Invitation
Prayer of Confession
**As we recall who you are,
We know that we sin and fall short of your glory.
There are things that we should say that we don't,
and other things that we say but shouldn't.
There are things that we should do but don't,
and things we do but shouldn't.
At times, we forget about your presence in our lives,
living as if you were not the God who saves.
Yet, when we look to you, we see your steadfast love,
and know that in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray,
we are forgiven. 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: Jonah 3:10 - 4:11 P. 861 OT

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 145:1-8 R. 2

New Testament Reading: Matthew 20:1-16 P. 21 NT

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

* Hymn: All who love and serve your city 721

Sermon Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

Anthem: *With a voice of singing* M. Shaw

Offering announcement

Offertory: *Melody in F* A. Rubinstein

* 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: *Guide me, O thou great redeemer* 651

* Commission and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Fugue in g minor* J. S. Bach

In Worship This Week

Minister: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Music Director/Organist: Frances McBurnie

Scripture Reader: David Robinson

Videographer: Barbara McPherson