

(▲Rise in body or in spirit)
(Responses in bold)

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Theme Conversation

Acknowledging the Territory

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Candles

We Sing – God's Abundance

**God's abundance is for all,
no one is left outside,
kin-dom come, all people one
in trust and love abide.
in trust and love abide. x2**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

In this world of striving,
we feel the yearn to earn.

The world measures
our worth in those earnings.

But Jesus had different ideas.

When they demanded special treatment,
**he offered healing and wholeness
for all – not just for some.**

When we feel our own
resources are lacking,

**we can view our lives and practices
again from the economy of Jesus.
Come, let us worship!**

▲ We Sing

Will You Come and Follow Me # 567

Opening Prayer (Together)

**God of Restoration,
we come to you today,
bringing a laundry list of things
that we wish we could change
about the world,
ourselves, and each other.**

**In the midst of our longing,
remind us that your goodness
is not earned by our being good,
and that we are called
to share your mercy
with everyone inside and outside
of this faithful community.**

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 those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.**

Amen

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words – Luke 4: 21-30

Reflection

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Ministry of Music

Henry Banfield – Ballade
(Keri Digg).

▲ We Sing – Hold on To Hope
Tune # 706

Hold on to hope,
sustaining heart and mind.
Jesus speaks truth to all of humankind.
Frees the oppressed
and gives sight to the blind.
Faith lights the way, faith lights the way.

Hold on to hope, don't let it slip away.
Even when darkness,
dims the light of day.
We look to Jesus,
who shows us the way.
Hold on to hope, hold on to hope.

Hold on to hope, together we will rise.
Working together, community will thrive.
We lean on God and all the saints alive.
Faith lights the way, faith lights the way.

▲ We Profess – A New Creed
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Mission and Service Stories

Prayers of the People

We Sing – Spirit, Open My Heart

**Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

Invitation to Generosity
& Prayer of Dedication

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

Life and Ministry
of the Faith Community

▲ We Sing
I, the Lord of Sea and Sky # 509

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ We Sing
I am the Light of the World # 87

'I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!'
If you follow and love
you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds
have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun:

'I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!'
If you follow and love
you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

Liturgy – Worship Design Studio
Cover Photo & Hang On to Hope
– Rev. Catherine MacDonald

**The Life and Ministry
of the Faith Community
This Week at St James
Feb 2-Feb 8, 2025**

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Hall	11 am
Monday	Carillon Choir	Hall	7:30pm
Tuesday	Food Bank	Hall	8:30-11
Tuesday	Tuesday Pause	Sanctuary	6 pm
Wednesday	Bible Study	Parlour	10:30
Wednesday	Workshop Wednesday	Parlour	1:30pm
Thursday	Choir	Sanctuary	7:30pm

Rev. Catherine will be on **Study Leave**

February 5-11. During her time away, she will be working on getting ready for Lent as well as taking a Silent Retreat in order to maintain her credentials as a Spiritual Director. Rev. Renee Clark will lead worship and Rev. Stephen Fram will be on call for pastoral emergencies.

Visit to the Black Cultural Centre. February is African Heritage Month and Rev. Catherine is visiting the Black Cultural Centre on Monday, February 3rd, leaving the church at 10:30 am. Who would like to join her? There is room in her car for 3 passengers. Admission is \$8 or \$6 if you're a senior!

Tuesday Pause, Contemplative Service: Tuesday February 4th, at 6 Do you need a quiet pause in your busy week? Join us in our beautiful sanctuary and enjoy some quiet music, time to reflect and hear words both ancient and new. First Tuesday of the month.

Worship Committee will meet Sunday Feb 16 after the service.

Readers! Share in worship leadership! Read scripture and the Minute for Mission. Let Cathy MacLeod know when she can schedule you.

Annual Reports! It's that time again! Our **Annual Meeting will be held March 30**, integrated into Sunday morning worship. This year, we are trying something new. We are asking you to write your reports with our Core Values Statement in mind, so under three headings:

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

How is your committee/group living out our core values? Your reports do not have to be lengthy; only key points are necessary; bullet points are encouraged. **Due March 3.**

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

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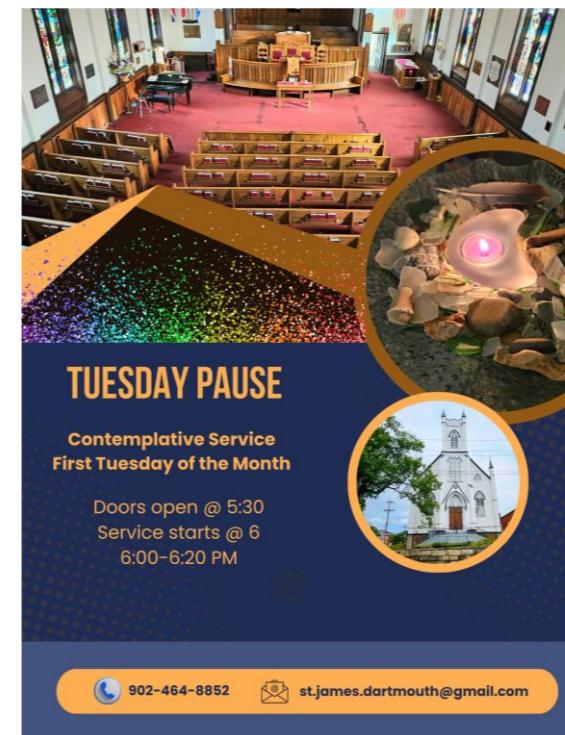
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Food Bank (Jan Feb 4, 18)



St. James United Church

**United by Faith
Strengthened by Friendship
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of
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