

▲ Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome/Introductions/Theme Conversation

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Lenten Candles

We have lit candles that call us
to see, to love, to serve, to protect,
and to show mercy.

The light now burns brightly among us.

As Jesus enters Jerusalem,
power looks different than expected.

No warhorses.

No triumphal display.

Just humility, courage, and truth.

Hosanna. Save us.

The crowd responds not to spectacle,
but to authenticity.

Coats are laid down.

Branches are raised.

Hope moves through the streets.

Stir our hearts to follow.

We light this sixth candle
as a sign of courage and commitment,
placing ourselves in the crowd
and asking how the good news
will move us to act.

**As we enter Holy Week,
may this growing light
lead us from words to practice,
from belief to embodied love.**

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,
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Call to Worship (Responsive)

Will you follow?

Will you lay down your coat?

Will you lay down something important?

Will you shout “Hosanna”?

Will you join the parade?

Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse?

Will you cut down a palm branch?

Will you wave it in the air?

Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?

Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention.

We will worship. We will follow.

Hosanna in the highest!

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▲ We Sing – All Glory, Laud and Honour # 122

Words of Assurance

Opening Prayer of Confession (Together)

**Jesus of Nazareth,
we know that you spent your days
teaching and healing.**

**You marched through the streets
and walked on water.**

**You laid hands on the sick
and broke bread at crowded dinner tables.**

**Your good news was not confined to conversation.
It was not confined to the Temple.**

**Your good news was an act of love,
alive in the world.**

Holy God, we long for a faith like that.

**Forgive us for the times
when we confine our faith
to something we think about,
as opposed to something we act upon.**

Inspire us to love as you loved.

Inspire us to act.

With hope for tomorrow we pray, amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD FOR US TODAY

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words – Mark 11:1-11

Reflection – Two Parades/Two Visions

Reflective Music

Ministry of Music – Hosanna, Hosanna We Sing

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

▲ Hymn – I See a New Heaven # 713

▲ 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 – Go Make a Difference MV # 209

▲ 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*

**THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY
This Week at St James – Mar 29 - Apr 4, 2026**

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Lunch & Learn	Gym	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
Friday	Ecumenical Service	Victoria Rd United Baptist	11:00 am

Stay for our **soup lunch** after the service. Catherine will talk about her trip to Kenya.

The Good Friday Ecumenical Service this year will be held at Victoria Road United Baptist Church, Friday April 3, 10 am.

Save the Date! Yard Sale Saturday April 18.

Let Joan: joan.clark@hotmail.com or Jackie: we-eble@hotmail.com know as soon as possible if you can help.

Stairs United Church Speaker Event, Saturday, 11 Apr, 1-2:30 pm - Learning to Speak About Our Faith in a Post-Christian World. Rev Dr Rob Fennell, Atlantic School of Theology, will lead a discussion to explore the questions, difficulties and promise of claiming and handing on our faith in this challenging era. When so many people are estranged from or hostile to organized religion, and many more have abandoned it, what are we to say or do? What might the Bible and other resources of our faith have to say? Come prepared to learn but also to participate and be imaginative.

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.



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Food Bank (Mar 31, April 14, 28)

St. James United Church

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Strengthened by Friendship
Building a Community
of
Love and Justice



March 29, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

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