

▲ Rise in body or in spirit/ Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome & Introductions

Theme Conversation

Acknowledging the Territory

**CROSSING THE THRESHOLD**

Lighting the Candles

We Sing – Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy tried and true;  
with thanksgiving,  
I'll be a living, sanctuary for you. x 3**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We gather today,  
drawn by the promise of God's covenant,  
a bond that is steadfast and true.  
**God, you have made a promise to be with us,  
to guide us, and to hold us through  
every season of our lives.**

From generation to generation,  
you call us into a relationship  
that is built on trust and hope.  
**In this sacred space,  
we come to renew our commitment,  
to remember that we are your people,  
bound by love and faith.**

Let us worship God who keeps covenant with us,  
whose grace is unending and whose mercy never fails.  
**We lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving,  
trusting in the promises of God that hold us all.**

▲ We Sing – Sing Praise to God # 221

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Holy and Faithful God,  
we come before you in awe  
of the covenant you have made with us—  
a promise that reaches beyond time,  
beyond our failures, beyond our doubts.  
You have called us your people  
and claimed us as your own.  
You have bound yourself to us  
in love that never lets go.**

**As we gather here,  
help us to open our hearts to your presence,  
to remember the sacred bond that holds us together,  
and to renew our commitment to walk in your ways.**

**Guide us to live as your covenant people,  
faithful in our love for you and for one another,  
seeking justice, showing mercy,  
and walking humbly with you.**

*Silent Prayer...*

**We turn to you, knowing that you understand us,  
forgive us, and love us like a Mother,  
and so we pray with confidence and faith,**

**Our Father, who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
On earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive them who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil:  
for thine is the kingdom  
And the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY**

Scripture – 2 Samuel 7: 1-17

Reflection

Reflective Music

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

▲ We Sing – I See A New Heaven # 713

▲ We Profess – A New Creed – Page # 918 (Together)

Mission and Service Stories

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

**THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD**

▲ We Sing – Bless Now, O God, the Journey # 633

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ Song of Dismissal – We Sing to You Thanksgiving

**We sing to you thanksgiving  
We sing it loud and clear.  
We sing it when we're lonely  
We sing to keep you near.  
We sing becoming faithful  
We sing becoming strong.  
We sing throughout the ages  
We're singing to belong.**

*Cover Photo, Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, We Sing  
to You Thanksgiving – Rev. Catherine MacDonald*

THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

This Week at St James – Oct 20-26, 2024

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary	11:00 am
Monday	Carillon Choir	Hall	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Contemplative Service	Sanctuary	6 pm
Wednesday	Craft Group	Parlour	1:30 pm
Saturday	Yard Sale	Gym	8 -12

Rev. Catherine is on Study Leave, **October 18-24**, participating in **Hunger on the Hill**, a Canada Foodgrains Bank initiative in Ottawa. Thank you to Rev. Judith Perry for leading worship today. Rev. Stephen Fram is on call for Pastoral Emergencies.

**Yard Sale October 26, 8am-12pm:** In the gym, following the format of last spring. Thank you to our many volunteers! Items can be dropped off at the church this week: Tuesday to Thursday, 10am-4pm, and Friday morning. Set-up of tables begins Friday morning at 8, followed by sorting and pricing until everything looks good!

**October 27 we will celebrate All Saints Day**, an opportunity to give thanks to God for the Communion of Saints which surrounds us. You are invited to bring in pictures of those loved ones you would like remembered in that service and we will create a photo gallery on the communion table and light candles.

**A Congregational meeting** has been set for Sunday, October 27, immediately following the service. Part of the purpose is to approve the new governance model and elect the Leadership Team.

**Friday Oct 25, Oakwood Terrace will hold their Fall Workshop**, 9:00am-12:30, 10 Mount Hope Avenue. This workshop, led by Rev. Joseph Green, will discuss how to approach questions concerning dying, death and grief. It will be interactive with a time for small discussion groups to give opinions and offer ideas for responding to these issues and how to interact with residents and/or loved ones. The cost is \$20.00 per participant. Please register by 20 October by calling Tracy, 469-3702 or email at [taustin@oakwoodterrace.ns.ca](mailto:taustin@oakwoodterrace.ns.ca)

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**Food Bank:** Tuesday Oct 1,15,29; 8:30-11 am

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