

▲ 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.
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 held tight
to their narrow worldview,
he offered new interpretations
that opened their minds to abundance.

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 – Jesus Calls Us # 562

Opening Prayer (Together)

**God of Transformation,
we come to you today,
weary from fishing
on the same old side of the boat,
frustrated that the tools we have
often fail to yield the results we desire.
In the midst of our striving,
remind us that we can choose
new ways of doing things,
to shift our perspective
so that we may see
the rich blessings you have in store,
if only we know where to look.**

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 5: 1-11

Reflection

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ We Sing – His Voice Rings Out Strong
Tune # 274

When Jesus said to Peter.
Let down your nets once more.
He must have been disheartened,
For he'd just come ashore.
The nets had come up empty,
Though he had laboured long.
He put his trust in Jesus,
His voice rang out so strong.

The other fishers followed,
And much to their surprise.
The nets were overflowing,
They scarce believed their eyes.
They fell down in amazement,
For they had laboured long.
They put their trust in Jesus
His voice rang out so strong.

We knew the way to do things,
We knew the neighbourhood.
We thought it would last forever,
But we misunderstood.
And change is all around us,
And will we labour long?
Will we put our trust in Jesus?
His voice rang out so strong.

And we like those first fishers,
Sometimes can be dismayed.
But we will follow Jesus.
Into that bright new day.
And we know there's a future
And we will labour long.
We put our trust in Jesus.
His voice still rings out strong.

▲ 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
& Prayer of Dedication

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ We Sing – How Firm a Foundation # 660

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ We Sing – I am the Light of the World

**'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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~ Rev. Catherine MacDonald

**THE LIFE AND MINISTRY
OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY
This Week at St James –
Feb 9-15, 2025**

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Hall	11am
Monday	Carillon Choir	Hall	7:30pm
Wednesday	Bible Study	Parlour	10:30am
Wednesday	Workshop Wednesday	Parlour	1:30pm

Today we welcome Rev. Renee Clark leading worship. 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. Stephen Fram will be on call for pastoral emergencies.

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.

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**.



Thanks to everyone who attended the Scout Pancake Breakfast last month.

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 (Feb 4, 18)

St. James United Church

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

Fill My Days with Meaning



February 9, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

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