

▲ 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)

Come, let's praise God together!
For God is great, and worthy of our praise!
Let's tell stories of the things God has done—
mighty acts of power and love throughout history:
for God is great, and worthy of our praise!
Let's remember how much God loves us,
and celebrate the care God continues
to show to all of creation:
for God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Opening Litany

Governments come, and governments go;
nations come, and nations go.
Only God goes on forever.
**Only God is completely dependable,
never corrupted by power.
God strengthens those crushed by life,
and lifts the burdens of those bent over by cares.**

God does not favor the fortunate;
the seasons roll around for the poor as for the rich.
**With open-handed generosity,
God causes the earth to bring forth food for all.
Only humans hoard, creating shortages for others.
But God holds nothing back;
God plays fair with everyone.**

God never puts the phone on hold
or hides behind secretaries or schedules.
God is always available.
God turns no one away—

**The stories of those who know God
will be told down the generations;
by their stories, many not yet born
will come to know God.**

▲ We Sing – Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven # 240

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Good and gracious God,
You are gathering
this community from across the earth,
Asking us to pour out our lives on
behalf of those who hunger.**

**For hope, for justice, for daily bread.
You are asking us to see the earth as you do,
So very, very good.
Trees with fruit, bursting with seed.
Green plants for food, for humans
and for every living creature.**

**As a holy place for everything that breathes
and to whom you have given life.
Yet we see the realities before us and
it takes our breath away:
Those whose bellies growl every day.
Those who consume more than their fair share.**

**Breathe new life into us...
As a global community,
as local congregations
Gather us together so that we may remind
each other of your intent for this earth.**

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

A Time of Wondering

Scripture – 1 Kings 17:1-16

Reflection - A Handful of Meal...A Little Oil...

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ We Sing – When I Needed a Neighbour # 600

▲ 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 – I am the Light of the World # 87

▲ 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.

Liturgy adapted from World Food Day – Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Photo – World Food Day

We Sing to You Thanksgiving – 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



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!

THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY This Week at St James – Nov 3-Nov 9, 2024

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary	11:00 am
Monday	Carillon Choir practice	Hall	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Contemplative Service	Sanctuary	6 pm
Wednesday	Workshop Wednesday	Parlour	1:30 pm

There are a few copies of Rev. Catherine's reflections available in the entryway in **LARGE print**. Feel free to pick one up, just don't expect it to be word for word what comes out of her mouth!

Thank you to EVERYONE who contributed to our successful yard sale! We had a wonderful team on each of the two days and made close to \$2,000. Connecting with our community is also a huge part of our event. Donations of fabric were made to immigrant ladies who make baby blankets for IWK, another group who gets together to sew, and Dartmouth Seniors.

For our **Remembrance Service** on Nov 10, please bring in any pictures of loved ones in uniform who have served or are still serving our country, and place them on our Remembrance display in the sanctuary.

If you have been a part of St. James for a while, but never **formally become a member**, you are invited to take part in a session following worship on November 24th.

Woodlawn United Church invites you to a **Covenanting Service** in celebration of the ministry of Kevin Little and Beth Benjamin Cameron today, Sunday November 3rd, at 2 pm.

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Food Bank: Tuesday Nov 12, 26; 8:30-11 am

St. James United Church

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