

▲ 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 – 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.  
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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 sought answers  
to life’s uncertainties,  
**he showed us how to live into God’s calling  
with conviction and integrity.**  
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 – God of Grace and God of Glory # 686

Opening Prayer (Together)

**God of Purpose and Prophetic Hope,  
we come to you today,  
having made space on our calendars  
to seek your wisdom and clarity for our lives.  
In the midst of our discernment,  
remind us of your plans for us:  
plans for goodness and not harm,  
plans overflowing with hope for the future.  
Show us the actions we can take  
to ensure this hopeful future for all people.**

*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 FOR US TODAY

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words – Luke 4: 14-21

Reflection

Reflective Music

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

▲ We Sing – Come Touch Our Hearts MV # 12

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

Mission and Service Stories

Prayers of the People – 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

### THRESHOLD INTO GOD’S WORLD

Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian # 514

▲ 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:**

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**THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY**  
**This Week at St James – Jan 26-Feb 1, 2025**

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Hall	11:00 am
Monday	Carillon Choir	Hall	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Book Club	Parlour	6:30 pm
Wednesday	Wellness Wednesday	Gym	11-2
Wednesday	Workshop Wednesday	Parlour	1:30 pm
Thursday	Choir	Sanctuary	7:30 pm

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.

**Wellness Wednesdays:** 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. This Wednesday at 11. No Bible Study this week.

**Book Club**, this Tuesday, 6:30 pm. This month we are discussing the works of Alice Munroe. Next month join us for “Klara and the Sun”, Kazuo Ishiguro.

**Kin Club Brunch reminder:** They are looking forward to seeing you at the best Brunch in Metro, today from 9:30-12:30, at the East Dartmouth Community Centre, 50 Caledonia Rd.

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

**Wellness Wednesdays for Seniors**

**Last Wednesday of the month @ 11:00 AM**

**Chair Yoga**  
Stretch and strengthen your body, yoga is adaptable for all ages and fitness levels.

**Lunch & Speaker**  
Enjoy a healthy lunch while listening to a speaker and an opportunity to ask questions.

**Games & Social Time!**  
There will be games and puzzles available or if you just want to sit and chat, that's okay too.

**FREE! NO CHURCH CONNECTION NEEDED!**

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**ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH**  
**THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**

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 of Love and Justice

Fill My Plans with Purpose



January 26, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

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