

▲ 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 – Spirit of Life # 381

**Spirit of Life, come unto me.**

**Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.**

**Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;**

**move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.**

**Roots hold me close; wings set me free;**

**Spirit of life, come to me, come to me.**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come, let us gather in the joy of song and the stories  
that have shaped our faith.

**We come to sing and hear the melodies  
that connect us to God and to each other.**

Each hymn carries a story, a testimony of grace,  
and a reflection of God's love.

**We come with open hearts,  
ready to lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving.**

Let us worship the God  
who inspires us through word, music, and spirit.  
**Let us worship with joy and gratitude!**

▲ We Sing – Praise the Lord  
With the Sound of Trumpet # 245

#### Opening Prayer (Together)

**Holy One,  
We give thanks  
for the gift of music  
and the hymns that have shaped  
our faith journeys.**

**Each lyric, each note,  
tells a story of your presence with us.  
As we gather to sing and reflect  
on these songs of faith,  
May our spirits be uplifted,  
our hearts encouraged,  
and our voices united.**

**May this time of worship  
deepen our connection to you  
and to one another.  
In the name of Jesus,  
the one who taught us to sing  
a new song, we pray.**

***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**

#### GOD'S WORD IN HYMNS

Dianne Cleveland – In the Bulb # 703

Shirley O'Sullivan – Nearer My God To Thee # 497

Lynne Travers – Draw the Circle Wide MV # 145

#### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ 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

▲ 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.**

**THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY**  
**This Week at St James – Jan 12-18, 2025**

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Hall	11:00 am
Monday	Six Stone Jars	Kitchen	2:00 pm
Monday	Carillon Choir	Hall	7:30 pm
Wednesday	Bible Study	Parlour	10:30 am
Wednesday	Workshop Wednesday	Parlour	1:30 pm
Wednesday	Leadership Team	Parlour	6:30 pm
Thursday	Six Stone Jars, part 2	Kitchen	1:00 pm
Thursday	Choir	Sanctuary	7:30 pm

**Six Stone Jars Bible Study** - Join Rev. Catherine on Wednesday mornings in The Parlour from 10:30-12 for an exploration of the upcoming Sunday reading along with the book The Serviceberry. You will not need to purchase the book to participate, but it's a lovely little book that Rev. Catherine has been listening to over the Christmas break. No Bible Study on the last Wednesday of the month due to Wellness Wednesdays.

**Rescheduled:** The plan to transform some glass vases into 'stone' jars has been rescheduled to Monday at 2 pm. If you'd like to be part of this process, meet in the kitchen and wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.

**Stone Candlesticks?** Does anyone have some stone candlestick holders that we could borrow for the upcoming series? To hold candles that are 3 inches in diameter.

**Tuesday Pause** now scheduled the **first** Tuesday of the month. Do you need a quiet pause in your busy life? Join us in our beautiful sanctuary and enjoy some quiet music, some time to reflect and hear words both ancient and new.

**Wellness Wednesdays**, the last Wednesday of the month. Would you like to be healthier in mind, body and spirit? Join us for chair yoga, lunch (free!) interesting speakers, and an opportunity to get to know one another.

**Workshop Wednesday, 1:30.** Along with your regular knitting and sewing projects, you may want to take part in a Mystery Quilt Project starting on Jan 15, led by Marilyn Harrison, who is a terrific quilter with many years of experience. You purchase the fabrics you like, and each week for a few weeks she will give you directions on this small project, a table runner. You can sew at the church or at home.

**Book Club**, last Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm. This month we are discussing the work of Alice Munroe.

**Kin Club Brunch reminder:** They are looking forward to seeing you at the best Brunch in Metro, the **fourth Sunday** of the month, from 9:30-12:30, at the East Dartmouth Community Centre, 50 Caledonia Rd. Kin Club is a big supporter of our Food Bank, and brunches are their main fundraiser.

**Volunteer Calendar:** A number of you have filled in volunteer hours for November and December. Please turn these in to the office and pick up a calendar for January and February.

**We congratulate Bethany United Church** for recently becoming an Affirming Ministry. Ian Travers will be presenting their certificate.

*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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**Food Bank** (Jan 7, 21; Feb 4, 18)

**St. James United Church**

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

**When we sing, we pray twice...**



**January 12, 2025 @ 10:00 AM**

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