

(▲ 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)

Come, beloved of God,
to the waters of grace and the table of blessing.
**We gather as the Church, washed in baptism,
fed at Christ's table, rooted in undivided love.**

Here the Spirit calls us to worship,
to remember our baptism,
to hear the living Word,
to share the bread of life and the cup of blessing.
**We come to be nourished,
to be formed as Christ's people,
to be sent into the world in love.**

Come, for Christ is present; the Spirit moves;
God's grace is poured out.
**We worship God, one in Christ,
one in Spirit,
one in undivided love.**

▲ We Sing – The Church's One Foundation # 332

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Holy one,
you call us to the font and to the table,
to the word and to the world.
in baptism you name us and claim us;
you invite us into Christ's ministry
and feed us at your table with grace,
renewing our strength for service.
Gather us now in worship,
remind us who we are and whose we are.
Shape us by your undivided love
so that our lives proclaim your mercy and hope
to a thirsty, hungry world.
we pray in the name of Jesus,
the living water and the bread of life. Amen**

Ministry of Music – The Lord of Creation

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words – Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9
Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Reflection – The Theological Banquet

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The invitation

Passing of the Peace

▲ We Sing – One Bread, One Body # 467

The God of undivided love is with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.
Let us give thanks to the Holy One.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Mystery, Wholly Love,
you gather what is scattered,
heal what is broken,
and make all things new.
When we turn away, you call us home.
When we divide, you knit us together.
Therefore, with every voice on earth and in heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy God,
power of life and love,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Telling the Story

So now we remember Christ's life,
death, and rising,
trusting his promise to be with us always.
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**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**

Prayer for the Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit.
Bless this bread and this cup,
bless us gathered here,
and make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all creation.
Unite us in your undivided love.
Make us one body for the world you love.
Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*Communion will be served in the pews,
please wait till everyone is served
before eating and drinking.
Our bread is gluten free.*

*As we share in the gifts of bread and wine,
We will sing Eat This Bread # 466*

*Eat this bread; drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst.*

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God,
you have fed us with the bread of life
and the cup of undivided love.
Send us out as one body,
to share your grace, live your justice,
and embody your peace,
until all are fed and all are free.
Amen.

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ We Sing – Deep in Our Hearts MV # 154

▲ 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.

*Call to Worship/Opening Prayer/Communion Liturgy – Rev. Catherine MacDonald
Art Work – Rev. Janet Gear*

THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY This Week at St James – Oct 5 - Oct 11, 2025

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Soup Lunch & Update	Gym	11:00 am
Monday	Carillon Choir	Hall	7:30 pm
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 on our table on Sept 28, Oct 5 and 12. Thank you for sharing.

We are holding a **Thanksgiving potluck supper at 5pm on Monday Oct 13** 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, starting October 1, 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!



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!

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World Communion Sunday
October 5, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

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