

(▲ 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 – Let Us Build a House MV # 1 – Verse 1

**Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,**

**A place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.**

**Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

God is with us all the time:

With us when the war clouds swirl;  
**with us, working for peace.**

With us when there are fires and floods;  
**with us, enabling us to be helpers.**

With us, meeting the needs of the lonely;  
**with us, giving an invitation to community.**

With us when there is hard testing;  
**with us, encouraging patient endurance.**

With us when the harvest fails;  
**with us, offering to share from our plenty.**

With us when our faith is downplayed,  
**calling us to live out our Christianity,  
hour by hour and day by day.**

When it seems the time of trial will never end,  
**in Christ, our hope is eternal. Amen.**

## ▲ We Sing – What A Friend We Have in Jesus # 664

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Let us build connection;**

**Let us be in relationship**

**We know you call on us to create a world built  
on love, equity, and justice.**

**This means relying on each other  
to create this world.**

**We must lift each other up**

**Help us to reflect on the relationships we build  
and the changes we want to see.**

**Thank you for equipping us with all we need  
to create a world built on love 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**

**Ministry of Music - The Power and the Glory**

Joyce Elaine Eilers

## ▲ Hymn – Draw the Circle Wide MV # 145

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

A Time of Wondering

Reading - 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4; 11-12

Reflection: That's What Friends Are For

Reflective Music

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

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 – Sing A Happy Hallelujah # 224

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

### ▲ We Sing – What Can I Do? MV # 191

**What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

## THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

### This Week at St James – Nov 2 - Nov 8, 2025

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

**Jackie Clark** will lead us in Worship today.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped support the success of the Fall Indoor Yard Sale!

**Bible Study** returns Wednesday Nov 5 and 12, in the parlour at 10:30 am. All are welcome.

#### Christmas Handbell Festival Concert

Ring in the Season with a variety of beautiful Advent and Christmas Selections performed by over 90 handbell ringers, including our Carillon Choir! Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, Bethany United, 7171 Clinton Ave, Halifax. Directed by JC Coolen, the music will be epic and exciting! Freewill Donation. For more information call 902-455-0521. Plenty of Free Parking!

#### Hospitality —Circle of Service

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.

*Note, our services are livestreamed and photos may be taken. You are welcome to take photos and video.*



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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**Food Bank:** November 11, 25

**St. James United Church**

**United in Faith**

**Strengthened by Friendship  
Building a Community  
of Love and Justice**



Worship Leader – Jackie Clark  
Music Director – Dean Bradshaw

Reader – June Young

**November 2, 2025 @ 10:00 AM**

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