

▲Rise in body or in spirit

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Welcome

Introductions

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. 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.

Where they perceived that things
had run out and dripped dry,

he saw the possibility for transformation.

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 – Come Let Us Sing # 222

Opening Prayer (Together)

**God of Abundance,
we come to you today,**

**lifting to you our emptiness, our longing,
our hoping for a better world.**

**In the midst of our fear,
remind us of your transforming
and overflowing love
and the jars of plenty
out of which we can live abundantly
in service to all people,
especially those who are struggling
in body, mind, and spirit.**

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
And the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

Ministry of Music

Hope, Come Make Your Home with Us

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words – John 2: 2-11

Reflection

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲We Sing – Many Are the Lightbeams # 588

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

Mission and Service Stories

Prayers of the People

**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.**

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲Take My Life and Let it Be # 506

▲Commissioning & Blessing

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

Refrain:

**'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:**

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THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY
This Week at St James – Jan 19-25, 2025

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Hall	11:00 am
Monday	Carillon Choir	Hall	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Food Bank	Hall	8:30-11
Wednesday	Bible Study	Parlour	10:30 am
Wednesday	Workshop Wednesday	Parlour	1:30 pm
Thursday	Choir	Sanctuary	7:30 pm
Saturday	Pancake Breakfast	Gym	9 -11 am

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.

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.

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.



Pancake Breakfast

1st Dartmouth Scouting is holding a pancake breakfast in the St. James gym from 9 to 11 am on Saturday January 25.

Money raised will go to **Christmas Daddies 2025**. Tickets are at the door, Adults \$8, Children (under 12) \$4. Please mark your calendar and invite family & friends!

We congratulate Bethany United Church for recently becoming an Affirming Ministry. Ian Travers will be presenting the certificate at their service today.

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!

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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*

Fill My House With Hoping...



January 19, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

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