

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

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome & Introductions

Theme Conversation

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)

On desert roads and in unfamiliar places,  
God's Spirit is already moving.

**We come, ready to listen, ready to follow.**

A traveler asks, "What is to prevent me?"  
And grace answers, "Nothing at all."

**We come with our questions, our longing, our hope.**

Like Philip, we are called to walk beside others,  
to share good news, to witness joy.

**We come, ready to be surprised by the Spirit,  
open to the waters of transformation.**

Come, let us worship the God who meets us  
on the journey and welcomes all to new life.

## ▲ We Sing – It Only Takes a Spark # 289

Opening Prayer (Together)

**God, who is never enshrined  
by one culture;  
God who lives in the exhibition  
of community;  
lead us to hear your voice  
in the stories and values of others.**

**Help us to trust that  
exposure to different narratives  
will not distance us from you,  
but can bring us closer  
to a truth you help to write  
in lives we don't yet know.**

*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 – Acts 8: 26-39

Reflection – "Look, Here Is Water!"

Reflective Music

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ We Sing  
My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV # 138

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

Who Is Our Neighbour – Phil Bisset 2 Denarii Society

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

## THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ We Sing  
Lord, You Give the Great Commission VU # 512

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ 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.**

Opening Song/Call to Worship/Closing Song/Photograph ~  
Rev. Catherine MacDonald

Opening Prayer – Corrymeela Community

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 – May 11 – May 17, 2025

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary	11 am
Tuesday	Trustees	Office	7 pm
Monday	Carillon Choir	Hall	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Transition Team	Parlour	6:30 pm
Wednesday	Workshop Wednesday	Parlour	1:30 pm

Today we welcome our neighbour **Phil Bissett, Executive Director, 2 Denarii Society.**

**A huge thank you to everyone who supported the success of the Spring Indoor Yard Sale!** With the sale revenues plus some bigger ticket items being sold on Marketplace (thanks to Murray) we are looking at a total of approximately \$3000. Way to go, St James and friends!

Have you got your house to colour, paint, etc.? Little wooden houses are available at the back of the Sanctuary. Help us create a neighbourhood on the communion table for our **Who Are the People in the Neighborhood** series.

**St. James is still looking for an individual to fill in for Doris, our current janitor**, who, for health reasons, is unable to work for at least the next 3 to 6 months. This is a temporary position working 10 hours per week - flexible around the individual's schedule and use of the church facilities. If you know of anyone, please speak with them and if they are interested have them contact Joyce: [hiringstjames@gmail.com](mailto:hiringstjames@gmail.com)

## In The Community

**Seton Conservatory Choir** presents **War Horses and Barn Burners**, famous music from great oratorios and operas, Dean Bradshaw, pianist. Sunday May 11 at 3pm, Lilian Piercy Concert Hall, 6199 Chebucto Road.

### Summary Leadership Team Mtg, April 16, 2025

Motions:

- To allot \$100 to repair and repaint the rainbow stairs.
- To purchase a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banner
- To approve the HRM proposal for parking lot upgrade as illustrated in the diagram shared with the Congregation at the meeting on April 13, 2025.
- To earmark \$10,000 for the railing and other incidental expenses related to the upgrade of the parking lot.
- To recommend to the Congregation to proceed with the sale of the Church Hall. This will be done at a Congregational Meeting after the service on May 4, 2025, and that the vote will require a 75% majority.

Kathy Ibel, Secretary, Leadership Team



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](mailto:stjamesfinancials181@gmail.com). This QR code will take you directly to our Canada Helps page.  
**Thank you for your generosity!**

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** (May 13, 27)

**St. James United Church**

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



**May 11, 2025 @ 10:00 AM**

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