

▲ 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 – O God, Send Out Your Spirit x 3

**O God, send out your Spirit;  
Renew the face of the earth.  
O God, send out your Spirit;  
Renew the face of the earth.**

Call to Worship

We are not alone,  
**we live in God's world.**

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
**who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.  
**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death,  
in life beyond death,  
**God is with us. We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**

▲ We Sing – Praise with Joy the World's Creator # 312

### Opening Prayer (Together)

**Loving and Faithful God,  
In times when we struggle  
to feel your presence,  
remind us that you are never far.  
When our faith wavers and doubt creeps in,  
grant us the courage  
to trust in your steadfast love.  
Even in the silence,  
may we sense your guiding hand,  
and even in the waiting,  
may we know your comfort.  
Help us to trust you not only in the light,  
but also in the shadows,  
believing that your goodness surrounds us always.  
We come before you now with open hearts,  
ready to receive your grace,  
even when the way forward seems unclear.  
In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words – Exodus 32: 1-14

Reflection – Every Child Matters

Reflective Music

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Sacrament of Holy Communion – Please See Insert

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

### THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

▲ We Sing – How Firm a Foundation # 660

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ Song of Dismissal – I'm Gonna Live So # 575

**I'm gonna live (*work, pray, sing*) so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live (*work, pray, sing*) so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

*Opening – Rev. Catherine MacDonald*

*Please note, our services are livestreamed, and photographs may  
be taken. You are welcome to take photos and video as well.*

If you would like to be on our weekly email distribution list,  
please email [st.james.dartmouth@gmail.com](mailto:st.james.dartmouth@gmail.com)



If you would like to contribute to our  
ministry, there are **offering plates** at the  
back, or you can e-transfer to  
**stjamesfinancials181@gmail.com**  
This QR code will take you directly to  
our Canada Helps page.  
**Thank you for your generosity!**

As an act of hospitality (and so we can remember!) please  
use the **button maker** at the back of the sanctuary to make a  
**name tag**. Someone will be there to help you.

**THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY**  
**This Week at St James – Oct 6-12, 2024**

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary	11:00 am
Tuesday	Contemplative Service	Sanctuary	6 pm
Wednesday	Craft Group	Parlour	1:30 pm

Today we welcome musician **Sophie Woodcock**, who is playing the euphonium.

The congregation is invited to participate in our **“Thanksgiving Table”** in support of our Food Bank. Please place non perishable items such as soup, cereal, crackers, canned beans, hygiene items, instant coffee, Kraft Dinner, canned meats, etc. on the table set at the front of the church. Thank you so much for sharing.

We are hoping to hold a **Thanksgiving potluck supper** at 5pm Monday, 14 October, for our St James family. If you want to attend, or can help plan, contact Murray Wylie. We have extended an invitation to the coordinators of our users.

**Workshop Wednesday:** Our craft, knitting and sewing group has started again for the fall. Please join us Wednesdays at 1:30 in the parlour.

**The Official Board** will meet Tues Oct 15 in the parlour, 7pm.

**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.

**Save the date!** Our fall yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 26. We hope that as many people as possible can help with this great fundraiser that also provides opportunity for our community to interact with us and get some good deals at the same time! If you could let Joan [joan.clark@hotmail.com](mailto:joan.clark@hotmail.com) or Jackie [we-eble@hotmail.com](mailto:we-eble@hotmail.com) know as soon as possible if you are available, that would be great! An email is going out to known helpers and we are always happy to have friends who enjoy volunteering. Thank you for your continued support!

Grace United invites you to an **All Candidates Forum** for Dartmouth Centre District 5 on Friday, Oct 11, 7-8:30 pm. Also on YouTube at [www.gracedartmouth.ca](http://www.gracedartmouth.ca)

**DIRECTORY**

**Minister: Rev. Catherine MacDonald**,  
cell 902-483-1422  
**email:**[reverendcatherinemacdonald@gmail.com](mailto:reverendcatherinemacdonald@gmail.com)

**Music Director: Dean Bradshaw**  
[beforethursday@hotmail.com](mailto:beforethursday@hotmail.com)

**Office (464-8852): Cathy McLeod**  
[st.james.dartmouth@gmail.com](mailto:st.james.dartmouth@gmail.com)

**Facebook (Live 10am Sunday)** [St-James-United-Church](https://www.facebook.com/St-James-United-Church)

**Website:** [stjamesdartmouth.ca](http://stjamesdartmouth.ca)

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

Chair of Session	Rev. Catherine	483-1422
Clerk of Session	Brian McLeod	463-4206
Chair of Stewards	Jackie Clark	999-1117
Chair of OB	Ralph Settle	478-0186
Secretary OB	Cathy McLeod	463-4206
Chair of Trustees	Wayne Cochrane	429-9009
Envelope Steward	Cathy McLeod	463-4206
Chair M & P	Shauna MacDonald	829-4042
Chair of Property	Dale Hudson	456-9720

**St. James United Church**

*United in Faith  
Strengthened by Friendship  
Building a Community  
of Love and Justice*



**October 6, 2024 @ 10:00**

181 Portland Street  
Dartmouth, NS  
B2Y 1J5  
902.464.8852

