

▲ 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)

Come, all who seek to grow
in kindness and courage.

**We gather to walk the path
of love and service.**

Come, all who strive to live
with honesty and respect.

**We gather to learn from Christ,
who shows us the way.**

Come, Beaver, Cubs, Scouts,
leaders, families, and friends.

**We gather as a community,
united in faith,
strengthened by friendship,
and building a community
of love and justice.**

**Let us worship God,
who calls us to bear
good fruit in the world!**

▲ We Sing – We Are Marching # 646

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Loving and faithful God,
You call us to live with love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-control.
You ask us to love our neighbors
as ourselves and to walk
with integrity in all we do.**

**Bless this time of worship.
May your Spirit move among us,
shaping us into people
of service and compassion.
May our words and actions
reflect your grace,
and may we find strength
in one another as we seek
to follow your way.**

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

Ancient Words
Galatians 5 – Selected Verses
Matthew 22: 34-40

A Time of Wondering

Dialogue
Scouting and the Fruits of the Spirit

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ We Sing – Will You Come and Follow Me # 567

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

Scouting Today - Rover Scout Ronan Fagan

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ We Sing – May the God of Hope # 424

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ We Sing – You Shall Go Out With Joy # 884

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands
And all the trees of the field Will clap their hands
The trees of the field will clap their hands
The trees of the field will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.**

Liturgy and Photo – Rev. Catherine MacDonald

Note, our services are livestreamed and photos may be taken. You are welcome to take photos and video.

**THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY
This Week at St James – Mar 2-Mar 8, 2025**

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

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

Wednesday March 5th is Ash Wednesday, and we begin our **Lenten series next Sunday, March 9**. Devotional cards are available today. Let the office know if you would like a copy of the Devotional Booklet.

Lent Study–How We Learn to Be Brave Starts March 12 & 13. Wednesdays @ 10:30 am - St. James UC
Thursdays @ 2 pm - Grace UC

Join us and explore how faith, courage, and community help us navigate fear and uncertainty. Together, we'll reflect on personal and collective bravery, drawing wisdom from scripture, history, and our own experiences. Let's journey together in discovering what it means to live courageously in faith and love.

The book is available at Chapters and Amazon on-line, Bookmark in Halifax has 6 copies. If you have an electronic device: phone, tablet etc. you can download a free app: Kindle, Kobo, or Google Books and buy an electronic copy at a much more reasonable cost than the hard copy.

Reminder, our Annual Meeting will be held March 30, Annual Reports Due March 3.

Grace United Book Sale: Fri March 7 and Sat. March 8.

This is the **Centennial Year of the United Church of Canada**. Broadview magazine is creating a historic keepsake centennial edition in June. We are invited to honour the lasting impact of someone who has made a difference in our congregation or the wider church. Make a tribute donation online or by phone before March 15 and their name will be featured in the special edition. We'll be placing a **bulk order for this special edition on April 1st**. If you would like a copy, let the office know. Donate by phone 1-800-936-4566 ext. 230, or online broadview.org/donate

Summary of Leadership Team Meeting – Feb 19, 2025

Kathy Ibel, Secretary, Leadership Team

Motions: Values Driven Purchasing was discussed.
Motion that we would “Strive to align our purchasing to reflect our core values as outlined in our affirming statement”. **Carried**

Broadview - The June issue of Broadview will be a historic keepsake edition celebrating the United Church's 100th Anniversary.

Motion that the church order 12 copies. **Carried**

Highlights

- Regional Governance Review Questionnaires have been received.
- United Church 100 Anniversary – Exploring collaborating with the other downtown churches to host a community BBQ. Other churches are putting in garden plots to grow food that could be donated to foodbanks. We're looking into putting in some tiered beds at the front of the church.
- Financial Reports: Murray Wylie presented a synopsis of our finances, highlighting that we had a significant deficit in 2023 and that the projection for 2024 will be similar.



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St. James United Church

*United in Faith
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Building a Community
of Love and Justice*

Scouting Sunday



March 2, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

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