

(▲ 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)

We come from many places and many traditions,
each with our own way of naming and knowing God.

**Yet we gather as one people
drawn together by a love that crosses every boundary.**

God calls us not only to believe,
but to join hands in healing the world.

**We come to listen and to learn,
to be renewed for the work of justice and peace.**

In worship, we remember that our faith is not ours alone;
it belongs to all who long for wholeness,
for hope, for love made real.

**We come to worship the God
who calls us into community for the sake of the world.**

▲ We Sing – Draw the Circle Wide MV # 145

Opening Prayer (Together)

**God of unity and purpose,
you gather us from many paths and stories,
and you send us out again,
to be your hands and heart in a wounded world.**

**In our differences, show us your strength;
in our shared calling, show us your grace.
When the work feels heavy or the divisions deep,
remind us that your Spirit moves through us all;
building bridges, stirring compassion,
and calling us toward courage and change.**

**May this time of worship renew our hope
and rekindle our commitment
to live your undivided love
in acts of justice, mercy, and peace.**

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 – A Giving Place

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words – Micah 6:8, Luke 4:18–19

Reflection
Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ We Sing – I See a New Heaven # 713

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

Hymn to Learn – For Everyone Born TLUS # 23

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 – Go Make a Diff'rence MV # 209

▲ 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 – Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2025

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary	11:00 am
Monday	Thanksgiving Supper	Hall	5:00 pm
Wednesday	Bible Study	Parlour	10:30 am
Wednesday	Craft Group	Parlour	1:30 pm
Wednesday	Leadership Team	Parlour	7:30 pm
Wednesday	TriChurch Consultation	Grace UC	6:00 pm

We invite you to participate in our **Thanksgiving Table** in support of our Food Bank. Place nonperishable items on our table this Sunday. Thank you for sharing.

We are holding a **Thanksgiving potluck supper at 5pm on Monday** for our St James family. If you can attend, or want to help, contact Murray, mawylie@outlook.com.

Bible Study: Theological Banquet - How Do You Express Your Faith? Join Rev. Catherine on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am, to explore this question.

Signup: 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.

Save the date: Yard Sale November 1! More information will be coming.

Rev. Catherine will be on Study Leave from Oct 20 to Nov 3. Rev. Renee Clark will lead Worship on Oct 26 and Jackie Clark on November 2.

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.

In The Community

Education Event: Oakwood Terrace Understanding Dementia

Topics include:

- Types of Dementia
- Possible Symptoms
- Communication and Support

Friday, October 17, 9:00 am-12:30, 10 Mount Hope Avenue, Registration \$20. Pre-register by October 13th by calling Tracy, 469-3702 or email Tracy at taustin@oakwoodterrace.ns.ca



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.
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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: October 14, 28

St. James United Church

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



Worship Leader – Rev. Catherine MacDonald

Music Director – Dean Bradshaw

Reader – Raynald Matte

**Thanksgiving Sunday
World Food Day**

October 12, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

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