

▲ Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome & Introductions

Theme Conversation

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Lenten Candles

Last week we lit a candle
calling us to see more clearly
the love God places before us.

We remember the light already burning.

Today we return to the table.
The woman with the alabaster jar
offers extravagant love.
Jesus reminds us that love is not measured,
but poured out.

Teach us to love with our whole hearts.

We light this second candle
as a sign of deepening love,
love for God with heart, soul, and mind,
and love for our neighbor as ourselves.
**May these growing lights
shape how we love and how we live.**

We Sing – Tree of Life # 121

**Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
in your death we are reborn,
though you die in all of history,
still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Tell me something good!
God loves you more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!
God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!
**God's love meets us in this service of worship.
We are not alone.**

This is good news indeed!
Let us worship our compassionate God.

▲ We Sing – I Come with My Devotion

Words of Assurance

Opening Prayer of Confession (Together)

**Merciful God,
did we see you hungry
and give you something to eat?
Did we see you thirsty
and give you something to drink?
Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?**

**Or did we cross the street?
Did we avert our eyes?
Did we come up with every excuse in the book?**

**God, we long to be people
who love our neighbors
with the same overwhelming love
that you have for them.**

**But we must admit,
we have a long way to go.
Forgive us for the times
when we let bias, scarcity, or fear
get in the way of love.
Wash us clean
and give us the courage to try again.
With hope for a better tomorrow we pray,
amen.**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words – Luke 7: 36-50 & Matthew 25: 35-40

Reflection

Reflective Music

Ministry of Music – A Giving Place

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ Hymn – Build a Longer Table TLUS # 22

▲ A New Creed – Page # 918

Stories of Mission

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ Hymn – Will You Come and Follow Me # 567

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ Song of Dismissal – Tree of Life # 121

**Give us eyes to see you clearly,
make us children of your light;
give us hearts to live more nearly
as your gospel shining bright,
as your gospel shining bright.**

*Candle Lighting – Rev. Catherine MacDonald
Liturgy – A Sanctified Art
I Come with My Devotion – Anna Strickland*

THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

This Week at St James – Mar 1 - Mar 7, 2026

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

The **Rev. Renee Clark** will be leading us for these first three Sundays of Lent, while Rev Catherine is away in Kenya with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Lenten Devotional Cards and Devotional Booklet: Let the office know if you would like a copy of these resources, and we will print them. Some copies are available now.

Next Sunday we feature the handbell music of our **Carillon Choir**.

We will mark **PIE Day on Sunday, March 15:**
Public – Intentional – Explicit.
We welcome guest speaker Martha Robichaud

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 22, during Worship. If you haven't handed in your report, they are due now.

Note: The emergency exit from the sanctuary (next to the piano, front left) is not in use. For evacuation, please use the main front doors or the staircase on the right.

Please note, our services are livestreamed, and photographs may be taken. You are welcome to take photos and video as well.



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**
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Food Bank (Mar 3, 17, 31)

St. James United Church

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