

Opening Prayer (Together)

▲ Rise in body or in spirit/
Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome

Introductions

Theme Conversation

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Candles

We Sing – Will You Come and See the Light # 96

**Will you come and see the light
from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright,
though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star,
it will show you who you are;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We gather today as people of many ages,
experiences, and paths.

We gather as learners, helpers, and neighbours.

We come with stories of camping and courage,
service and friendship.

We come to remember what it means to do our best.

God calls us to love, to serve, and to grow together.

With joy and curiosity, let us worship God.

▲ We Sing – Come In, Come In and Sit Down # 395

**God of trail and town,
of quiet reflection and shared laughter,
you meet us wherever we are.
You call us to live with courage,
to care for one another,
and to serve the world with willing hearts.
As we worship today,
shape us into a community of kindness and care,
ready to learn, ready to help,
ready to love.
Amen.**

What Scouting Means to Me

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD FOR US TODAY

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words – Exodus 33: 7-11 & Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

Reflection – Gathered at the Tent; Learning by the Fire

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

The Sacrament of Communion

The Invitation

▲ Passing of the Peace

▲ We Sing – For Everyone Born

God of trail and hearth,
we give you thanks
**for the warmth of community
and the light that guides us.**

As a fire is built from many small pieces,
**so our community is made strong
by many lives, many gifts, many stories.**

Our Bible contains stories of Jesus eating
and drinking with all kinds of people.
People he called friends and people he just met.

In homes, in fields, around campfires.
Jesus was welcomed and welcomed everyone!

He called them blessed,
and blessed them.

He reminded them
of all the good things God had done.
And called them to tell the stories once again.

Telling the Big Story

Prayers of the People & 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**

You call us to do our best,
to care for one another,
to serve with humility and love.
**Bless this bread and this cup.
May they strengthen us
to be people of kindness and courage,
ready to help,
ready to love,
ready to live with compassion.**

Sharing the Bread & Cup

*Our bread is gluten free
Communion will be served at the front.
You are invited to come forward,
take a piece of bread and a cup of juice and eat/drink
them immediately and then return to your seat.
While communion is being served,
you are invited to sing, Eat This Bread # 466*

Prayer After Communion (Together)

**God of glowing embers and steady light,
thank you for meeting us here.**

**As we leave this place,
may the warmth we have shared
travel with us into the world.**

**Help us to be like a campfire for others:
offering light in dark places,
warmth to those who are cold or weary,
and welcome to all who draw near.
Amen.**

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ We Sing – Over My Head MV # 88

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ Song of Dismissal – I am the Light of the World # 87

**I am the Light of the World
You people come and follow me.
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.**

**When the song of the angels is stilled.
When the star in the sky is gone.
When the kings and the shepherds
have found their way home.
The work of Christmas is begun! R**

THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY This Week at St James – Feb 15 - Feb 21, 2026

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary	11:00 am
Monday	Carillon Choir	Hall	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Food Bank	Hall	8:30-11am
Wednesday	Craft Group	Parlour	1:30 pm
Wednesday	Leadership Team	Parlour	7:00 pm

Lenten Devotional Cards, Devotional Booklet: Let the office know if you want a printed copy of these resources.

Rev Catherine will be away the first 3 Sundays of Lent, from Feb 20 to March 14. She participated in Hunger on the Hill a over a year ago with the **Canadian Foodgrains Bank**, and was one of 8 people selected to go on a Learning Tour to Kenya with the CFB this year. This is a coalition of 15 church and religious organizations, along with government funding, which seeks to end world hunger by addressing the long-term conditions which cause it. We wish her well on this exciting and important work, and we will hear from her on this topic when she is back. The Rev. Renee Clark will be leading worship while she is away.

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