

(▲ 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.**

**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.**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We gather on this land,  
aware that it holds stories far older than our own,  
**We remember the First Peoples who cared  
for this land and still do.**

Today we mark Orange Shirt Day and Treaty Day, holding the  
grief of residential schools  
and the promises of treaty relationships.

**We come to remember, to lament,  
and to seek a better way.**

God calls us to truth, reconciliation, and justice.

**We come with open hearts to listen, to learn,  
and to walk humbly with God.**

Come, people of God,

to worship the One who makes all things new.

**We come in hope, ready to be changed by love.**

▲ We Sing – Let There Be Light # 679

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Creator God,  
you have woven all peoples  
into the tapestry of your world.  
We give thanks for the First Peoples of this land  
and for the treaties meant to bind  
settlers and Indigenous Peoples  
in relationships of respect and mutual care.**

**On this Orange Shirt Day/Treaty Day,  
we remember the children who were taken,  
the families who were broken,  
and the cultures that were harmed.  
We lament the pain that still echoes today.**

**Open our ears to truth,  
our hearts to compassion,  
and our hands to the work of reconciliation.  
Help us live into treaty promises  
and into your vision  
of a just and loving community for all.**

*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

Reflection – Learn and Unlearn

Reflective Music

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

▲ We Sing – Many Are the Lightbeams # 588

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

Hymn to Learn – Love’s Wide Embrace – See Insert

Stories of Mission and Service

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

## **THRESHOLD INTO GOD’S WORLD**

Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ We Sing – For the Healing of the Nations # 678

▲ 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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Called by earth and sky.**

*Call to Worship/Opening Prayer – Rev. Catherine MacDonald*

**THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY**  
**This Week at St James – Sep 28 - Oct 4, 2025**

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary	11:00 am
Monday	Carillon Choir	Hall	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Transition Team	Office	10:00 am
Wednesday	Bible Study	Parlour	10:30 am
Wednesday	Craft Group	Parlour	1:30 pm

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.

**Bible Study: Theological Banquet - How Do You Express Your Faith?** Join Rev. Catherine on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am, starting October 1, to explore this question. Faith is a gift of God which allows Christ’s life to flow through us, shaping our lives in the spirit of love. The apostle Paul taught that when the Spirit lit the flame of faith in the hearts of the disciples at Pentecost, that faith took not one form, but many. The Spirit’s diversity of gifts means that for some faith takes the shape of a messenger of the gospel, for others it takes the form of Christian community or service to those in need; others express their faith by resisting injustice, or by seeking wisdom. In whatever shape, faith is a divine gift which inspires acts of love, compassion and hope.  
Signup: [reverendcatherinemacdonald@gmail.com](mailto:reverendcatherinemacdonald@gmail.com).  
St James UC, October 1, 8, 15, Nov 5, 12  
Or join Rev. Ross Bartlett at Port Wallis UC, Wed Oct 8-Nov 5 at 7 pm. Signup: [ross.bartlett@astheology.ns.ca](mailto:ross.bartlett@astheology.ns.ca).

**Workshop Wednesday** will be starting again on Oct 1, 1:30 pm in the parlour. This is a crafting group that meets on Wednesdays. You can bring any craft - we have people who sew, quilt, smock, knit, crochet, rug hook etc. There is no commitment to come every week, but you are always welcome. We have a suggested weekly donation of \$2 and the money is used to support an important project, like the hygiene kits here at St James. Come and join us; bring your project and a friend!

**A Soup Lunch** is scheduled for Sunday Oct 5th. We will have an update from the Leadership Team at this time.

We are holding 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 RSVP to Murray Wylie. Looking forward to seeing you!

**Save the date: Yard Sale November 1!**

**Kin Community Brunch is back Sunday 28, 9:30-12:30.** Dartmouth Kin are pleased to welcome their brunch followers back to the best Brunch in Metro, the fourth Sunday of the month, East Dartmouth Community Centre, 50 Caledonia Rd. The (new) breakfast price is \$12.

You will notice that **construction has started in the hall**, where our new accessible washrooms will be installed. We will work to keep disruptions to a minimum and will keep you informed as work proceeds.



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!**

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**Food Bank:** September 30; Oct 14, 28

St. James United Church

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



*The above design is called the The Survivors’ Flag and is an expression of remembrance, meant to honour Residential School Survivors and all the lives and communities impacted by the residential school system in Canada. Each element depicted on the flag was carefully selected by Survivors from across Canada, who were consulted in the flag’s creation.*

*You can read all about it here:*  
<https://nctr.ca/exhibits/survivors-flag/>

**September 28, 2025 @ 10:00 AM**

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