

(▲ 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)

We come to worship the God  
who meets us at the water's edge—  
in quiet moments, in courageous conversations,  
in the openness of a listening heart.  
**Like Lydia, we open our lives to the Spirit.**  
**We come ready to hear, to learn, to be changed.**

We gather in a circle of welcome,  
where wisdom flows from unexpected places  
and God's love takes root in new communities.

**Here, every voice matters.**  
Here, strangers become neighbours.  
Here, the Spirit is still speaking.  
Come, let us worship God!

▲ We Sing – God Is Here # 389

### Opening Prayer (Together)

God of many names,  
you speak through prophets and poets,  
through elders and children,  
through scripture and through the land.  
Through voices long silenced  
and from the echoes of our ancestors.

As we hear the voices of others—  
through scripture, through story, through our guest—  
may we listen with care and courage.  
**May we recognize your Spirit at work in lives**  
that look different from our own.

We thank you for those who offer hospitality,  
who share their gifts freely,  
and who help create spaces of learning and healing.  
**Bless this gathering, and all who are part of it—**  
whether they come with faith,  
with questions, or simply curiosity.  
**We are your people, drawn together by grace,**  
called to build a neighbourhood of justice and joy.

### *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 16:11–15

Reflection – Open Hearts

Reflective Music

Ministry of Music – Family of Faith

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Who Are the People in Our Neighbourhood?  
Elder Debbie Eisan

▲ We Sing – Spirit, Open My Heart MV # 79

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

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

## THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ We Sing – Deep in Our Hearts MV # 154

▲ 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.  
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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 25 – May 31, 2025

| Day       | What                    | Where     | Time     |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Sunday    | Coffee and Conversation | Sanctuary | 11 am    |
| Sunday    | Worship Committee       | Office    | 11:15 am |
| Monday    | Carillon Choir          | Hall      | 7:30 pm  |
| Tuesday   | Food Bank               | Hall      | 8:30-11  |
| Wednesday | Wellness Wednesday      | Gym       | 11-2     |

Today we welcome our neighbour **Elder Debbie Eisan**, from the Mi'kmaq Friendship Centre.

**Worship Committee** will meet after the service.

**Wellness Wednesdays:** Join us at 11 for chair yoga, lunch, interesting speakers and an opportunity to get to know one another.

**On Sunday, June 1, Jackie Clark** will be leading the service, which will feature the music of the Carillon Choir. Reverend Catherine will be attending the Bermuda-Nova Scotia Region annual meeting from May 29 to June 1.

**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

**Kin Club Brunch:** The best Brunch in Metro, today from 9:30-12:30, 50 Caledonia Rd. The Kin Club of Dartmouth recently celebrated its 70th Anniversary, welcoming many distinguished guests and community volunteers. The Club actively supports the needs of individuals and groups in the Dartmouth, Cole Harbour and Eastern Passage areas, including our food bank. Brian McLeod took the opportunity to thank them, on behalf of the food bank, for their generous support.



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.  
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## Directory

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**Food Bank** (May 27; June 10, 24)

St. James United Church

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of Love and Justice



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