

▲ Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome/Introductions/Theme Conversation

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

▲ We Sing – Come O Holy Spirit MV # 23

Lighting the Candles

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The Spirit of God moves among us.
Breathing life, courage, and hope.

The Spirit gathers people
from many places and many stories.
We come together as one community in Christ.

The Spirit speaks through friendship,
prayer, and acts of love.

We listen for God's wisdom among us.

The Spirit calls us forward,
even when the road is uncertain.
We trust that God journeys with us.

Come, Holy Spirit.
Fill our hearts and renew the face of the earth.

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Holy One, on this Pentecost Day
we gather longing for your Spirit
to move among us once again.**

**Breathe into us your courage
when we are uncertain.
Breathe into us your compassion
when the world feels divided.**

**Breathe into us your wisdom
when we face difficult choices.**

**Like the disciples,
like Paul and the early church,
remind us that we do not journey alone.
Your Spirit travels with us
through moments of joy
and moments of struggle,
through celebration and challenge,
through endings and new beginnings.**

**Open our hearts today to your presence
in unexpected places:
in prayer and song,
in silence and conversation,
in community and acts of love.**

**Set our hearts on fire
with your hope and your justice.
Strengthen us to follow where your Spirit leads.**

(Silent prayer)

**We turn to you,
knowing that you understand us,
forgive us, and love us like a Mother,
and so we sing 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 them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom,
And the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen**

▲ We Sing – Spirit, Open My Heart MV # 79

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words – Acts 2: 1-21

Drama – Dancing in the Spirit
~ Written by Ralph Milton & Linnea Goode

▲ We Sing – Spirit of Gentleness # 375

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ A New Creed – Page 918

Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Dedication

Painting our Prayers

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ We Sing – Spirit God, Be Our Breath MV # 150

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ Song of Dismissal – Dance with the Spirit MV # 156

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.
*(move, sing)***

**THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY
This Week at St James – May 24 - May 30, 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	Wellness Wednesday	Gym	11 am
Wednesday	Craft Group	Parlour	1:30 pm
Saturday	Spring Tea	Gym	1-3 pm

Congregational Meeting is now scheduled for June 14.

Catherine will be on vacation from May 25th - June 7th.

The Rev. Stephen Fram will cover emergency pastoral care. Jackie Clark will lead the service on May 31, and we will participate in a Joint UCC Service at Cole Harbour Woodside on June 7 (our United Church anniversary). **We need a volunteer to bring our contribution of a few dozen cookies to the June 7 service.**

Join us for **Wellness Wednesday** this week, 11 pm in the gym - yoga, lunch, friendship!

Spring Tea at St. James Church Hall: to celebrate spring and say au revoir to our hall. Proceeds will be split between Feed Others of Dartmouth and the church decorating fund, which will be used to create a history wall in the church.

Saturday May 30th, 1-3 pm; Tickets \$25, prebooked. Invite your friends and family to celebrate with you! You will each take home a beautiful teacup and saucer. Door prize draw! Contact Jackie Clark (we-eble@hotmail.com) or Joan Clark (joan.clark@hotmail.com) for tickets.

In the Community

Kin Club Brunch today! The best Brunch in Metro, 9:30-12:30, East Dart. Community Centre, 50 Caledonia Rd.

Grandmothers to Grandmothers Fabric & Yarn Sale: Sunday May 24, 11 am - 3 pm, Alderney landing.

Grace United Plant Sale: Saturday May 30, 8 am -1 pm.

Upcoming Dates!

May 30	Spring Tea
May 31	Catherine on Vacation (Jackie Clark leading worship)
June 7	Joint UCC Service at Cole Harbour Woodside
June 14	Congregational Meeting to approve Profile & Search Committee Struck
June 21	Catherine's Last Sunday Release from Covenant Bells Lunch (Proceeds to Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre)

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Food Bank (May 26; June 9, 23)

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.



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.
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St. James United Church

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



Pentecost!

May 24, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

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