

(▲ Rise in body or in spirit)  
(Responses in bold)

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome & Introductions

Acknowledging the Territory

### CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Candles

We Sing – Love Our Neighbour – Tune # 460

In this world of strife and anger  
In this world of doubt and pain.  
Jesus joins us on the journey  
Daring us to live God's reign.  
Love our neighbour, love one another.  
Love our God, this is the way.  
Love abundant, love expanding  
Love is more than words to say.

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We gather today to worship  
looking to the future,  
powered by the past,  
**With open hearts,**  
we come ready to receive your word.

Welcome to this place of love and grace  
where we explore what it means to have deep faith,  
bold discipleship and daring justice.

**We come with open hearts  
and minds ready to explore.**

God invites all of us to be a part of this beloved community.

**We are all welcome,  
just as we are.**

**We are loved just as we are.**

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

▲ We Sing – The Church is Wherever # 579

## OPENING PRAYER (TOGETHER)

Holy One,  
we gather with gratitude  
for the light that has guided us  
through the years,  
for the faith of those who came before us,  
and for the bold vision they embraced.  
Unite us in purpose,  
inspire us with your Spirit,  
and help us to shine  
as a beacon of your light in the world.

## *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 – Psalm 133

Reflection

Reflective Music

Ministry of Music – Carillon Choir  
Eternal Father Strong to Save

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Jackie's Hymn Story

▲ We Sing – God See's the Little Sparrow Fall

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

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Ministry of Music – Carillon Choir  
God Be With You Till We Meet Again

## THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ We Sing – Sing a Happy Hallelujah # 224

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

Go into the world with deep faith,  
bold discipleship and daring justice  
knowing that God is with us  
helping us to grow together  
as one body  
sharing your love and blessings  
with the world. Amen

▲ We Sing Onward Easter People

Onward Easter people, risen with our Lord.  
Loving, caring, sharing, spread his living Word.  
Death no longer holds him, we can plainly see.  
Christ is resurrected, we have been set free.  
Onward Easter people, risen with our Lord.  
Loving, caring, sharing, spread his living Word.

Photograph ~ 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 – June 01-June 07, 2025

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary	11 am
Tuesday	Tuesday Pause	Hall	6:00 pm

**Thank you to Jackie Clark**, who is leading today's service. Reverend Catherine is away attending the Bermuda-Nova Scotia Region Annual Meeting.

**Tuesday Pause, Contemplative Service:** Tuesday June 3 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.

On Sunday, June 8, we will be worshipping at Woodlawn United Church, as we celebrate the **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Church of Canada**.

**We have received a letter from Lauren Cullen and Kayla Heisler of the MacPhee Centre:** *Thank you so much for inviting the MacPhee Centre to come to St. James Church and speak about allyship and how to support queer and trans community members - it was deeply meaningful for myself and Kayla to be included in your service and to meet the congregation. We would love to invite you and the St. James community to join us in our Program Celebration at the MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning on Wednesday June 11th from 5pm-7pm. This special event is our way of celebrating the hard work, creativity, and growth of the incredible youth who have completed programs with us over the Winter and Spring terms. You can expect an evening filled with art, photos, videos and stories that highlight the powerful impact creative learning has had on our youth. Light refreshments will be served, and you'll have a chance to connect with staff, youth, and fellow supporters. We hope you'll join us in celebrating the voices, achievements, and creativity of our youth participants!*

*Take care and we hope to see you soon!*

**Wednesday, June 11, 5-7 pm, MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning, 50 Queen St, Dartmouth**

**Thank you to Wilf Laybolt, Joan Clark and Jackie Clark** for their repair and painting work on our side stairs to the sidewalk. They brought the rainbows back to full colour!

**Broadview** subscriptions will be due soon. Did you know Broadview is the only media organization in Canada dedicated to covering progressive Christian news and views? Consider subscribing! Contact Elana Kan-MacDonald, 902-465-3936.

### In The Community

**Thank you to the Kin Club.** They had to cancel their fundraising May brunch last week but donated the eggs and bacon to our food bank. Remember to attend their next brunch in June!

Come and experience [Play.Pray@Church](#). They meet on the first Saturday of the month, from 4-6 pm. All ages and stages are welcome. Enjoy creative activities, informal worship and a shared meal. Each gathering explores a different theme.

**Saturday, June 7, Port Wallis United**, 262 Waverley Rd. Email [vicki@windymanor.ca](mailto:vicki@windymanor.ca) for information.

[Play.Pray@Church](#) is a project of United Church for Dartmouth.



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If you would like to be on our weekly email distribution list, please email [st.james.dartmouth@gmail.com](mailto:st.james.dartmouth@gmail.com)

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**Food Bank:** June 10, 24

**St. James United Church**

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



**June 1, 2025 @ 10:00 AM**

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