

(▲ 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 – Called by Earth and Sky MV # 135

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of Life, sanctified
Called by earth and sky.**

**Precious this gift the air we breathe,
wind born and free
Breath of the Spirit blow through this place
Our gathering and our grace.**

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promise of hope held high
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Call to Worship (Responsive)

Pause here and pay attention: this is holy ground!

How can we know if God is present here?

Pause here and listen: God is giving a blessing!

How can we know if the blessing is true?

Pause here...let down your guard and open your heart:

The God of all creation is here.

**Surely the Lord is in this place;
this is none other than the house of God!
Come, let us worship!**

▲ We Sing – Surely the Presence

Opening Prayer (Together)

**It could be anywhere, God —
it could be anywhere that you reveal yourself.
You make yourself known
in this very house
and out in the middle of nowhere
and even in the busiest places we find ourselves.
Make us perceptive,
that we may recognize you,
even in places we did not know 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 – Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

Reflection – Presence

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ We Sing – O God, How We Have Wandered # 112

▲ 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 – Bless Now, O God, the Journey # 633

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ We Sing – Called by Earth and Sky MV # 135

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**Precious the fire that lights the way,
bright dawning day
Fire of passion sorrows undone
Our faith and justice one.**

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*Call to Worship and Opening Prayer – Rev. Teri Peterson
Photo – Rev. Catherine MacDonald – Jacob's Ladder –
Victoria Park, Truro, NS*

*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 – Sep 14-20, 2024

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary	11:00 am
Monday	Carillon Choir	Hall	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Food Bank	Hall	8:30-11am
Wednesday	Leadership Meeting	Parlour	6:30 pm

Worship Committee meeting Sept 21, after the service.

Wellness Wednesday, starting Sept 24: Would you like to be healthier in mind, body and spirit? Join us once again for chair yoga, lunch (free!) interesting speakers and an opportunity to get to know one another.

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation honours the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. **On September 28** we will be marking Truth and Reconciliation Day in worship. For those who have them, wear your orange t-shirts.

We invite you to participate in our **Thanksgiving Table** in support of our Food Bank. Place nonperishable items such as soup, cereal, crackers, canned beans, hygiene items, instant coffee, Kraft Dinner, canned meats, etc. on the table set at the front of the church on Sept.28, Oct 5, Oct 12. Thank you so much for sharing.

We hope to hold a **Thanksgiving potluck supper at 5pm Monday, 13 October** for our St James family. This invitation extends to include the coordinators of our user groups. For planning purposes, could you please RVSP to Murray Wylie. Looking forward to seeing you!

Bible Study: Theological Banquet - How Do You Express Your Faith? Join Rev. Catherine on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in the St. James Parlour for a five-week series starting October 1(October 1, 8, 15, Nov 5, 12). Signup: reverendcatherinemacdonald@gmail.com. Or join Rev. Ross Bartlett at Port Wallis UC, Wed Oct 8-Nov 5 at 7 pm. Signup: ross.bartlett@astheology.ns.ca.

The Food Bank asks for donations of **egg cartons**.

Hospitality — Circle of Service. We’re back from summer and ready for a new season! Would you be interested in helping with Sunday morning Coffee Time? What about volunteering to operate the elevator before and after church or perhaps you would consider greeting people arriving at church? Training available! If any of these areas of service interest you, please contact Melanie, 902-469-5220.

This is your opportunity to assist this fall with **the readings during the Sunday service**, let the us know your availability.

Our scripture readings follow the **Narrative Lectionary**, a four-year cycle of readings that follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church. In the fall we focus on stories from the Old Testament, the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets, Jesus and Paul. While we may change the readings for special occasions or series we hope that using the Narrative Lectionary will expand and enhance our understanding of the scope and breadth of the biblical story.



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. 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

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Food Bank: September 2, 16, 30

St. James United Church

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



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