

(▲Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold)

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Introductions

Theme Conversation & Acknowledging the Territory

Explanation of Worship

## CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Candles

We Sing – Kindle a Flame # 19

**Kindle a flame  
to lighten the dark  
and take all fear away.**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come, beloved of God, take a breath and be still.

**We come to this place  
to listen for the whisper of the holy.**

The heavens declare God's glory,  
and the earth hums with divine presence.

**We open our hearts to the wonder that is already  
here.**

Take off your shoes,  
for the ground beneath us is sacred.

**We come to meet the One  
who is mystery and mercy,  
within us and beyond us,  
always creating, always near.**

We Sing – Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU # 374

## Opening Prayer (Together)

**Holy Presence,  
you come not in the wind or the fire,  
but in the sound of sheer silence.  
You are the pulse in our breath,  
the life that flows through vine and branch.  
Still our restless minds,  
calm the noise around and within us,  
that we might hear your Spirit  
sighing in our hearts and find rest in your love.**

## *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 – Psalm 139: 1-12

Visio Divina

Reflective Music

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

We Sing – Come Touch Our Hearts MV # 12

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

We Sing – In the Lord

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

In the Lord, I will rejoice.

Look to God, do not be afraid

Lift up your voices the Lord is near

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Invitation to Generosity

Prayer of Dedication

We Sing – Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying # 400

Prayers of the People

## THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

We Sing – Spirit, Open My Heart MV # 79

▲Commissioning & Blessing

▲We Sing – When You Walk from Here # 298

**When you walk from here,  
when you walk from here,  
walk with justice, walk with mercy,  
and with God's humble care.**

*Call to Worship/Opening Prayer – Rev. Catherine MacDonald  
Artwork – Rev. Dr. Janet Gear*

## THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

### This Week at St James – Oct 19 - Oct 25, 2025

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

**Rev. Catherine will be on Study Leave** from Oct 20 to Nov 3; consequently Bible Study will not be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, returning Nov 5. Rev. Renee Clark will lead Worship on Oct 26 and Jackie Clark on Nov 2.

**October 26 we will celebrate All Saints Day**, an opportunity to give thanks to God for the Communion of Saints which surrounds us. You are invited to bring in pictures of those loved ones you would like remembered in that service and we will create a photo gallery on the communion table and light candles.

**Save the date!** Our fall yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, November 1. We hope that as many people as possible can help with this great fundraiser that also provides opportunity for our community to interact with us and get some good deals at the same time! Let Joan [joan.clark@hotmail.com](mailto:joan.clark@hotmail.com) or Jackie [we-eble@hotmail.com](mailto:we-eble@hotmail.com) know as soon as possible if you can help.

### 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.  
**Thank you for your generosity!**

If you would like to be on our weekly email distribution list, please email [st.james.dartmouth@gmail.com](mailto:st.james.dartmouth@gmail.com)

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**Food Bank:** October 14, 28, November 11, 25

## St. James United Church

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



Worship Leader – Rev. Catherine MacDonald  
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October 19, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

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